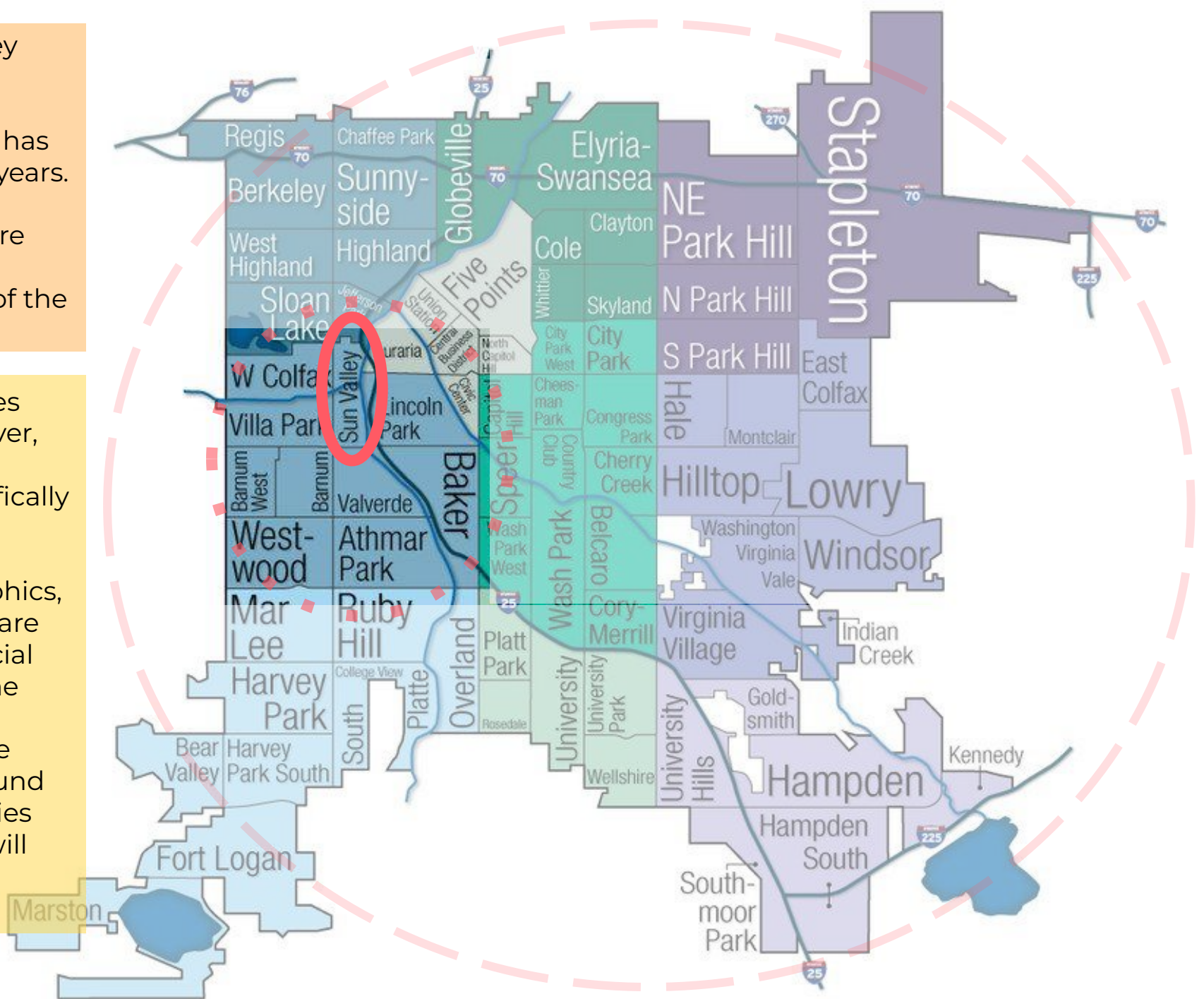

Sun Valley Kitchen + Community Center (SVK+CC) is a community hub centered around food, where people of all backgrounds and incomes thrive, connect, and support each other. SVK+CC provides a consistent presence and continuity to a changing Sun Valley community.

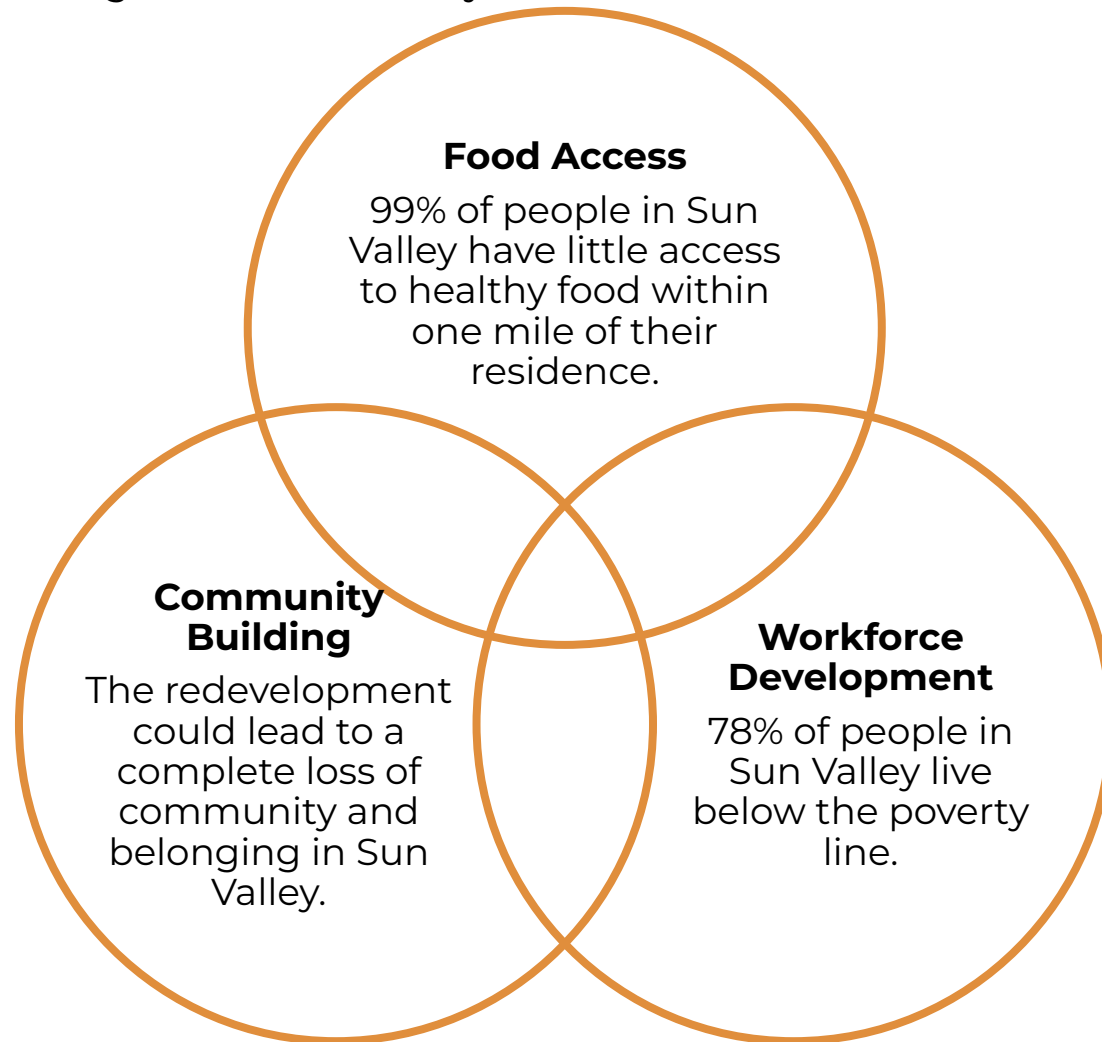


Community Context: The Sun Valley neighborhood is currently at an inflection point as a result of redevelopment. The neighborhood has been destabilized over the last five years. Residents have been displaced throughout Denver and residents are worried that their concerns and wellbeing will not be at the center of the redevelopment.

Who We Work With: SVK+CC serves community members in West Denver, including youth, individuals, and families. Our programming is specifically designed to support historically underserved communities, and we engage everyone, across demographics, in our programming and work. We are particularly focused on building social cohesion among the residents of the rapidly-changing Sun Valley neighborhood. We believe that if we design programming centered around historically underserved communities and provide access to everyone, it will benefit all youth, residents, and the broader community as a result.



The Opportunity: Sun Valley community members and individuals from surrounding neighborhoods, including youth, individuals, and families, have limited access to fresh food in their neighborhood and few employment opportunities. The redevelopment has the potential to unite or create divisions among a previously insulated and tight-knit community.



What We Do: SVK+CC provides stability to youth, individuals, and families, and the overall community, by being a consistent presence, building individual relationships, and adapting to the changing context of the neighborhood. SVK+CC meets people where they are and treats everyone with respect and dignity. Food serves as a catalyst and conduit for community building in all of SVK+CC's programs.

SVK+CC offers programming for youth, individuals and families, and the community. All programming is infused with **five values: Nourish, Enrich, Educate, Unite, and Employ**. Each of these values is associated with the ways in which we support our community.

By infusing programming with these five values, SVK+CC expects outcomes for **youth, individuals and families**, and the **community** overall. These outcomes then support SVK+CC's **vision**.

As part of its programming, SVK+CC also operates a restaurant.* The Sun Valley Kitchen, the social enterprise arm of operations, helps generate funds for the organization while providing employment, workforce development, and mentorship opportunities for adults and youth.

*The Sun Valley Kitchen restaurant closed in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and is scheduled to reopen in Spring 2023.

Nourish

- *Connecting around food serves as a basis for all of our other activities*
- Provide food & other resources
- Teach healthy cooking skills
- Foster connections
- Provide healthy lifestyle options

Employ

- Directly employ youth and adults from Sun Valley and West Denver
- Teach and mentor professional skills

Unite

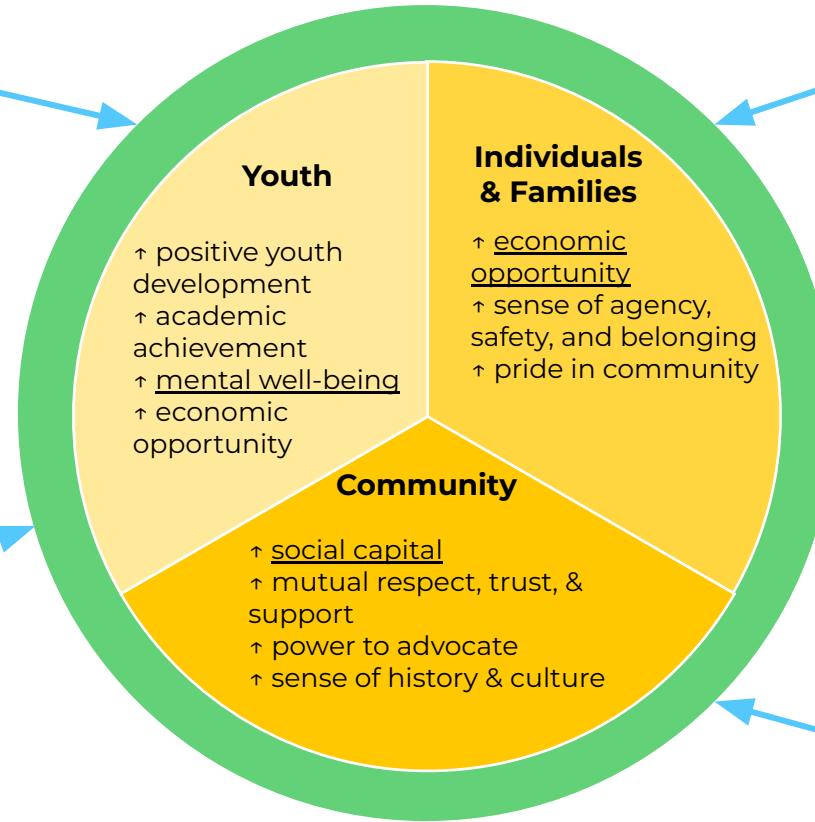
- Host events and operate a restaurant that bring people together
- Provide a safe and consistent gathering space
- Advocate with community for the future

Educate

- Provide academic support
- Teach entrepreneurial, workforce, and life skills
- Host events exploring community issues
- Help individuals navigate important systems, such as education, business development, and health care

Enrich

- Provide space for cultural expression
- Document community history
- Foster a safe and supportive environment



Social Cohesion:
People of all backgrounds thrive, connect, and support each other