How can children reach their full potential if they’re mired in poverty? And how can children facing barriers today avoid poorer outcomes for themselves and their children in the future if those barriers are not eliminated?

Poverty impacts the ability of parents to meet their children’s basic needs, such as food and housing. This in turn affects the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of children, and can negatively influence their education, personal growth, and future potential. NON-PROFITS ARE ON THE FRONT LINES and under increasing pressure to tackle these complex socio-economic issues. But their resources are limited. That’s where SVP Vancouver comes in.

We eliminate barriers for non-profits so that they can eliminate barriers for BC’s children.

WHAT IS SVP VANCOUVER?
A network of over 200 engaged philanthropists—our Partners—who invest time, money, and expertise into local non-profits to help BC’s children reach their full potential. Founded by 19 Partners in 2001, SVP Vancouver is one of the largest affiliates of SVP International, a global network of over 40 organizations in as many cities.

OUR MODEL
SVP Vancouver accelerates the growth and effectiveness of non-profits through a unique venture philanthropy model. We don’t throw money at a problem; we pair money with much needed skills, training, and expertise, giving non-profits the tools and resources they need to effectively develop, grow, and deliver their services and programs to the community. This capacity-building expertise comes directly from our Partners. Without their professional skills and knowledge, we simply could not do what we do.

AS A PARTNER YOU CAN
• Gain knowledge of the issues impacting your community
• Work with like-minded individuals to make positive change
• Apply your skills and knowledge to a social cause that matters
• Invest confidently knowing we conduct extensive due diligence
• Witness the impact of your investment by working directly with non-profits
One of SVP’s success stories comes from our work with the Take a Hike Foundation (TAH). Founded in 2000 by a group of dedicated volunteers, TAH’s mental health and education program for grades 10-12 uses a combination of outdoor adventures, classroom learning, community service, and clinical counselling support to address the academic, social and emotional needs of at-risk youth.

Ready to grow but without the resources to do so, they approached SVP in 2004. SVP funded the hiring of an Executive Director, which enabled TAH to grow their programs. In 2017, TAH received further funding from SVP to conduct the research needed to prove their model. This has excited other donors and enabled TAH to increase their funding.

As of 2019, the Take a Hike program is available in five school districts across BC, has over 500 alumni, and an average graduation rate of 88%. In 2019, 97% of TAH students graduated. The provincial average is 84%.

[Working with SVP] has helped us generate awareness in the education community and resulted in conversations with half of the school districts in BC.

Gordon Matchett, Take a Hike Executive Director

**BECOME AN SVP PARTNER**

Are you ready to make a difference in your community? To work collaboratively with non-profits and community organizations and achieve collectively more than any of us could achieve alone? Join us!

In addition to your annual funding contribution, we’d love for you to offer some time and expertise. That part is optional, so how much you give is up to you. You can help our non-profits build capacity in:

- Strategy
- HR & Finances
- Marketing
- Evaluation
- Technology
- Fundraising
- Leadership
- Governance

**OTHER WAYS PARTNERS CAN GET INVOLVED**

- Serve on the SVP Board
- Join an SVP Committee
- Run or attend a workshop
- Consult with our non-profits
- Participate in our non-profit due diligence and selection process
- Engage in project work
- Attend SVP social events

**ANNUAL PARTNER CONTRIBUTION**

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