Social Venture Partners is a philanthropic organization, but we do more than give away money. We build powerful relationships among people who want to give back and the nonprofits that make change possible – because we know everyone can do more good, together.
Our Local Impact

In 2014-2015, SVP Calgary provided local nonprofits with...

$80,000 in grants + $250,750 in volunteer time from skilled professionals = $330,750 in total support

Since 2000 SVP Calgary has partnered with 20 nonprofits giving more than $2 million and an estimated 25 thousand volunteer hours.

Our Programs

**ENCORE FELLOWSHIPS**

The Encore Fellowships are structured programs that place highly-skilled, experienced professionals into social-purpose organizations, where they help nonprofits build capacity, and ultimately, have a greater impact on their communities.

“...I enjoyed all aspects of the job and found the work intrinsically satisfying and of value to the community. I would recommend this to anyone looking at getting more involved in the nonprofit sector in the next phase of their life.

— Jeanne Milne, Encore Fellow

“This program gave us the opportunity to look strategically at our core operations and identify key areas for improvement. Our Encore Fellow has been a part of driving forward some initiatives that have long been on our wish list. We are a stronger organization as a result of this work!

— Rick McFerrin, Founder, Two Wheel View

**FAST PITCH**

The Social Venture Partners Fast Pitch Program is a free, two-month training and mentoring program for innovative nonprofits that culminates in a "Fast Pitch" competition where finalists have 3 minutes to present their ideas for social change to the audience and judges.

“...Fast Pitch is a gift! Building confidence and gaining clarity to express our measure with ease. Thank you for providing coaches and all you have done!"

— Marg Pollon, Bridges of Love

“...Fast Pitch is about passion. I have never before seen or worked with people more passionate about what they do. It’s truly inspiring!"

— Dave Hughes, Imperial Oil

The Encore Fellowships are the 1st Program of its Kind in Canada

3 Fellowships Placements

1,000 Hour Assignments

SVP Fast Pitch

22 Participating Organizations

10 Finalists

52 Volunteer Coaches

1,000 Hours of Volunteer Time
Our Investees

This year, SVP Calgary supported 3 local nonprofits. These organizations have an amazing impact on the lives of the people they serve and we are very proud of their accomplishments.

Autism Aspergers Friendship Society (AAFS)

Social Venture Partners Calgary has had the privilege to work with the Autism Aspergers Friendship Society (AAFS) as one of our Investees from 2010 to 2015. It was with great pride and with some sadness that we saw this organization graduate in June 2015.

SVP provided mentorship and development to AAFS across their organization. SVP also assisted in the development of a comprehensive feasibility study over 18 months that provided direction for all key areas. This document will impact AAFS for many years to come.

AAFS has seen a significant growth of its organization in the past five years (see table below). They have consulted with groups in 3 cities in Alberta on the AAFS philosophy and model and have supported them in starting their own programs.

AAFS has now become one of the leaders not only in the Calgary Autism Community, but the nonprofit community as well. In 2012, AAFS was the runner-up in the first edition of Fast Pitch. In 2013, their Executive Director, Dean Svoboda was recognized as a community leader by being named one of Avenue Magazine’s Top 40 Under 40.

Our relationship with AAFS over the past 5 years has been extremely rewarding and we are so proud to everything that we have accomplished together. We are thrilled that their Executive Director will now be joining SVP as a Partner.

“"We cannot thank SVP enough for their support, partnership and friendship over the past 5 years and look forward to enjoying the relationships we have built for many more. I now look forward to being a Partner at SVP, having seen and felt the impact an SVP Partner can have.

–Dean Svoboda, AAFS Executive Director"

Two Wheel View (TWV)

“The support from SVP has been so much more than just a financial contribution. They wholeheartedly believe in the power of our programs and our people. You can’t ask for a better champion than that.”

–Laura Istead, Marketing and Communications Director

CanLearn Society

“SVP investment meant the world to us; you grant differently than others. Instead of funding for a program or short project, you wrapped around a much larger organizational capacity project, meaning we can go deeper into strategy and vision and launch into a feasibility study for a social enterprise.”

–Krista Poole, CEO
Our Partners

At SVP we believe in taking the potential of every individual, connecting them directly to the people working on the issues they are passionate about and challenging them to make a difference. Become engaged. Make a difference. Transform a life... it may be your own!

Janeen Abougoush  Thiloma Hofer  Jeanne Milne  Carter Siebens
Terri Adair  Dave Hughes  Paul Moore  Ellie Siebens
Tracy Beairsto  Penny Hume  Tyler Murray  Cynthia Stephenson
Carol Byler  Colin Jackson  Spence Nichol  Erin Thrall
David Byler  Peter Johnson  Martha Nystrom  Andrea Wall
Patrick Chiu  Jeff Mackie  Angie Oicle  Kathryn Waslen
Reinier Deurwaarder  Vanessa Mackie  Doug Oicle  Sue Williams Brawn
Lori Farley  Judy MacLachlan  Robert Paxton  Andy Williamson
Trudy Gahlinger  Kate MacLachlan  Erin Poeta  Krystyna Williamson
Brent Gale  Harlene Mann  Jackie Pyke  Maryna Williamson
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Christian Hluchy  Avnish Mehta  Pam Rinehart  Brad Zumwalt
Kathryn Hluchy  Frank Mele  Julianne Rohel  Tanya Zumwalt
Grant Hofer  Colleen McCrea  Brian Rogers

SVP CALGARY IS PART OF A GLOBAL NETWORK

39 cities • 8 countries • 3, 500+ SVP Partners
777 nonprofits supported • $56 M in contribution
2319 organizations participated in other SVP programs