

EF Connections

BRINGING BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER

From the President



Steve Scheier Takes the Helm at EF

On March 11, the Entrepreneurs Foundation (EF) welcomed its new president, Steve Scheier. His responsibilities include leading the organization and directing its efforts to expand outreach, membership and company participation. Scheier brings nearly 25 years of leadership experience in the technical, marketing and public policy arenas to his new role. [Full story](#)

VC Viewpoint



Venture Capital Partner Flexes Charitable Muscles

Don Wood, general partner of Vanguard Ventures, compares community involvement to building muscle-memory in a sport. "Once you're used to volunteering, it becomes easier and more natural the next time – like training in a sport," he explained. "It can also be habit-forming." Wood has a history of flexing his charitable muscles – in both his professional and personal lives. [Full story](#)

Caring for Our Communities



EF Helps Companies Implement "Volunteer Time Off" Policies

Volunteering is an important way for companies and individuals to take responsibility and make a difference. Learn how many EF companies have expanded their community commitment and increased employee morale by allowing employees to volunteer individually on company time – a best practice called "volunteer time off" or "VTO." [Full story](#)

Meet a Member



SkyStream Networks

SkyStream Networks, the leading developer of networking solutions for digital media delivery, was among the first companies to join the Entrepreneurs Foundation (EF). EF recently spoke with SkyStream President and Chief Executive Officer Jim Olson, who joined the company in 1997, about the benefits of community involvement. [Full story](#)

Community Involvement Opportunities

Upcoming Environmental Projects

Earth Day is coming up on April 22 – making it a great time to consider volunteering to help the environment. EF has compiled a list of nonprofits offering opportunities and resources for planning environmental projects throughout the Bay Area. [Full story and links](#)

San Francisco

Sierra Club San Francisco Bay Chapter Office

<http://sanfranciscobay.sierraclub.org/>

Golden Gate National Parks Association

(415) 561-3034, ext. 3437 for a calendar of events

San Mateo/Peninsula

Hidden Villa

<http://www.hiddenvilla.org/Assets/welcome.htm>

Mid Peninsula Open Space Region District

<http://www.openspace.org/index.html>

Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter Office

<http://lomaprieta.sierraclub.org/>

Santa Clara

Acterra

<http://www.acterra.org/>

Save the Bay

<http://www.savesfbay.org/cbrmain.html>

Santa Clara County Parks

<http://www.parkhere.org/index.html>

Bay Area Wide

Greenbelt Alliance

<http://www.greenbelt.org/>

California State Parks

<http://cal-parks.ca.gov/default.asp>

Nonprofit Spotlight



Join The Human Race on May 11

If you'd like to help the community while getting some exercise, the Entrepreneurs Foundation (EF) has the perfect opportunity for you. Join The Human Race on Saturday, May 11. The Human Race includes two events featuring 5K and 10K walk/runs to benefit Bay Area nonprofit organizations – in San Mateo and San Jose. [Full story and links](#)



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