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## **Suzanne Biegel and Lance Fors Join Growth Philanthropy Network's Board of Directors**

Growth Philanthropy Network (GPN) is pleased to announce that Suzanne Biegel and Lance Fors have joined its Board of Directors. Collectively, Ms. Biegel and Mr. Fors bring to GPN more than 50 years of experience as entrepreneurs, visionaries, philanthropists, investors, and hands-on operational managers.

“GPN has played a critical leadership role in moving the field of scaling social impact forward, and I am delighted to have the opportunity to work more closely with them,” Ms. Biegel said. “I believe that GPN has uniquely positioned itself to successfully address the challenges of social capital market development and related capital formation in a broad-based, collaborative and consistent manner – activities that are essential to achieving shared social goals.”

Biegel is CEO of Catalyst at Large Consulting. Most recently she completed a term as Acting CEO of Investors' Circle, the oldest and largest early-stage impact investing circle in the U.S. In the 1990s, Biegel was the CEO of IEC, an e-learning and communications firm, during which she received the Entrepreneur of the Year and Woman of the Year award. Since selling IEC, Biegel has been an active angel investor, philanthropist, and board member, has played leadership roles in a variety of companies and projects and is an active member of Women Donors Network and Social Venture Network. She holds board positions on several nonprofit and for-profit ventures including the newly formed Confluence Philanthropy. She is a founding member and on the Investment Committee of the Patient Capital Collaborative, a US-based early-stage social impact investment fund. Biegel is also a Catto Fellow at the Aspen Institute and is a frequent emcee, speaker, and moderator on social impact investment.

Lance Fors' focus is on venture philanthropy and social entrepreneurship. He serves as a coach and mentor to promising social entrepreneurs, and is currently board chair of Silicon Valley Social Venture Fund (SV2), the New Teacher Center, and Reading Partners – and chair-elect of the International Association of Social Venture Partnerships. He is a director of Jumpstart and the Silicon Valley Children's Fund, and a court appointed special advocate for two foster youth. Fors is also a leading provider of special needs housing, lead director and co-owner of Lance Construction Supplies, an inventor of dozens of patents, and recipient of an Ernst and Young entrepreneur of the year award. After receiving his PhD in molecular biology, Fors

founded and built Third Wave Technologies into a leading biotechnology company, which he sold to a Fortune 500 healthcare company in 2008.

“A few years ago GPN had the vision that it was time to create an ecosystem of funders – foundations, individuals, corporations and government – interested in scaling the impact of organizations in the social sector,” Mr. Fors said. Since then the Exchange has become the primary forum for both national and regional engagement in scaling efforts. I look forward to playing an increasing role in this very important work.”

In speaking about the two new board members, S. Robert Levine, MD, Chairman and co-founder of GPN, said “Suzanne and Lance’s breadth of knowledge and experience in philanthropy and social investing, as well as their unbounded energy, will contribute greatly to GPN’s Board effectiveness. They are true visionaries and great supporters of GPN’s efforts to build a capital marketplace that can consistently finance the growth of our most promising social solutions — so that eventually billions of dollars are generated in support of effective, evidence-based initiatives. We are very fortunate to have them join our Board.”

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#### ***About Growth Philanthropy Network***

*Growth Philanthropy Network* was founded in 2005 to improve the lives of millions of people and transform society through the scaling of successful social solutions and nonprofit organizations. For GPN, significant and enduring impact lies in bringing those solutions to scale to effect broad, sustainable social change.

#### ***About the Social Impact Exchange***

GPN’s signature initiative, the Social Impact Exchange, is a cross-sector membership association for sharing knowledge and increasing investment in scaling effective social programs and solutions. The Exchange is dedicated to building a growth-capital marketplace in which foundations, private donors and others can make well-researched investments to help scale evidence-based, high-performing nonprofits and initiatives.