GIFT ANNUITY: NOT A COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT

A gift annuity is a contract between the donor(s) and Silicon Valley Community Foundation, 2440 West El Camino Real, Suite 300, Mountain View, California. In exchange for the donor’s(s’) contribution, SVCF promises to make fixed, guaranteed payments for life to one or two annuitants (usually, but not necessarily, the donor(s)). The act of establishing a gift annuity with Silicon Valley Community Foundation is not, and should not be viewed as an investment. Rather, it is a way to arrange for annuity payments while making a charitable donation.

GIFT ANNUITY RATES

The gift annuity rates we use are those suggested by the American Council on Gift Annuities. These rates have been calculated to provide attractive payments to the annuitant(s) and also to result in a portion of the contribution to remain for SVCF. Because a charitable gift is involved, the rates are generally lower than those available through commercial annuities offered by insurance companies and other financial institutions.

ASSETS BACKING ANNUITY

The annuity payments are a general obligation of SVCF, and are backed by all of our assets (subject to security interests). Please visit us on the web at www.siliconvalleycf.org to find the community foundation's most current complete audited financials and assets under management. If SVCF should ever fail, individuals entitled to receive annuities will qualify as general creditors of SVCF.

ANNUITY INVESTMENT

The funds of your gift annuity will be invested together with other gift annuities which we maintain. As required by the California Department of Insurance, a specified portion of your gift will be invested in a reserve fund. A minimum of 50% of the reserve fund must be invested in fixed-income vehicles. The balance of your gift will be invested in a surplus fund. The funds are exempt from registration under federal laws, pursuant to an exemption for collective investment funds maintained by charitable organizations. This statement is intended to disclose the material terms of the operation of this fund.

GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

SVCF was created in 2006 through the landmark merger of Peninsula Community Foundation and Community Foundation Silicon Valley, and launched in January 2007. Responsibility for governing the organization is vested in a board of directors, selected by nominating committee and elected by majority vote. Investment oversight is provided by the Investment Committee, a sub-committee of the board of directors. Assets received by SVCF for gift annuities are managed by Kaspick & Company, 203 Redwood Shores Parkway, Redwood City, CA 94065-6121 which assesses a 1% annual administrative fee.

For More Information

This disclosure statement is intended to provide basic information regarding the gift annuities issued by SVCF. Please consult your financial advisor and/or counsel to discuss the risks associated with a charitable gift annuity. If you have additional questions concerning the community foundation’s gift annuity program, please send inquiries to donate@siliconvalleycf.org or call 650.450.5444.