Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits Investment in Recovery Update, October 2023

Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits (SVCN) is proud to share updates on progress towards our strategic initiative to develop, test, and deploy technology systems to support the Silicon Valley nonprofit sector. Our vision is to develop a responsive model for a diverse network of support that can help organizations recover in the next several years and emerge thriving. Over the past year, we have been working on developing tools to streamline access to information and resources, facilitate communication, and create networks for mutual assistance across the nonprofit ecosystem.

This past month, we have launched the SVCN Community Slack space.

Slack is a messaging app that can be used in a multitude of ways including: program management, productivity platform with the ability to perform asynchronous work through cross-collaboration across various sectors.

The SVCN Community Slack space is meant to bolster meaningful connection and collaboration and facilitate relationships across nonprofits. By joining the space, organizations will be able to build relationships, seek and share advice and resources, and share opportunities of interest with nonprofit peers in a curated space. We understand that Slack is a new platform for many nonprofits, so we have created a robust handbook for how to use the space and will be regularly holding training opportunities for members to learn how to navigate Slack and ask questions. Currently, the Slack space is open for SVCN’s nonprofit networks and groups that SVCN convenes. As we grow the space, we may offer opportunities for non-members to join in the future.

In addition to the Slack space, we are currently developing a new SVCN website that will include searchable, easy to use databases for key nonprofit needs:

- Resource libraries on our website with easy access to vetted sample policies, templates, and more;
• A business directory where you can find consultants and vendors to support your business needs.

Stay tuned for updates about the website launch by the end 2023!

Feel free to reach out to SVCN’s Learning and Member Engagement Director, Danna Elneil, at dannae@svcn.org if you have any questions about this initiative.

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