

# October 2014 Newsletter



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## Year Up, Affinity Groups, and the Latest Step Up Team Meeting



We thank Rodney Tabares from [Year Up Bay Area](#) for the engaging presentation and dialogue last week during the Step Up team meeting on September 25. Rodney shared the many training opportunities that Year Up provides for youth between the ages of 18 and 24. Year Up connects the youth with companies that need talent and receives between 400-500 applications each year. However, only 40 applicants are accepted.

Next year, the organization plans to increase the number of participants to 80. The Step Up Silicon Valley network, through the leadership of Dana Bunnett, Director of [Kids in Common](#) and [Opportunity Youth Partnership](#), will collaborate with Year Up to find ways to provide alternative training and employment opportunities to fill the gap.

[Social Innovation Leadership Forum](#) (SILF), a SUSV partner, is also looking into creating an Affinity Group that focuses on youth employment. If you are interested in being a part of the Affinity Group, please contact Prof. Ron Roman at [ronald.roman@sjsu.edu](mailto:ronald.roman@sjsu.edu).

To access Rodney Tabares' presentation, please [click here](#). To learn more about Year Up, please [click here](#) or contact Rodney Tabares at [rtabares@yearup.org](mailto:rtabares@yearup.org).

## Step Up Welcomes Our New Partners!

Thank you to our new partners for joining our

## Community Announcements

### Step Up Silicon Valley Core Team Meeting

October 23, 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 learn more.

### Silicon Valley Innovation Challenge (SVIC)

The SVIC encourages the generation of innovative, ground-breaking or novel ideas, products, services and technologies which could potentially become the seed of a new venture.

Project Submission Deadline: November 1. To apply, [click here](#).

You are also invited to attend the SVIC Final Showcase at the New Student Union Ballroom on the SJSU campus on November 19. To register, [click here](#).

movement to cut poverty in Santa Clara County!

- [San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [The Stride Center](#)
- [Year Up Bay Area, Silicon Valley](#)
- [Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley](#)

To learn more about Step Up partnerships or if your organization would like to join our network, please contact Adelene Ramos at [aramos@stepupsv.org](mailto:aramos@stepupsv.org).

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## College Day Santa Clara County is October 10

The goal of College Day is to support a college-going culture in our community by providing lesson plans and resources to local schools, especially for under-resourced students. Please support this effort by visiting [www.collegeday.org](http://www.collegeday.org).

**Save the Date for College Day Family and Community Conference at SJSU on November 1.** For more info, please contact [info@kidsincommon.org](mailto:info@kidsincommon.org).

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## Neighborhood Development Training Conference (NDTC)

NDTC is a training opportunity for resident service coordinators, neighborhood leaders, and seasoned community development practitioners. Participants engage in thought-provoking workshops, listen to distinguished speakers, and learn about local and regional organizations at the resource fair.

This year's luncheon keynote speaker will be Dr. Manuel Pastor, Professor of Sociology and American Studies and Ethnicity at the University of Southern California. Dr. Pastor will talk about the demographic changes rippling through California, the nation, and the Valley, and consider how these intersect with economic trends that have produced both poles of prosperity and issues of inequality.

When: October 11, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM  
Where: San Jose State University Student Center  
Cost: \$10 per person

To register, please [click here](#). For any questions, please email [Delilah Chavez](mailto:Delilah.Chavez).

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## The Holidays Are Just Around the Corner!

Participate in a Holiday Shopping Spree at Target and help benefit the Families of [Sunday Friends](#), one of Step Up's partners. Bring your friends and family members, plus \$10-\$100 (or more) on the following days:

For more information, please visit [www.campsite.org/svic](http://www.campsite.org/svic) or contact [William Nance](#).

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### 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](#).

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### 1,000 Out of Poverty Team Meeting

November 14 (no meeting in October), 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.

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### Community Action Poverty Simulations

October 22 – Grace Baptist Church, San Jose

November 4 – Mitty High School, San Jose

November 11 – Locatelli Center, Santa Clara University

November 20 – Bellarmine College Preparatory, San Jose

- Friday, November 14 and/or
- Friday, November 21, 6:30PM - 8:30PM

December 10 –  
Presentation High School,  
San Jose

Choose from two Target locations (for either/both dates):

- Cupertino Target, 20745 Stevens Creek Boulevard, Cupertino
- Hillsdale Target, 1811 Hillsdale Avenue, San Jose

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

To learn more, please email [mail@sundayfriends.org](mailto:mail@sundayfriends.org).

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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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