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August Newsletter



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1,000 Out of Poverty Enters Year Two



We are delighted to share with you that 1,000 Out of Poverty is moving forward into its second phase. Thirteen of the 15 founding members of 1,000 OOP have committed to continue the effort in a 5-year plan. We would like to thank St. Joseph's Family Center for being a part of the effort and for fulfilling its role as a member of 1000 OOP.

This first year has established a foundation of greater understanding for the needs of this pilot. We have learned of the challenges of time and resources and will continue to find ways to improve how we help our community members reach self-sufficiency.

For our second phase, the team will continue to collect data while assessing and measuring efforts with the support of our lead technology partners; Community Technology Alliance (CTA). The CTA team and the 13 core members will also receive objective social science based insight from our partners at San Jose State University, Santa Clara University, and the University of Notre Dame

Learn more and continue to provide support to our 13 committed organizations as we move forward into Year Two.

The 1,000 Out of Poverty Team includes:

- [Bill Wilson Center](#)
- [Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County](#)
- [Center for Employment Training](#)

Community Announcements

Unaccompanied Children Crisis Information Night

August 19, 6:30 PM - 8 PM

Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County
2625 Zanker Road
San Jose, CA 95134
Tomars Conference Room

Humanitarian crisis calls for compassion and action.

Learn the facts about what is happening and the ways that you might be able to help. To learn more [click here](#) or email [John Rinaldo](#).

Step Up Silicon Valley Core Team Meeting

August 21, 8:30-10:30 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

- [Community Service Agency –Mountain View](#)
- [Family Supportive Housing](#)
- [Goodwill Industries](#)
- [The Housing Trust](#)
- [Next Door Solutions](#)
- [NOVA](#)
- [Sunday Friends](#)
- [Sunnyvale Community Services](#)
- [TeenForce](#)
- [West Valley Community Services](#)

Santa Clara County and the Opportunity Youth Partnership Selected for Aspen Institute Grant

Step Up is excited to announce that Santa Clara County and the Opportunity Youth Partnership were recently selected for a three-year implementation grant from the Aspen Institute's Opportunity Youth Incentive Fund! The funding will help OYP continue connecting resources for opportunity youth in the county. Twenty-one communities in the country were selected by the Aspen Institute to support systems change for opportunity youth (age 16-24) who are disconnected from school and work.

To learn more about the grant, [click here](#). To learn more about the Opportunity Youth Partnership, [click here](#).

Almaz Negash Receives African Diaspora Bridge Builders Award



Congratulations to Almaz Negash, Managing Director of Step Up Silicon Valley, for receiving the African Diaspora Bridge Builders award from the Diaspora African Forum Foundation and the Diaspora African Forum, for her work with the African Diaspora Network (ADN) and with Step Up Silicon Valley. She received the award at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. on August 4, 2014.

learn more.

1,000 Out of Poverty Team Meeting

September 12, 8:30-10:30 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.

College Day Santa Clara County

October 10

The goal of College Day is to support a college-going culture in our community by providing lesson plans & resources to local schools, especially for under-resourced students.

Please support this effort by visiting: www.collegeday.org.

Also, **Save the Date for College Day Family and Community Conference** at SJSU on November 1. For more info, please contact info@kidsincommon.org.

Neighborhood Development Training Conference (NDTC)

October 11, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

San Jose State University Student Center

NDTC is a training opportunity for resident service coordinators,

The African Diaspora Bridge Builders Award is an esteemed honor reserved for countries, organizations and/or individuals who have made specific contributions toward strengthening relationships and providing opportunities for all people, and those desiring to return to Africa. The award ceremony took place on the heels of a historic U.S.-Africa Leaders' Summit.

More on the African Union - Diaspora African Forum Awards can be found at: <http://africansuntimes.com/2014/08/diaspora-build-bridge-builders-awards>.

Congress Members Experience Poverty Simulation

Congress members recently participated in a Poverty Simulation organized by Catholic Charities USA and Entergy Corporation. According to Lucreda Cobbs in [Showing, Not Telling, the Reality of Poverty in the Halls of Congress](#), the simulation provided an opportunity "...for those with the power to fund and shape our country's social safety-net programs to walk a mile in the shoes of those in poverty – and many were amazed at how burdensome that journey can be."

To learn more about the experience, [click here](#). Step Up Silicon Valley is a facilitator of Poverty Simulations in Santa Clara County. To sponsor, host, or attend a poverty simulation, please contact [Adelene Ramos](#).

Step Up Has a New Website

Step Up Silicon Valley has a new website! Please [check it out](#). We hope that you find it informative and useful. In our new website, you can learn more about our network partners and the initiatives we are working on reduce poverty and to increase economic opportunity in Santa Clara County.

neighborhood leaders, & seasoned community development practitioners. Participants engage in thought-provoking workshops, listen to distinguished speakers, & learn about local & regional organizations at the resource fair. To learn more, email [Delilah Chavez](#).

Economic Development Finance Course

November 3-7

Sobrato Center for Nonprofits
1400 Parkmoor Avenue,
Suite 250
San Jose, CA 95126

You're invited to attend a National Development Council (NDC) training course on Finance sponsored by Citi. Tuition is FREE. For more info or to register, [click here](#). For questions, please contact [Rachael Claudio](#).

Community Action Poverty Simulations

October 22 – Grace Baptist Church, San Jose

October 28 – Locatelli Center, Santa Clara University

November 4 – Mitty High School, San Jose

November 20 – Bellarmine College Preparatory, San Jose

December 10 – Presentation High School, San Jose

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

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.

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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