SILICON VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION APPOINTS NATIONAL LEADER IN PHILANTHROPY AS CHIEF GIVING OFFICER

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA – Silicon Valley Community Foundation today announces the appointment of Eleanor Clement Glass as chief giving officer with responsibility for the community foundation’s grantmaking, donor engagement, convening, community initiatives, research, and special projects.

“Eleanor is just the sort of visionary leader that we need as we build a community foundation that is a leading voice and catalyst for innovative solutions to the region’s most challenging problems,” said Emmett D. Carson, Ph.D., CEO and president of Silicon Valley Community Foundation. “She brings a wealth of leadership and a national reputation for excellence to her new role as chief giving officer.”

Clement Glass has more than 25 years of nonprofit and foundation experience, including leadership roles with The San Francisco Foundation, David and Lucile Packard Foundation, and The Foundation Incubator. Most recently she served as director of the Philanthropy Incubator, a joint venture of Community Foundation Silicon Valley and the Center for Philanthropy and Indiana University.

“I am honored to be selected to lead the new community foundation’s initiatives, grantmaking, and donor engagement efforts. Community foundations have the ability to bring about significant change in the communities they serve by bringing together philanthropists, leaders and nonprofits to advocate and invest in solutions to pressing issues,” Clement Glass said. “I am looking forward to guiding Silicon Valley Community Foundation’s efforts to make an even bigger impact in this region than the two parent foundations were able to do separately.”

Silicon Valley Community Foundation, created through the merger of two of the Bay Area’s largest community foundations officially opened its doors on January 2, 2007. The new community foundation has more than $1.5 billion in assets under management and more than 1,400 charitable funds. It is expected to provide more than $190 million per year in grants through its charitable funds, supporting organizations, and community endowment fund.

Eleanor Clement Glass, Chief Giving Officer
Eleanor Clement Glass brings a wealth of leadership and 25 years of nonprofit experience to her new role as chief giving officer at the new Silicon Valley Community Foundation. Her responsibilities include providing oversight and guidance to the community foundation’s grantmaking, donor engagement, convening, community initiatives, research, and special projects.
Clement Glass is not new to community foundations. She joined The San Francisco Foundation in 1993 and served as the education program officer and later, director of programs. Her grantmaking supported early childhood, youth development, public school reform, and strengthening families. She led an effort (the Hewlett-Annenberg Challenge) that resulted in a $100 million school reform initiative, the **Bay Area School Reform Collaborative**, that transformed teaching and learning and began to close the achievement gap in 87 Bay Area schools. She also initiated the $5 million Quality Child Care Initiative to increase the quality and availability of child care in eight Bay Area counties.

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation engaged her services as special advisor in philanthropy in its Organizational Effectiveness and Philanthropy department to design a grantmaking portfolio to strengthen California community foundations and emerging donor education programs across the nation. The past five years were devoted to the creation of exciting learning opportunities for individual donors and institutional funders at The Foundation Incubator. She became the director of the Philanthropy Incubator, a joint venture of the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University and Community Foundation Silicon Valley, to bring the TFI model of donor education to the Silicon Valley.

Her expertise in philanthropy has been widely shared with colleagues in philanthropy. She has regularly provided trainings through the Association of Small Foundations, Northern California Grantmakers, Grantmakers for Education, Grantmakers for Children, Youth, and Families and staff development at large foundations such as California Wellness Foundation, David and Lucile Packard Foundation, and W.K.Kellogg Foundation.

Active in the community, Clement Glass currently serves on the boards of Hands On Bay Area and Community Network for Youth Development. She is also on the advisory board of the Foundation Center, and is active in Bay Area Blacks for Philanthropy and Asian American and Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy.

She and her husband have two children, a son who recently graduated in economics from Stanford University and a daughter who is currently earning a degree in early childhood education at Chabot Community College.

**About Silicon Valley Community Foundation**

The merger of Community Foundation Silicon Valley and Peninsula Community Foundation took effect on January 1, 2007, creating Silicon Valley Community Foundation, a catalyst and leader for innovative solutions to the region’s most challenging problems. The new community foundation is among the largest community foundations in the nation, with more than $1.5 billion in assets under management and 1,400 philanthropic funds.

In a region known for innovation in business and technology as well as philanthropy, the new community foundation will address local needs and support Silicon Valley’s charitable giving to causes locally, nationally and around the globe. The integration marks the first merger of equals involving two of the country’s leading community foundations and sets new precedent in the philanthropic sector. The new regional headquarters will open in Mountain View in the summer of 2007.

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