

## Social Enterprise Development

Featuring Mike Fox, Jr., CEO, Goodwill of Silicon Valley



At Goodwill Industries, Social Enterprise is part of the core mission. It is one of the ways in which the organization helps break barriers and increase economic opportunities for our community.

Join us as Mike addresses the following three topics:

- What is Social Enterprise?
- What does it take to start one?
- Can you really generate revenue and do social good at the same time?

### When

**Thursday, June 19, 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM**

### Where

**Goodwill of Silicon Valley  
1080 N 7th St., San Jose, CA 95112**

RSVP by Wednesday, June 18 to [aramos@stepupsv.org](mailto:aramos@stepupsv.org)

### **About Goodwill of Silicon Valley**

Goodwill of Silicon Valley's mission is to support their employees, their customers and people with challenging barriers to employment; to raise their standard of living and improve their lives through Goodwill's services and social enterprise.

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## New Programs to Help Save for College

The Opportunity Fund, a not-for-profit micro-finance provider that helps thousands of California families build financial stability, started a [High School College Savers](#) program and a [College Savers](#) program. Both programs provide a 2:1 matched savings account, so for every \$1 that each student/family saves, \$2 in matched funds are earned. They can save up to \$2,000 in their own funds and earn up to \$4,000 in matched funds. These funds can be used for Post Secondary Education at an accredited Community College, University or Vocational school and can help pay for tuition, books, one laptop, or tablet.

To learn more about the High School College Savers program, [click here](#). To learn more about the College Savers program, [click here](#).

## Community Announcements

### 1,000 Out of Poverty Meeting

Friday, June 13, 8:30 AM-10:30 AM

The 1,000 OOP network meets monthly to discuss new ideas and share successes, challenges, and opportunities.

Contact [Adelene Ramos](#) to learn more about our initiative.

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### Step Up Silicon Valley Core Team Meeting

June 19, 8:30 AM-10:30 AM

The SUSV core team meets on a monthly basis in order to build and strengthen relationships, identify community needs and strives to work with diverse leaders and the community-at-large to cut poverty and build the capacity to bring about needed systemic change.

Contact [Adelene Ramos](#) to learn more.

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### Homeownership Preservation & Foreclosure Prevention Event

Saturday, June 28, 2014  
10 AM-4PM

Willow Glen Community Center

2175 Lincoln Avenue  
San Jose, CA 95125

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## Know Someone Interested in a Career in the Building and Construction Trade?



Working Partnerships is collaborating with work2future, NOVA and the Building Trades to host the Trades Orientation Program (TOP), a 120-hour pre-apprenticeship course leading to certification and the opportunity for a job with a union construction firm. Applications are open now!

Applicants must be age 18+, have a high school diploma or GED, and be able and available to work full-time. Women and veterans who are interested in a non-traditional career in the construction trades are also encouraged to apply. The program is funded by a grant from MTC/HUD and there is **NO COST** to students.

Interested applicants should call Gary Walsh at work2future, 408-794-1164. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Please help us spread the word and share this with your network!

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## Public Policy Institute Report: Online Courses and Achievement Gaps



According to a recent reporty by the [Public Policy Institute](#), online learning is on the rise and has the potential to provide more students with access to higher education. Community colleges in California enroll approximately 1 million students in online courses and leads the nation of public higher education systems. However, for California's diverse

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### Community Action Poverty Simulations

June 28 - Los Altos United Methodist Church

October 21 - Grace Baptist Church, San Jose

November 4 - Mitty High School, San Jose

If you would like to host, sponsor, or attend a poverty simulation, please contact [Adelene Ramos](#).

student population, the community college system is not living up to this potential. Unfortunately, achievement gaps that already exist among some ethnic student populations in traditional courses increase during online courses.

Community colleges offer an opportunity for underrepresented students to access higher education, yet there is room for much improvement. With the popularity and convenience of online courses for working students and students with families, California's community colleges need to live up to their potential and provide more effective strategies to narrow the achievement gaps for underrepresented students.

To learn more about online courses and achievement gaps, [click here](#).  
To read the full report, [click here](#).

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## About Us

Step Up Silicon Valley is a social innovation network focused on reducing poverty in Santa Clara County through convening, advocating for policy changes, and incubating innovative solutions to help people move out of poverty. We achieve this by working closely with representatives from various organizations and community members to coordinate breakthrough systems change that allow us to holistically create a thriving community in which none are too poor to give or too wealthy to be in need, and where everyone has access to affordable health care, sufficient nutritious food, decent affordable housing, meaningful educational and career opportunities, and reliable income that meets their basic financial needs. Learn more at [www.stepupsv.org](http://www.stepupsv.org).

## Our Vision and Mission

Our vision is to reduce poverty and increase economic opportunities in Santa Clara County. The mission of Step Up Silicon Valley is to achieve this vision by transforming community awareness and generating the political will to create systems change that will enable individuals and families to step up and out of poverty in Santa Clara County.

### Learn about our steps forward:

**Step Up Pay for Success - [Idea to Action Document](#)**

**2013 Annual Report - [Step Up Progress Through 2013](#)**

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