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July Newsletter



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CommUniverCity Offers Financial Literacy Workshops to Step Up Network



[CommUniverCity](#); one of Step Up Silicon Valley's partners is inviting South Bay/San Jose Area residents who are in need of managing their money to attend Financial Literacy Education. The program uses educational financial tools to help individuals reduce debt and increase savings. The CommUniverCity team will work directly with your organization to discuss workshop details. For more information, please contact Jeanette Ramos at jeanette@cucs.org or (408) 641-9649.

Topics Include:

Older Adults: Preventing Financial Exploitation for Elder Adults
 Adult: Financial Recovery
 Adult: Pay Yourself First
 Adult: Money Management Tools & Tips
 Adult: Using Credit to your Advantage
 Adult: Buying A Home
 Young Adult: Save, Invest & Build Wealth
 Young Adult: School & \$
 Teens: Money Talks for Youth
 Teens: Savings & Checking Guide
 Small Business: Money Smart for Small Businesses
 Small Business: Starting a Business

About CommUniverCity

CommUniverCity believes that everyone deserves to live in vibrant,

Community Announcements

1,000 Out of Poverty Meeting

August 15, 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.

Step Up Silicon Valley Core Team Meeting

August 21, 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

healthy communities. Every day CommUniverCity works with residents to develop great neighborhoods, because no one's opportunities in life should be limited by the place where they live. Their mission is to build community by engaging residents and students in service-learning projects that accomplish neighborhood-driven goals.

the community-at-large to cut poverty and build the capacity to bring about needed systemic change.

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

Participate in a 2-Day Social Enterprise Capacity Building Workshop

This opportunity is offered by our friends and partners at the Global Social Benefit Institute (GSBI), Santa Clara University

Deadline to apply is August 10. Workshop will be held September 25-26 at Santa Clara University.

The [Global Social Benefit Institute](#) (GSBI) and eBay Foundation are partnering to run a specialized 2-day capacity building program targeted towards social enterprises with impact in the Bay Area that are working in the livelihood sector. Thanks to eBay's support, accepted enterprises will bear no costs for participating.

[Click here](#) to apply for the workshop. To learn more about the program, please [click here](#) or contact Cassandra Staff at cstaff@scu.edu.

Community Action Poverty Simulations

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](#).

California's Minimum Wage Increase

It's been six years since California's minimum wage increased. On July 1 it bumped to \$9 an hour. The next increase will be \$10 an hour in 2016. According to the Mercury News article, "[California's minimum wage rises Tuesday, but advocates say it's not enough](#)," by Josh Richman, "...cities in the Bay Area and around the state are moving to set their own, higher minimums, agreeing that the state's effort falls short." San Francisco, Oakland, Richmond, Berkeley, Concord, Hayward, and Fremont are working on it.

In 2012, with the support of Step Up Silicon Valley, San Jose passed an ordinance to increase the minimum wage to \$10 an hour and now San Jose's minimum wage is \$10.15 an hour. Currently, 22 states and Washington, D.C., have minimum wages that are above the federal minimum wage, which is \$7.25 an hour, according to the [National Conference of State Legislatures](#). California, Washington state, Oregon, and D.C. have some of the highest minimum wages in the nation.

To learn about California's Minimum Wage in the Mercury News article, [click here](#).

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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