Table 11: Community Philanthropy

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Kim Hacker serves as the Executive Director of Social Venture Partners Denver, a donor-advised fund of The Denver Foundation. Social Venture Partners Denver (SVP Denver) seeks to develop philanthropy and volunteerism to achieve positive social change in the Denver Metro region.

Prior to her work with Social Venture Partners, Kim served as the Program Director for Hot Issues in Health Care (HIHC), an initiative created by Rose Community Foundation (RCF) to educate Colorado’s policymakers about emerging and relevant health policy issues.

Prior to joining RCF, Hacker was Manager of Development at Advocate Charitable Foundation in Chicago. She holds a Masters in Public Policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University with concentrations in Management and Health Care Policy, and undergraduate degrees in Communications and Political Science from Eastern Illinois University, where she graduated summa cum laude.

Hacker is an active volunteer with several Denver Metro region non-profits including Starlight Starbright Children’s Foundation, Family Pathways, and Girl Scouts Beyond Bars, an outreach program for young women and their incarcerated mothers. She is active with the Denver Young Nonprofit Professionals Network and was nominated by her peers as an outstanding Young Nonprofit Leader (2004).
Denver Social Ventures

The Mission of Denver Social Ventures is to catalyze positive social change by: strengthening local nonprofit organizations through targeted investments of our Partners’ time, expertise and money; and providing opportunities for our Partners to become better informed and effective philanthropists.

The Principles

Engaged Venture Philanthropy - SVP invests time, expertise and money in nonprofits. We seek collaborative relationships with nonprofits.

Entrepreneurial Spirit - SVP uses innovative approaches to achieve results in our nonprofit partnerships and communities. We delegate decisions, resources, and authority to those closest to the work.

Philanthropic Education - SVP Partners educate themselves and become informed, effective, lifetime philanthropists. Ongoing individual philanthropy is catalyzed through hands-on experience and education.

Community Collaborative Action - SVP believes in the power of collective, self-organized effort. We encourage and maintain a highly-participatory, Partner-driven organization that use non-hierarchical, low-overhead communications and operating practices. SVP supports an open exchange of knowledge and lessons learned, and avoids partisan, religious or political activities.

Mutual Respect - SVP respects the expertise of community nonprofit organizations. We form close working relationships with organizations where we can mutually vest in the nonprofit’s success.

Accountability & Results - SVP Partners are mutually accountable to each other,
our Grantees and the community. We achieve and document measurable results, both in our own work and through our partnerships with nonprofits.

The first half of the SVP model is investment that builds the long-term capacity of organizations, rather than short-term projects or programs. Capacity building investments include cash grants, skilled volunteers, professional consultants, leadership development and management training opportunities.

The other half of the SVP model is the mobilization of a community of lifelong, informed, and inspired philanthropists. Through engagement with Grantees, connections with SVP Partners, and participation in education events, Partners are inspired to reinvest and make new investments in organizations associated with SVP as well as more broadly.

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