



Donor Connections

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To Enlighten, Educate and Enlist Our Community

Social Venture Partners (SVP) was established at The Community Foundation by Amy Batchelor and Andrew Currie in 2000. SVP's collaborative giving model brings together individuals, companies, or foundations that contribute a minimum of \$5,000 per year, and roll up their sleeves to offer consulting to strengthen local nonprofits. A fund of The Community Foundation, SVP has contributed \$745,000 plus thousands of hours of consulting to twelve groups serving youth, families, and Latinos across Boulder County. SVP is part of a network of twenty-three communities in North America and Japan practicing this model combining the power of business with a passion for giving. This year, 2007, marks the tenth anniversary of the SVP model.

SVP is a great complement to any individual's giving. SVP's community is comprised of forty community leaders, entrepreneurs, and business people who are interested in following the fruits of their charitable contributions. Each nonprofit SVP supports with a grant of up to \$30,000 per year also receives a mentor, or Lead Partner, to help them develop a work plan for partners to get involved and make a hands-on difference. Just this year partners are facilitating a strategic plan for Colorado Youth Program; recruiting Board members for Medicine Horse Program; helping Growing Gardens hire a new Development Director and providing follow up coaching and fund development planning; creating a stronger committee and accountability structure for Women's Wilderness Institute's Board of Directors; and serving on the Replication Committee of Intercambio de Comunidades, helping them seed their model of building bridges across language and culture in other parts of the state.

SVP gives donors, or our partners, a chance to dig in, to better understand community issues, and learn the ins and outs of strategic giving. Our partners have the option to get as involved as they wish, by serving on a grants committee, signing up for a one-time or ongoing consulting project with one of the nonprofits we support, convening a partner roundtable to discuss engaging the next generation in philanthropy—among many other opportunities.

If you'd like to learn more about this hands-on, donor-driven giving circle, feel free to contact Janelle Weissman, at 303-442-0436, ext. 114, for more information.

One great way to meet other donor partners and get a snapshot of the organization and its work is to attend an introductory lunch on two Community Foundation programs: SVP <http://www.svpbouldercounty.org> and the Entrepreneurs Foundation of Colorado <http://www.efcolorado.org/>, hosted by SVP partner Brad Feld on August 14th. For details, and to RSVP, kindly contact Janelle Weissman, Executive Director, at janelle@svpbouldercounty.org.

SVP'S FUNDING FOCUS FOR 2007

If you staff, support, volunteer or serve on the Board of a local early childhood development nonprofit, or group whose work strengthens educational and economic opportunities for Latinos, please see SVP's 2007 Call for Letters of Inquiry on our website: <http://www.svpbouldercounty.org/SVPFall2007CallforLOIs.pdf>. We are adding one new group this year, with a gift of both financial support and pro-bono consulting to strengthen nonprofit operations.