A Vibrant And Thriving Boulder County

Social Venture Partners (SVP) Boulder County works side by side with local nonprofits helping them to be their best and philanthropic changemakers helping them have deeper impact. As a nonprofit organization, we strengthen other Boulder County nonprofits by helping them implement the strategies, structures, processes, and leadership to move to the next level. We support philanthropic changemakers by helping them learn, connect, and contribute their skills and experiences successfully. We’re proud to support the work these organizations and individuals do to make our shared community a better, more vibrant place to live, work, and play.

Key Stakeholders:
- Philanthropic changemakers (partners)
- Nonprofit organizations (participants)
- Nonprofit leaders (participants)
- Nonprofit board members (participants)
- Donors
- Collaborators + allies
- Staff

Vision:
A more vibrant and thriving Boulder County community for all.

Mission:
To harness the collective power of nonprofits and philanthropic changemakers to accelerate community impact.

Values:
In pursuing this mission, 6 values guide us: evolve transformation, multiply impact, build community, make & include, contribute and receive generously, and quality matters.

What We Do:
- Build connections
- Engage others in volunteer roles
- Develop leadership skills
- Educate individuals and organizations
- Consult & advise with nonprofits

“SVP is accessible, and their wealth of information helped our group grow.”
Anonymous

“Working with SVP Boulder County is time well spent. SVP is changing the face of local nonprofits and driving impact in every aspect of our lives. And the community is better for it because of it.”
Neal Lutte, President, Resource Central

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Lessons Learned:
- We are a platform for collaborative problem-solving.
- We create a catalytic environment that leverages powerful concentrations of capital and capacity.
- We accelerate impact of programs by convening all stakeholders and funding.
- We create interoperable solutions to complex problems by increasing the scale and effectiveness of their efforts.
- We achieve measurable outcomes with sustainable social impact.

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SVP delivers educated, connected, and engaged philanthropic changemakers create more positive impact in their community. In their involvement with SVP, our Partners report an increased sense of fulfillment, growth, and learning in their service toward a better Boulder County.

Individuals or businesses with a variety of backgrounds, experiences, and prowess join SVP as Partners. They join SVP because they care about their community, because they want to learn how to give back effectively, and because they want to be part of a team. SVP offers Partners a variety of programs that build knowledge, networks, and engagement.

Our Partners share time, talent, and donations, and connections while our nonprofit participants share information, community impact, and opportunities to engage and learn. SVP’s approach to working side by side ignites mutual benefit even as Partners make a real difference within and among the nonprofits we serve, they have the opportunity to learn from those same organizations.

“Boulder County is special. Its citizens have a sense of place and a quality of life that feeds off physical beauty, diverse neighborhood and neighborhoods, and a majority’s willingness to pay taxes for education and public services and spaces. The county can and should expect a return for these elements of goodness based on personal volunteer effort from those who can provide it. My personal objective is joining SVP has been to – and be a better citizen of a city and county that meaningfully enhances my life.”

Clyde McKerns, Partner, SVP Boulder County 
Chairman/OEO Teklum Corporation

“As fewer residents in Boulder, SVP Boulder County was a great way for us to meet some very interesting people and to immediately plug into a progressive and impactful world. It is an essential part of our daily activism, as my direct connections to nonprofits, as well as to meet a broad and diverse network of innovators and those we can learn from.”

Tony & Elisa George, Partners, SVP Boulder County

Tony George, Senior Director Brand and Product, LIV360
Elisa George, Managing Director, Vermont Design + Digital

“I’ve come to understand the nonprofit sector is a much more intimate web, and it’s much more strategic in how it gives. Through SVP Boulder County, I’m able to connect with other nonprofits, and share experiences gleaned in the nonprofit sector with others.”

John McCord, Partner & Board, SVP Boulder County
Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and Portfolio Manager, Pearl Asset Management, LLC

“I’ve been a big supporter of SVP Boulder County. I love that their programming is aligned with our specific community needs, and continually aspiring to create greater impact, reflect the nonprofit landscape, and be inclusive of each organization — regardless of size or age.”

Hope Tuck Hitchman, Partner, SVP Boulder County
Financial Advisor, Merritt Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc.

“Having recently retired from a full-time executive position, continuing to contribute using some of the skills I’ve developed over my working career is very appealing. SVP Boulder County has allowed me to meet interesting Partners who share similar views of giving back to our community, helped me further develop my network, and — most importantly — given me quality opportunities to help strengthen some great local nonprofits.”

Mark Buznek, Partner, SVP Boulder County
Board Member & interim CEO/COO, P2 Energy Solutions
SVP believes effective, strategic, and sustainable organizations are better able to further their critical missions in Boulder County. Providing services that build management practices, strategies, systems, and leadership, we help nonprofits do more for their clients.

**Board Governance Training**

**Boards with Brains**
124 individuals served
Sessions offered on introduction to board service, fundraising, leading financials, succession planning, marketing, and more.

**Executive Coaching**

**EXEC Evolve**
12 nonprofits served
10 coaching sessions

**Facilitated Peer Learning**

10 nonprofits served
Sessions offered on board engagement, organizational culture, diverse and inclusive organizations, developing staff, providing performance feedback, and more.

**Career Placements**

**Encore Fellowships**
4 nonprofits served
Fellows helped nonprofits by revamping standard operating procedures, completing strategic plans, assisting with fundraising outreach, updating organizational structure, and more.

“Vans able to apply several resources provided through the Execs Evolve program on leadership, problem-solving strategies, building trust, and more – within my board and my team to improve relationships, which is the foundation of a well-run organization.”

Tere Garcia, Execs Evolve participant
Executive Director, EL PASO

“After attending the session on marketing, I focused my messages around why we do what we do, rather than what.”

Anonymous, Boards with Brains participant

“My coaching experience with Execs Evolve was magical for me. My coach helped me dig deep and take more accountability, come out a path to overcome obstacles, and improve as a leader.”

Sarah Shrivast, Execs Evolve participant
Community Development Director, IGNITE Community Radio

“I LOVE the new Organizational Capacity Assessment. The process is great and clear and makes sense for each question, and the adjustments made for nonprofits in the area are AWESOME!”

Michelle Orge, Catapult participant
Executive Director, Community Food Share

“Through a strategic planning process, the Catapult program moved us in the right direction. In addition to the work we accomplished, what really helped us was the human resources audit and board development, which gave structure and direction to our organization that all of our constituents and stakeholders could coalesce behind. SVP Boulder County also worked with us on infrastructure to accomplish our goals.”

Jacob R. Harmon, Catapult participant
Executive Director, Voices For Children CASA
(Court Appointed Special Advocates)
SVP Boulder County is at a pivotal juncture. We’re choosing to stretch ourselves to fully achieve our potential in co-creating a resilient community. We want to live in a place where residents are more engaged, ensuring that everyone who lives here has the opportunity to thrive. To do so, we’ve honed our priorities to the following three crucial goals.

SVP’s four-year strategic plan provides a road map for how to effectively apply our resources and work to accomplish these goals, leading to the better future we envision for Boulder County; our new plan also provides a touchstone of our collective commitment, insight, and action on which we can continue to build.

**GOAL:** SVP will achieve and maintain a pathway to organizational and sustainability.

**AS A RESULT:** SVP will have the human and financial resources to team with others in the community, and create impact.

**GOAL:** SVP will create and actively maintain a culture in which people feel welcome, respected, valued, and accountable to serve our mission and vision.

**AS A RESULT:** SVP will be intentional about the culture we create, and the subsequent experiences of our nonprofit participants, partners, volunteers, staff, collaborators, and allies. We will reflect the local community, and reinforce values of equity and inclusion that will help our community thrive.

**GOAL:** SVP will use specific, measurable impact goals for nonprofit partners, Partners, and the Boulder County community. We will improve our infrastructure for measurement and communicating impact.

**AS A RESULT:** As a result, SVP will more consistently and readily adjust to strengthen quality programming and improve impact.

- **SUSTAINABILITY**
- **CULTURE**
- **IMPACT**

**ACTIVATED PHILANTHROPIC CHANGEMAKERS**

**STRONG NONPROFIT LEADERS**

**CONNECTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL**

**VIVID, RESILIENT COMMUNITY**

**DESIRED RESULTS**

- **OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL**
- **VIVID, RESILIENT COMMUNITY**

**2018 HIGHLIGHTS**

**UPDATED THEORY OF CHANGE AND IMPACT STATEMENTS**

Ensuring improved evaluation practices and reporting to the community.

**TECHNOLOGY AUDIT AND TRANSITION**

Assisted and subsequently began transitioning to new email management, file management, IT support, and online tools, paving the way for technology solutions that maximize staff time and better serve our participants.

**EXPANDED COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING CAPACITY**

By hiring an experienced marketing contractor, we are paving the way to implement an updated marketing and communications plan.

**AUDITOR & UPDATED EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK**

Conducted a thorough audit and update of SVP’s employee handbook to ensure legal compliance with new laws, and to improve the employee experience.

**DEVELOPED FINANCIAL PRINCIPLES**

These principles guide how we invest financial and human resources, ensuring alignment with strategic priorities and values.

**REFINED AND CLARIFIED STAFF, AND PARTNER ROLES**

Ensuring an evermore aligned and effective team.
By the Numbers

TOTAL EXPENSES: $390,007

2018 Financial End-in-Kind Contributors

Ad Hoc Foundation
AmazonSmile Foundation
Amy Batchelor and Brad Feld
Amy Manowsicz
Amy Ogilvie
Bill Corp
Bank of the West
Barbara From
Bob and Leslie Cutler
Bruce Holland and Dianne Ladd
Conk (Cory) Glenn
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Community Foundation Boulder County
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Dan and Robin Cuttin
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Deborah Malden and Michael Donavan
Dennis Berry
Diane Czajkowski
Ed Victor
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Molly Gentry

Partners
Partners make a required annual donation ranging from $1500 to $5,000. Additionally, in 2018, 17 Partners gave beyond their membership donation. These gifts ranged from $100 to $60,000.

Donors
Our donors comprise individuals, businesses, and foundations inspired to support SVP’s meaningful work directly with nonprofit, community leaders, and philanthropic changemakers.

Find SVP’s compiled financials (including Balance Sheet) and IRS 990 at sacramentoexperiment.org/Boulder-county/about-us/financials/
Social Venture Partners Boulder County (EIN 46-1384125) is a team of people working in community for our community. Since 2000, we have grown around our shared belief that strong nonprofits deliver better results and engaged, educated philanthropic changemakers have greater impact. We build the capacity and capability of Boulder County nonprofits through programs delivered by our Partner members in the areas of training, leadership development, and consulting services. After 18 years, we have provided more than $6.8M value in pro-bono consulting, mentoring, coaching, and education and more than $1.6M in supporting cash grants to some 170 Boulder County nonprofits.

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