



SOCIAL VENTURE PARTNERS At a Glance

Who We Are

Social Venture Partners is a multi-generational community of professionals engaged in venture philanthropy. As such, we invest financial, human, and social capital to solve pressing community problems. We partner across sectors to support sustainable, community-driven solutions. We connect people and organizations striving to change the world together.

Our Current Goal

Our current ten-year goal is to ensure that all children in the Portland metro area enter kindergarten with the foundation for learning and life success. We are focused on kids called “at risk” but who we know are full of promise.

Fast Facts

SVP Portland

- Portland affiliate was founded in 2001
- We currently have 350+ Partners
- We volunteered 13,600 hours of time to our portfolio of nonprofits in 2015 alone
- We retain 86+% of Partners annually
- Around 75% of Partner engage their time and talent in some way
- Total cash investment to date: \$3,153,500 in 28 non-profits
- EXAMPLE: We invested \$171,000 + time in CASH Oregon from 2005 to 2012, yielding \$360+ million in social impact.

SVP International

- SVP is the largest network of engaged donors in the world
- SVP was founded in Seattle in 1997 by a group of high-tech entrepreneurs
- Total worldwide affiliates: 41
- Total worldwide Partners: 4,000+
- Total worldwide cash investment to date: \$54+ million in 700+ nonprofits

Our Partnership

SVP Youth is a group of budding philanthropists, ages 9 to 17, learning through education and hands-on experience what it means to make a social impact in their community.

Rising Leaders for Social Good are young professionals in their 20s and 30s interested in learning, action, and leadership in venture philanthropy through specialized year-long programs.

Core Partners are a network of individuals, businesses, and foundations investing any combination of money, time, talent to support venture philanthropy and SVP’s community goals. All partnerships are tailored to fit the individual’s needs and capacity, determined through a detailed philanthropy “fitting.”

Encore Fellows are seasoned professionals retiring from successful careers who are interested in transitioning into social purpose work. They apply their high-level skills and experience towards strategic initiatives for nonprofits.

Nonprofits & Collaborations We Fund and Support

The Black Parent Initiative educates and mobilizes the parents and caregivers of Black and multi-ethnic children to ensure they achieve success. The organization's early childhood programs focus on pre-pregnancy through the first 1000 days of a child's life. Our investment will focus on strategic and operational planning, Board and leadership development, succession planning, and fund development.

Children's Book Bank gathers new and gently used books from the community and distributes them to kids in need through existing programs that target pre-school age children. CBB serves 4,000 pre-school kids each year and plans to increase its reach by 50% in 3 to 5 years.

Community Education Workers (CEWs) strengthen the relationship between parents and their children and bolsters family success through individualized support. CEWs conduct home visits and culturally responsive parent-child workshops for low-income families, families of color, and English language learners in Portland with a focus on first-time parents who have a child under the age of six. The CEW project is a collaboration of four agencies and the Multnomah County Health Department.

The Early Literacy Success Alliance (ELSA) is a coalition of Oregon nonprofit partners and public libraries with proven impact dedicated to providing at-risk children and their families with the access, support, resources and instruction they need to establish a strong foundation of literacy. Collectively, they serve as valuable allies to the public education system, supporting educators, schools and school districts, and families.

KairosPDX is committed to serving the diverse neighborhoods of North Portland by cultivating confident, creative, compassionate leaders exceeding academic standards at each developmental milestone. The organization oversees a K-5 charter school, an early learning center, and a family connections program.

Kindergarten Teacher Family Visits are the most effective ways of establishing strong school/parent relations and a successful start to kindergarten. SVP is working with the local Kindergarten Transitions Community of Practice to develop strategies to make this outreach possible at more schools locally.

Latino Network provides transformative opportunities, services and advocacy for the education, leadership and civic engagement of Latino youth, families and communities in Multnomah County. SVP partnered with LN to drive the strategic expansion of their Juntos Aprendemos program, which promotes cognitive, social, emotional and physical development, as well as parental support of children's learning.

Metropolitan Family Service helps people move beyond the limitations of poverty, inequity, and social isolation. SVP's investment will help scale their early learning program, Ready, Set, Go! This is our second investment in MFS; we helped build their Make Parenting a Pleasure program from 2003-2005.

Native American Youth and Family Center's (NAYA) mission is to enhance the diverse strengths of youth and families in partnership with the community through cultural identity and education. SVP is working with NAYA to further explore and plan a new early learning center, which will enhance their support of early childhood education while serving the cultural needs of the southeast Portland community.

Teaching Preschool Partners (TPP) strengthens quality preschool education for children facing barriers to success by supporting the creation of teaching preschools that give visibility to the strong capacities of our youngest learners. These classrooms serve as demonstration sites to encourage and inspire inquiry-based learning environments in Oregon communities. SVP is helping the TPP leadership with developing a strategic plan and business plan, and marketing/communications.