What Step Up Silicon Valley Does

We seek to transform community awareness and generate the political will to create systems change that enables individuals and families to step up out of poverty in Santa Clara County.

Our goal is to reduce poverty and to increase economic opportunity in Santa Clara County, creating a community that is thriving and self-sufficient.

Convening

Advocacy

Systems Change Incubation
Poverty in the United States

46.7 million
In the U.S., live in poverty

10% White
25.2% African-American
13.1% Asian
24.7% Hispanic

16.1% of women in poverty
13.4% of men in poverty
Poverty in Santa Clara County

18.7% of Santa Clara County residents live in poverty according to the California Poverty Measure. A large difference compared to the Federally, under-reported 10.2% by the Official Poverty Measure.

2,800 people in Santa Clara County experience persistent homelessness and are the most frequent users of public services in a given year.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>City</th>
<th>Percent in Poverty (%)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Campbell</td>
<td>7.2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cupertino</td>
<td>4.3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gilroy</td>
<td>15.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Los Altos</td>
<td>2.1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Los Altos Hills</td>
<td>3.8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Los Gatos</td>
<td>4.6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Milpitas</td>
<td>7.2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Morgan Hill</td>
<td>9.9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mountain View</td>
<td>8.1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Palo Alto</td>
<td>5.7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>San Jose</td>
<td>12.2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Santa Clara</td>
<td>9.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saratoga</td>
<td>3.7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunnyvale</td>
<td>8.1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY**

**2015 POVERTY DISTRIBUTION**

Source: US Census Bureau, http://www.census.gov/quickfacts/map/PE120213/0668000,06085,00

The data provided is based on the Federal Poverty Line.
What does Poverty Look Like for Families?

23.4% of Californians live in poverty.

25.1% are children.

12.3% of children in Santa Clara County.
The Bay Area has some of the highest median household incomes in the country, but the region also has a widening gap between high earners and other workers.
## Income Gap

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Measure</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CA Self-Sufficiency Measure</td>
<td>$86,307</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Supplemental Poverty Measure</td>
<td>$48,731</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Federal Poverty Measure</td>
<td>$24,008</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
STEM Learning

56% of Silicon Valley’s STEM workforce and nearly 70% of its software developers were foreign born in 2013.
STEM Learning

75% of 8th graders in Silicon Valley scored proficient or above CST in Science

55% of 8th graders in Silicon Valley scored proficient or above CST in Math
Housing Burdens

Only 44% of residents can afford to buy a first-time home.
Food Disparity

204 MILLION MISSING MEALS

823 million meals are required daily to feed low-income families, unfortunately due to lack of availability and costs, 204 million meals are still missing to feed low-income families.
Health Care

28.9% of Hispanic families are uninsured.

36.1% of residents between the ages of 35-49 are uninsured.
Dialogue

Given the state of where we are, what is the most meaningful way that the Tech Museum can make a difference in Santa Clara County?
Thank You!

Almaz Negash

Managing Director, Step Up Silicon Valley
Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County
2625 Zanker Road, San Jose CA 95134

anegash@stepupsun.org

(T) 408-325-5128