Dear Friend,

It is with awe and inspiration that I share this uplifting array of social enterprises, the newest participants in our Global Social Benefit Institute (GSBI®) business accelerator programs, GSBI Accelerator and GSBI Online.

These determined business leaders are providing market-based solutions that address the world’s most pressing problems. We are partnering with Silicon Valley executive mentors to support these social entrepreneurs over the next 6-to-10 months. Together we will accompany them on a path towards sustainable growth and scalability, strengthening and integrating their impact and business models, creating infrastructure and efficiencies for growth, and preparing them to engage with investors.
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These women and men will soon join the ranks of the 300+ Miller Center GSBI Alumni from these two programs, who have advanced to raise $320 million, whose work is positively benefiting 230 million people, and who join our broader network of 600+ alumni.

I invite you to share in my awe and inspiration by learning more about these changemakers who are on the frontlines of innovation and entrepreneurship. They are changing the status quo from the ground up.

**We welcome the 2017 GSBI Accelerator and GSBI Online cohorts!**

**One more thing:** While Miller Center is best known for its GSBI programs, this month we are also proud to announce that our Global Social Benefit Fellowship (GSBF) program has been awarded the prestigious Cordes Innovation Award from Ashoka U. This program simultaneously supports transformative student learning of Santa Clara University students and the scaling of social enterprises worldwide. It's a win-win!

Thank you for reading and all the best to you,

Cassandra Staff  
Chief Operations Officer

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**Events**

**GE healthymagination Mother and Child Program Investor Showcase**

After six months of training and mentoring, the 14 social enterprises selected in the first cohort of the GE healthymagination Mother and Child program will present at our first international Investor Showcase. It will be held on Thursday,
1:30 pm, February 23, 2017 at the annual Sankalp Africa Forum in Nairobi, Kenya. Attendees to the conference are warmly invited to witness these amazing social enterprises that are improving maternal and child health outcomes. Register here!

Save the Date! Research with a Mission GSBF

At the annual Research With a Mission Open House and Expo you will get a chance to meet the 2017 Fellows and Practicum participants, and learn about their action research projects. This year they will be traveling to Africa, India, Mexico, and Southeast Asia. The event will take place on Wednesday, May 24, 2017. University Honors Program seniors will join the action researchers, as well as Roelandts Grant Program recipients and participants in the Frugal Innovation Hub.

Miller Center in the News
Miller Center for Social Entrepreneurship Celebrates its 20th Anniversary

Celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2017, Santa Clara University’s Miller Center for Social Entrepreneurship is a pioneer in social entrepreneurship and impact investing. Founded as the Center for Science, Technology, and Society in 1997, Miller Center melds Silicon Valley’s spirit of innovation with Santa Clara University’s Jesuit ethos to help find sustainable solutions to global poverty. Watch the video now.

Introducing the 2017 GSBI Accelerator Cohort
Learn how 16 social entrepreneurs from countries in Africa, India, Mexico, Pakistan, Thailand, and the United States are addressing poverty. Meet our 2017 cohort!

Announcing 17 GSBI Online Social Enterprises for 2017
Graffiti artists, egg farmers, and soccer players couldn’t possibly have anything in common - could they? When it comes to fighting poverty they can and do. Meet the GSBI Online cohort!
The Global Social Benefit Fellowship program for SCU students won the prestigious Cordes Award. See what the GSBF is about in this short, 3-minute video.

A short video of Pamela Roussos talking about using business as a force for good with other leaders in social entrepreneurship.

Thought Leadership

Redefining "Replication" For Social Enterprises

What’s the best way to replicate successful social enterprises? We believe the place to start is by rethinking our assumptions about what both “success” and “replication” mean with respect to social enterprises.

New CRS Deal Marks First Catholic Church Impact Investment

Global humanitarian organization Catholic Relief Services announced on Monday it will invest in Lafaza, a U.S.-based agriculture company that sells vanilla sourced directly from smallholder farmers in Madagascar. The $500,000 investment marks the first impact investment for CRS — part of the Roman Catholic community in the U.S. — after several years of exploring the issue.
Energy Access India Program Ramping up Fast

If you are an entrepreneur who provides energy access solutions in India or if you invest in such enterprises, now is the time to get involved with the Energy Access India program being executed by Miller Center and New Ventures India thanks to support from USAID. We currently have over 15 enterprises participating in mentoring and investment facilitation and will bring in approximately 10 more enterprises this year. [Link to PDF here](#).