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Dear Philanthropic Leaders,

As the former President of the Gap Foundation & SVP of Global Sustainability at Gap Inc., I've had the privilege of seeing how public-private partnerships can transform communities. The Benicia Community Foundation (BCF) is an exemplary organization that embodies this principle, playing a pivotal role in addressing the needs of Benicia, Vallejo, and the wider Solano County. In a time when resources are limited, and many nonprofits struggle to meet growing demands, BCF acts as a crucial link between donors, businesses, and local organizations to maximize impact and improve the lives of our residents.

One of the most pressing issues in Solano County is the inequitable distribution of philanthropic funding. While neighboring counties in the Bay Area receive substantial philanthropic support, Solano County has often been overlooked, leaving our communities underfunded and underserved. BCF is working diligently to change this dynamic, advocating for more equitable distribution of resources and ensuring that critical funding reaches the local nonprofits that need it most.

BCF's unique ability to regrant funds is a powerful tool in this effort. By regranting resources to other nonprofits, BCF ensures that the funds they receive go further, reaching multiple organizations and addressing a broad spectrum of community needs. Whether it's supporting educational programs, facilitating cultural activities, or providing assistance to vulnerable populations, BCF's work touches many corners of the community.

I have witnessed how public-private partnerships can drive meaningful change in communities. BCF has this approach, working together with local businesses, government entities, and nonprofit organizations to tackle the most pressing issues in our area. By fostering these partnerships, BCF can leverage its resources and expertise to deliver impactful solutions that benefit many.

I strongly urge you to consider the mission to address the inequities in funding that have long affected our region. Your contribution will help ensure that BCF can continue to expand its reach, providing vital resources to the nonprofits that serve Solano County residents and making a lasting impact on the health, well-being, and future of our community.

Thank you for your consideration of this important cause.

Sincerely,



**David Hayer**

