Urban Land Conservancy (ULC) owns and manages seven properties, housing more than 60 nonprofits tenants. On average, these tenants pay rent at 48% below market value, which minimizes their threat of displacement. In late 2019, we conducted an evaluation to determine the missions of these tenants, who they serve, what benefits they perceive from leasing offices in ULC-owned buildings, and what their collective impact is. This report provides a snapshot of our findings.

Healthy communities require physical assets that tend to the social needs of the neighborhood’s residents. By the end of 2019, ULC’s real estate investments included:

- 7 skills training orgs
- 6 health service orgs
- 15 housing sites
- 1,400+ affordable units
- A library
- 4 schools
- 4 community centers and parks

ULC’s Mission-Minded Tenants Support Social Issues Within Our Communities. Together they...

- Maintained over 730 equity-focused jobs
- Provided educational opportunities for over 3,500 children and adults
- Served a total of 235,000 people nationally
- 165,300 people in Colorado
- 69,900 people in the Denver Metro
- Engaged 2,050 community members

“"We appreciate the inclusive mural that ULC has on the front of the building and their willingness to support all people. It is easy to be an office building but much more meaningful to support the communities that live here." - Jaimie Blanchard, Community Programs Supervisor at Lutheran Family Services of the Rocky Mountains

“The space we lease at Oxford Vista is larger than a lot of shelters; it helps families feel like they aren’t on top of each other. With the renovations, we will be able to provide housing for 20 families at full capacity. It is a natural, open space which is nice for people used to being downtown. We are able to have community partners (i.e. childcare, workforce, healthcare) on campus which helps eliminate some of the barriers to receiving services.” - Susie Street, Family Tree
ULC’s Nonprofit Centers are Hubs of Community Building and Economic Justice. In 2019...

Lutheran Family Services of the Rocky Mountains had 300 volunteers spend 10,000+ hours, supporting their immigrant and refugee neighbors, helping them navigate their new homes.

Blue Star Recyclers employed 40 individuals with disAbilities, fostering community and fighting the stigma against those with differing abilities.

The Denver Voice provided 70 flexible job opportunities for those experiencing homelessness or poverty.

Reading Partners provided one-on-one reading mentorship to 750 children in 13 schools.

Mile High Youth Corps trained and employed 200 youth in sustainability-focused careers.

Youth Advocate Programs supported 250+ children in the welfare system remain with kin.

Dry Bones provided a home base for 800 youth experiencing homelessness.

IMPACT Personal Safety led self-defense training courses for 150+ people impacted by interpersonal violence.

Our tenants provide space for diverse groups to (find community)

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