

**Letter from Mike Pittman,  
Executive Committee Chair**

As we close 2011, I reflect on how far we have come in such a few short years. Our chapter was started in 2008 by just a few visionary people along with the ongoing and generous support of the Santa Barbara Foundation. At the end of that year, we had 8 Partner units and now we have 41 Partner units, which translates to 72 people committed to the SVPSB mission.

During this past year, we held three Partner retreats and began investing in Energy and Environment with commitments to Art from Scrap and the Community Environmental Council (CEC). These investments include co-funding with the Santa Barbara Foundation and the Gildea Foundation—a wonderful sign of confidence in our process and judgment. With our existing and ongoing commitments, we now have seven investments with \$336,611 distributed to date and huge volunteer time contributions by a host of our members. The November Investee update revealed how many lives have been changed, how many boards have been strengthened, and the impact and achievements we've made in a relatively short period.

We continue to pursue Partner education opportunities, creating talent resource teams, and a new engagement committee to help Partners connect and plug in. This group will also coordinate another important benefit—connecting with one another on a social basis. We also just entered into a partnership and investment with the Bren School of Environmental Science & Management at UCSB. This will allow us to engage with our premier local university and their bright students.

It has been a busy and productive year. I want to thank all the people who have given so much time in helping our Investees and strengthening our internal organization. While we have much to do and learn, I think we have made incredible progress and we should feel pretty darn good about it!

Kind regards,  
Mike Pittman

**Unleash Partner Potential – Increasing their impact**

SVPSB Partners want to give in a way that makes the greatest impact possible—on them, on nonprofits, on our community. Combining talents and resources, they amplify their giving.



**Growing Our Partnership**



**Unleash Nonprofit Potential – Doing good work better**

SVPSB works with nonprofits to help strengthen them from the inside out. Partners have contributed thousands of hours in many capacity building areas including: Board Development, Executive Leadership, Financial Management, Fund Development, Legal Affairs, Marketing & Communications, and Strategy & Planning.

“So as I taught, so I learned again, about persistence, about resilience, about the power of mission and the strength of commitment. My experience gave me a glimpse of someone reaching their potential.”

– SVP Partner

**From Our Investees**

**Casa Esperanza – The Culinary Institute**

*Engaged people who are unemployed. Trained them. Gave them a hand up, not a handout.*

“SVP came to the table with resources and relationships to make us successful today.”

– Rob Grayson, Development Director

**WillBridge Inc. of Santa Barbara – Expanded Housing**

*Expanded housing project met with opposition. Intervention and partnership. Homes provided for those in need.*

“We know now what we have yet to learn. We’re transitioning to a new level thanks to SVP. We’ve been able to grow our program in a tough economic climate thanks to SVP.”

– Dana Gamble, Board Member

**Mental Health Association in Santa Barbara County – Vision for Future**

*Passion given direction, framework, and training. Vision becomes reality.*

“I feel the most hopeful now for our future.”

– Ann Lippincott, President, Board of Directors

**Channel Islands YMCA Youth & Family Services – Transitional Age Youth Housing**

*Kids transitioning out of foster care with nowhere to go. Developed a plan. Filled the gap with housing and hope.*

“SVPSB challenged us in some ways that gave the board a sense of what we needed to do to be successful.”

– David Morley, Board Member

**Community Environmental Council – Environmental Protection**

*Working to affect system change. We added research and resources to make progress.*

“This example of mission investing can benefit other nonprofits.”

– Megan Birney, Project Manager

**Goleta Valley Housing Committee – Next Steps**

*They faced significant challenges. Together we found solutions and chose new path.*

“Discovered we don’t know what we think we know. Thankfully the SVPSB expertise supplemented and augmented our board.”

– John Peyton, President, Board of Directors

**Art From Scrap – Bigger Vision, Broader Reach**

*They had an idea. We helped them grow. Now they can reach a greater population.*

“The SVP Partners’ talent team helped us in three areas: branding, board development and strategy development.”

– Cay Sanchez, Executive Director



Executive Committee (left to right): Mike Pittman, Chair; Susan Case, Education Committee Chair; Gerry Flake, Investment Committee Chair; Gary Becker, Membership Development & Marketing Chair; Nora McAniff, Treasurer; Peter Brill, Member At-Large; Marybeth Carty, Reinvestment Committee Chair; Laurie Ashton, Chair Emeritus.

**We make connections that make a difference. Transforming individuals, nonprofits, philanthropy and our community.**



# About SVPSB

**S**ocial Venture Partners Santa Barbara (SVPSB) is part of a global network of local Partners connecting passion and purpose—helping individuals realize greater impact with their giving, strengthening nonprofits and enriching the social sector. If improving your community is part of your life’s journey, we’re here to help you realize your mission.

SVPSB was officially chartered in October 2008 with four founding Partners as a chapter of SVP International and is a field of interest fund of the Santa Barbara Foundation. It has since grown to a network of 72 accomplished individuals.

“Working with SVP has been a true collaboration and partnership.”  
*Lynn Karlson, Executive Director,  
 Channel Islands YMCA, Youth & Family Services*



Top row, left to right: Sharyn Johnson & Justine Thompson, Maxine Prisyon & Milton Warshaw, Courtney & Ian Silverberg & Susan Case; 2nd row: Catherine Brozowski & Steve Conner, Bob Vitamante & Joan Young, Gary & Mary Becker, Kim Kotnik & Andrew Vonnegut; 3rd row: Paul & Marianne Gertman & Mark Levine, Suzanne Steed, Alex Ziegler, Claude Case, Gina Ziegler; 4th row: Chris Levine, Elizabeth & Leon Olsen, Jan Campbell & Mitch Kauffman, Karen Brill, Fred Morguelan. (Photos by Fred Morguelan)



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*At Social Venture Partners  
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 all we see is potential.*