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SOCIAL VENTURE PARTNERS DENVER 2010 FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

About SVP Denver

SVP Denver is a partnership of individuals who invest their time, money, and expertise in nonprofit organizations focused on helping metro Denver's youth.

Benefits to the Community

SVP collaborates with nonprofit organizations that educate and mentor youth who are at risk or economically disadvantaged. SVP also seeks to train community volunteer leaders.

Benefits to the Partners

From their hands-on involvement with nonprofits and through SVP's educational seminars, partners learn about philanthropy and the nonprofit community.

Benefits to the Grantees

Grantees receive financial and human capital from SVP to improve day-to-day operations and long term success.

SVP Denver is a fund of The Denver Foundation, and is a member of Social Venture Partners International, a federation of twenty-six SVP chapters worldwide. Our mission is two-fold: Social Venture Partners Denver seeks 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.

In 2005, SVP was awarded *Fast Company* magazine's Social Capitalist Award, which identifies organizations that are using creativity, business smarts, and hard work to invent a brighter future. *The Fast Company*/Monitor Social Capitalist Award is the only award program that quantitatively measures a nonprofit group's innovation and social impact, as well as the viability and sustainability of its business model.

One of the key characteristics of such a strong, healthy network of people is to have as diverse a group of partners as possible, who bring a range of backgrounds, knowledge, skill-set, community connections, perspectives, and cultures to the organization. Creating the Fellowship program was another way to maintain this diversity and allow partners to continue their support to SPV by sponsoring someone when they could not donate their own time.

About the SVP Denver Fellowship Program

SVP Denver proudly sponsors a fellowship program to engage a *community-minded individual* who lives or works in the seven county Metro Denver area with the opportunity to be involved in a unique philanthropic network. Our goal is to provide an individual that couldn't otherwise make the required financial commitment to SVP the chance to be involved in the partnership and take advantage of educational opportunities. We hope that the fellows will add to the partnership's skill set and perspective, while benefiting from the SVP experience by enhancing their professional and personal lives.

SVP Denver will award one fellowship beginning in May 2010. SVP encourages people of all backgrounds, races and ethnicities to apply that meet the following criteria:

- Have a historical or emerging desire to make a significant contribution to your community
- Have a personal vision about your role in the community
- Is someone that will bring a different and diverse set of perspective and experiences
- Would not otherwise have the financial means to join SVP
- Live and/or work in the seven county metro Denver area
- Are at least 21 years of age

Fellowship Program Requirements

The program *requires* that a fellow join the Grantmaking Committee, volunteer with a grantee, and attend partnership meetings throughout the year he/she is involved in SVP Denver. Each fellow will be asked to submit interim and final reports to comment on their experiences. SVP strongly encourages the fellow to make a contribution of \$250.00 to SVP.

- **Opportunities include:**

SVP provides each partner a hands-on learning experience on grant giving, community issues, and how to work strategically with a nonprofit. The SVP experience is focused on partnership education and capacity building for nonprofits that focus on improving the lives of youth in the Denver metro area. Involved partners not only help SVP grow and add value to nonprofits, they also learn from each other in a team environment. As a fellow of SVP Denver you will have the chance to engage in and be a part of:

- ◆ *Grantmaking Committee:* SVP Denver holds one grant cycle each that kicks off in the spring. Main responsibilities include: learning how to assess and read grant proposals, evaluating and participating in site visits, collaborating with other partners on volunteer projects, and making recommendations for funding to the entire partnership. The Grantmaking Committee meets about once a month for eight months.

- ◆ *Volunteer Teams:* Once a nonprofit becomes an SVP grantee, partners begin working on volunteer projects that have been identified through the grantmaking and evaluation processes. The partners work individually and as teams to accomplish projects that support building the nonprofit's capacity. Volunteer projects differ in scope and time commitment.

- ◆ *Partner Education Events and Socials:* SVP Denver hosts a variety of events throughout the year that support the personal growth of each partner. Our education offerings cover the following topics: community issues, personal philanthropy, and capacity building for nonprofits. SVP also provides social opportunities to the partners to strengthen our network. Each fellow will be encouraged to attend events as often as their schedules permit.



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Social Venture Partners Denver Fellowship Application

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To apply, please compile the following:

Part One: Please complete the SVP Fellowship Program Application Information Sheet.

Part Two: Please address the following in a total of two pages or less:

- Give an overview of your education and professional background.
- Why would you like to be involved in SVP Denver? What do you hope to gain from this experience?
- Please describe the skills you bring and could provide to a nonprofit.
- What are your long-term goals? How does being involved civically reflect your goals?
- Please explain why volunteering matters to you.
- Briefly describe your financial situation and why a scholarship will help you to accomplish your goals.

Part Three: Please attach the following additional items:

- Professional Resume
- Two letters of reference

All applications must be received by Friday, March 5th, 2010. Applications that arrive after the date will not be considered. An internal committee will review the applications, and notify all applicants of their status by **Friday, April 16, 2010.**

Please direct applications to:

Lisa Fasolo Frishman, Executive Director
Social Venture Partners Denver
55 Madison Street 8th Floor
Denver, CO 80206
720.974.2602 or Lfrishman@denverfoundation.org

To learn more about SVP please visit www.svpdenver.org.
Thank you for your interest in SVP Denver.

Name

Address

County in which you live:

- Adams Arapahoe Boulder Broomfield Denver Douglas Jefferson

Email

Phone Number

Employer

Title

Job duties:

How did you learn about the SVP Denver Fellowship:

- Colorado Nonprofit List Serve
 Young Nonprofit Professionals Network
 Denver Office of Strategic Partnerships
 SVP Denver partner
 Chamber of Commerce *please specify which one* _____
 Andrew Hudson's List
 Other _____

Areas that you feel you could assist with SVP projects:

Mission, Vision, Strategy and Planning:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Assessment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Management Consulting | <input type="checkbox"/> Retreat / Meeting Facilitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Replication & Expansion Planning | |

Specific skills and experience:

Program Design and Evaluation:

- Outcome based program planning, development of evaluation framework and tools
 Data management, data analysis, reporting

Specific skills and experience:

Human Resources

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources / Personnel Policies | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee Performance & Evaluation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Structure | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership development and executive coaching | |

Specific skills and experience:

Information Technology

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Technology Assessment & Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Hardware |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Networking / Email | <input type="checkbox"/> Website Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Database Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Training |

Specific skills and experience:

Finance & Accounting

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting (for profit) | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Budgets/Reporting (for profit) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting (nonprofit) | |

- ❑ Finance/Budgets/Reporting (nonprofit)

Specific skills and experience:

Fund Development

- ❑ Fund Development Strategy
- ❑ Grant writing
- ❑ Donor Cultivation

Specific skills and experience:

Board and Governance

- ❑ Board Roles & Responsibilities
- ❑ Board Structure

Specific skills and experience:

Legal

- ❑ General
- ❑ Employment
- ❑ Contracts/Insurance

Specific skills and experience:

Marketing and Communications

- ❑ Planning and Strategy
- ❑ Graphic Design (collateral material, logos)
- ❑ Media Training
- ❑ Internal Communications

- ❑ Audits

- ❑ Capital Campaigns
- ❑ Planned Giving
- ❑ Special Event Production

- ❑ Governance Models
- ❑ Board Member Recruitment

- ❑ Real Estate
- ❑ Incorporation

- ❑ Market Research
- ❑ Writing
- ❑ Video
- ❑ PR / Media Outreach

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