SILICON VALLEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION EARNS COVETED 4-STAR RATING FROM CHARITY NAVIGATOR

SAN JOSE, CA, FEBRUARY 2, 2021 – SILICON VALLEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION’S strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency have earned it a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America’s largest independent charity evaluator. This is the second consecutive time that Silicon Valley Education Foundation has earned this top distinction.

Since 2002, using objective analysis, Charity Navigator has awarded only the most fiscally responsible organizations a 4-star rating. In 2011, Charity Navigator added 17 metrics, focused on governance and ethical practices as well as measures of openness, to its ratings methodology. These Accountability & Transparency metrics, which account for 50 percent of a charity’s overall rating, reveal which charities operate in accordance with industry best practices and whether they are open with their donors and stakeholders. On June 1, 2016, we upgraded our methodology for rating each charity’s financial health with CN 2.1. These enhancements further substantiates the financial health of our four star charities.

“Silicon Valley Education Foundation’s exceptional 4-star rating sets it apart from its peers and demonstrates its trustworthiness to the public,” according to Michael Thatcher, President & CEO of Charity Navigator. “Only a quarter of charities rated by Charity Navigator receive the distinction of our 4-star rating. This adds Silicon Valley Education Foundation to a preeminent group of charities working to overcome our world’s most pressing challenges. Based on its 4-star rating, people can trust that their donations are going to a financially responsible and ethical charity when they decide to support Silicon Valley Education Foundation”

“It’s important our partners and donors trust that we’re using resources wisely to advocate and deliver STEM education that inspires underserved students to college and careers,” said Silicon Valley Education Foundation, Lisa Andrew CEO. “Our 4-star Charity Navigator rating demonstrates to our supporters our good governance and financial accountability.”

Silicon Valley Education Foundation rating and other information about charitable giving are
Available free of charge on [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org). More-detailed information about *Silicon Valley Education Foundation* rating is available to Charity Navigator site visitors who become registered users, another free service.

**About Charity Navigator**

Charity Navigator, [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org), is the largest charity evaluator in America and its website attracts more visitors than all other charity rating groups combined. The organization helps guide intelligent giving by evaluating the Financial Health and Accountability & Transparency of more than 8,000 charities. Charity Navigator accepts no advertising or donations from the organizations it evaluates, ensuring unbiased evaluations, nor does it charge the public for this trusted data. As a result, Charity Navigator, a 501 (c) (3) public charity itself, depends on support from individuals, corporations and foundations that believe it provides a much-needed service to America's charitable givers. Charity Navigator, can be reached directly by telephone at (201) 818-1288, or by mail at 139 Harristown Road, Suite 101, Glen Rock, N.J., 07452.

**About SVEF**

*Silicon Valley Education Foundation (SVEF)* serves students farthest from access and opportunity to deliver and advocate for STEM education that inspires students to succeed in college and careers. As the largest educational nonprofit in Silicon Valley, SVEF has a legacy of providing proven STEM programs, leading the way as an education innovator, and being profoundly committed to empowering students to graduate high school career and college ready. SVEF's vision is that every student becomes a successful and productive adult. For more information, visit [svefoundation.org](http://svefoundation.org)