

# RESILIENCE

COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT 2020 / 2021



### A MESSAGE FROM BOARD CHAIR

We're emerging, only now, from one of the most difficult 18 months in generations. The COVID pandemic disrupted every aspect of life everywhere on earth. Confusion, anxiety and fear of the unknown became bywords of the time. Leadership at any given moment can be notoriously difficult. To lead in the COVID era has been challenging almost beyond imagination.

In the face of such uncertainty, Senior Fellows in the ALFSV network stepped up and showed up again and again to demonstrate clarity, courage and resilience. I'm proud, therefore, that the ALFSV leadership team has chosen "resilience" as the theme of this year's Impact Report. Our purpose here is to shine a light on the way so many ALFSV Senior Fellows, and the organization itself, met the onslaught of COVID in 2020 with mindfulness, empathy and an abiding, ongoing openness to change.

The ALF way was evident close to home in the resilience of the ALFSV staff. For the first time in our history, members of a Fellows class were limited to meeting remotely with CEO Suzanne St. John-Crane and our facilitators. Together, they dealt with Zoom's limitations to bond, learn and persevere as a cohort of motivated leaders. It was a major adjustment in the best ALF tradition.

This report also details the many ways in which the entire ALFSV network of Senior Fellows engaged with our new curriculum, live events and special programming during quarantine. Much of this happened as we stepped up our focus on diversity, equity and inclusion as a critical element of leadership.

Finally, we continued to expand and strengthen the ALFSV board even through the lockdown. The additions of Shelly Kapoor Collins, David Epps, Tom Giles and Hsing Kung extended the board's representation in both the private and public sectors and enlarged the board to 18 members. Our ultimate goal is a board of 21 directors by the end of 2021.

On behalf of the board, I would like to express profound gratitude for the many ways in which our Senior Fellows and Fellows made an impact in this anxious time. Your work represented the ALF way in the best possible sense, as this annual report reflects. Many, many thanks to you all, and best wishes for our collective recovery and renewal in the next 12 months.

Yours sincerely,

John Hollar Chair, ALFSV Board of Directors Class XXIV



### A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Well. It's been a year.

I was taking a power walk with my fellow vaccinated friend and ALF classmate Jennifer Loving (Class XXV) in April 2021. We were reflecting back on all that we had experienced in the last twelve months. "Remember the telethon we did to raise rent money for Silicon Valley Strong on NBC last year?" Wow. I had forgotten about that. Dozens of ALFers jumped in with both feet to respond to the crisis we knew was upon us and we knew would be exacerbated as each month of shelter in place passed by.

Take a minute to think about how quickly we've all evolved and adapted this year. Remember not knowing where the video filter function was on zoom? And now you could probably teach a class in it. Remember navigating the logistics and emotions of cancelled vacations, or even worse – weddings? Remember comforting kids whose many milestones passed by unrealized – from cancelled proms to graduation ceremonies? And then there are those of us who lost businesses, precious time and worse yet – loved ones.

This year of extreme disruption, loss and grieving; of scrambling for new strategies and solutions and leading while holding so many unknowns - has simultaneously brought so much pain and so many gifts. All along, I've witnessed our network step up to the challenge and weather multiple storms with curiosity, courage and conviction.

Five years ago, ALF had an occasional convening of Senior Fellows. This type of activity was not core to our mission. Two years ago, we held 94 convenings of network members via Affinity Groups and an occasional keynote speaker. In 2020-21, ALF organized and or facilitated 294 network dialogues, class reunions, speaker series and Affinity Group gatherings. Perhaps one thing has come into even clearer view through the multiple crises we've endured: We really need each other to process and problem solve.

Our colleague and friend Bob Johansen, Senior Fellow from the Institute for the Future shared the following in his ten year forecast: We must get comfortable with uncertainty. And we must have absolute clarity.

As we navigate recovery out of the pandemic and reimagine daily life, are we clear on our purpose as leaders, on the consequences of our decisions upon the community, and how we walk through uncertainty? Are we clear on our values and contributions to the community ecosystem? Will we let love, courage and empathy lead the way?

I'm so grateful to learn and walk with you on this journey.

Onward,

#### Suzanne St. John-Crane

Chief Executive Officer Class XXV / Urbanism XXXIV



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### FELLOWS PROGRAM

The discussion of how to drive unity in a divided world could not have come at a better time.

> –Michelle Vonderhaar Class XXXIX

ALF continues to work with twenty-three "Covid Class" XXXIX Fellows, extending their journey through September of 2021 in order to offer them more in person time and a wilderness trip in August. In March of 2021, twenty-three Class XLI Fellows began their ALF journey. The Fellows program continues to incorporate new faculty and curriculum that thread leadership and equity, mindfulness and design thinking for social impact in the Fellows experience.

#### **Fellows Program Facilitators**



LAURA WEAVER ALF LEAD FACILITATOR



**RICK WILLIAMS** ALF CO-FACILITATOR



Excellent program and a much-needed morale boost to keep going during these challenging times.

> –Miguel Marquez Class XXXIX



#### Class XXXIX 2020-2021

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#### **Fellows Collaborations**



Class XXXVII Reported Collaborations



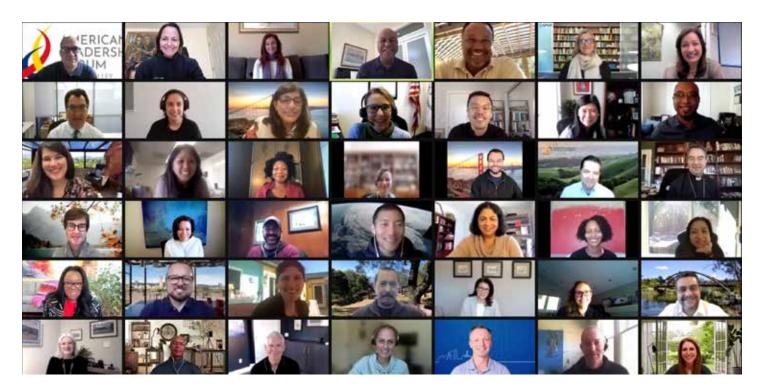
Class XXXIX Reported Collaborations

#### Class XLI 2021-2022

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Loved the verbal sharing and drumming. Loved that we did not talk a whole bunch about our daily jobs. It was great to just let loose and feel free.

> -Vernon Medicine Cloud Class XXXIX



### SENIOR FELLOW NETWORK

Since SIP began, we have been using each other as resources. I really value being able to be a resource to others and to have you all as resources, too.

-ALF Senior Fellow

#### **The Pandemic & The Senior Fellow Network**

ALF joined with the Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits to coordinate the distribution of life-saving personal protective equipment (PPE) and other supplies to front-line nonprofits. ALF also engaged our network and partnered with businesses and community groups to acquire urgently needed supplies in the first few months of the pandemic when sanitizer and masks were scarce, and food distribution, shelters, and other essential services were lifelines for the most vulnerable community members.

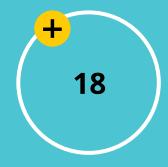
ALF provided leadership to initiate and produce the NBC Telethon for Silicon Valley Strong in April 2020 that raised \$277K from 850 donors. Nearly 50 nonprofit leaders, many of them Senior Fellows, contributed to the content of the telethon.

Over the last year, ALF has held many social and continued learning gatherings that have evolved our thinking, personal growth, decision making and connectivity for the common good.



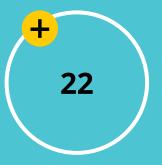
#### PARTICIPANTS ACROSS 10 MAJOR EVENTS

Including We The People and Truth, Love, and Reconciliation event series, and ALF National collaborations.



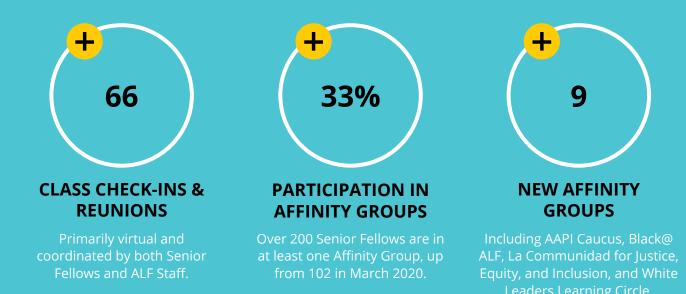
#### SENIOR FELLOW DIALOGUE EVENTS

With over 400 attendees at dialogue events including Education Equity, Making Schools More Human, and StopAAPIHate.



#### CEO DIEL COHORT MEETINGS

With a total of 33 members focused on Relationships, Allyship, Advocacy, and Institutional Change.



#### 2020-2023 Strategic Plan

In May of 2020, despite and partly due to the pandemic, ALF launched an ambitious three-year strategic plan with four key pillars. We have met or exceeded nearly all of our targets this first year, thanks to the resilience and commitment of the entire ALF team and board.



OFFER A BEST IN CLASS REGIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM



CONTINUE TO ADD VALUE TO THE SENIOR FELLOW EXPERIENCE



BECOME GO-TO ORGANIZATION FOR FACILITATING DIFFICULT COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS



STRENGTHEN AND SCALE THE ALF MOVEMENT

#### **Affinty Group Impact Summaries**

Affinity groups meet regularly across diverse topic areas with various levels of depth and impact. ALF is able to provide for cross sector, dynamic, and authentic containers that do not exist in the lives of these leaders. Through this work, the groups are peeling back the layers, through dialogue, about what equity means, in the context of their work. In addition, they are driven by the desire to create a place where the people of this community are able to thrive.

#### **ARTS & CULTURE LEADERS**

Arts & Culture Senior Fellows were appointed to the Silicon Valley Recovery Roundtable, Greater Downtown Economic Recovery Task Force, and Silicon Valley Community Foundation Advisory Board.

This was based on the initiative and leadership the Arts & Culture Leaders Affinity Group demonstrated with city, county, and foundation leaders. For example, the group initiated the Greater Downtown Economic Recovery Task Force through meetings with Councilmember Raul Peralez. Senior Fellows leaders co-chaired the Task Force and subcommittees.

Through meetings with Supervisor Chavez and County staff leaders, group members provided vital input and partnership in initiatives such as community education regarding COVID-19.



#### **SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE**

The Sustainability Network continues to align the critical players around sustainability work in specific calls to action, such as the publication of a series of articles published in the ALFSV newsletter.

#### **RE-IMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY**

Senior Fellows in the Re-Imagining Public Safety & Justice Systems Learning Community group have participated in dialogues that have focused on a range of topics from what true public safety means, re-imagining the role of police, alternative crisis response, police oversight, bail and sentencing reform, and women's incarceration experiences.

We are the custodians of culture. We need to work together to speak up and show up for racial justice and cultural equity.

-ALF Arts & Culture Leader

#### **FAITH LEADERS**

ALF Faith Leaders were instrumental in supporting two workshops on Racial Justice with Dr. Kendi and Eric Ward. Other events include community dialogs on affordable housing.

Moving forward, members expressed interest in establishing a process of healing reflective of the South African Truth and Reconciliation model of social and political healing.

Members from the ALF Faith Leaders Cohort also attend PACT and Silicon Valley Rising's efforts of addressing rapid rehousing and keeping unstably housed persons in their homes.

#### **Affinty Group Impact Summaries**

#### **CEO DIEL COHORTS**

The CEO Diversity, Inclusion, Equity, and Liberation cohorts continue to provide a space for personal development and refinement of organizational thinking on race equity and the impact of white supremacy culture on our systems and structures.



#### **FOUNDATION LEADERS**

Continuing in their focus on race equity in our work around the COVID-19 recovery, the Silicon Valley Foundation Leaders Convening created a pledge for race equity and immigration.

#### **RACIAL AFFINITY GROUPS**

Racial caucuses provide opportunities for those who share a common identity to meet separately to gather, connect, and learn. Senior Fellows and Fellows have come together this past year to build relationships, support each other's leadership, and explore how they can collectively address issues of concern to them and their communities.

AAPI Caucus: Providing leadership to inform others in the ALF network about AAPI issues and priorities.

Black @ALF: Building relationships and community for healing and collective power.

La Comunidad for Justice, Equity & Inclusion: Working for impact to address racial/social justice and build Latino/a/x leadership and community power.

White Leader Learning Circle: Providing a space for white leaders to be in dialogue about the impact of white privilege through current systematic and structural racism.

Across these issues and groups, the goal is to develop relationships, build leadership and community power, and impact racial and social justice.

#### **LIFE'S WORK TRANSITIONS**

Founded by Naomi Fine (Class XX) and Meri Maben (Class XXIV), the Life's Work Transitions Affinity Group for Senior Fellows meet monthly to discuss, in an intimate setting, contemplated or previous work transitions (e.g., from one full-time position to another, from full-time to part-time, or into retirement), and the implications on one's personal life.

The outcome for some is a decision about a career change or change in personal relationships, health choices, relocation, or other life-impacting opportunities. For others, it is not a specific outcome, but the journey itself, a process of exploration of the myriad of choices life presents, a clarification of options considered within a supportive environment guided by ALF principles.

We are motivated by our passion and pain points and working to get beyond words to support Black leaders and the Black community.

### **ALF INSIGHTS**

ALF Insights and alfinsights.org were launched formally in 2020 to bring form and intention to the critical facilitation work that ALFSV has been offering in the community for the last several years. As a part of the launch, ALF Insights has recruited a diverse group of faculty with a wealth of experience in community, nonprofit, government, and corporate facilitation.

ALF Insights secured \$100K in contract dollars in its first year with plans to scale and increase its offerings in 2021 and beyond.

ALF Insights centers in this work a lens of race equity through an analysis of power and education on root causes. We work intentionally with an organization to grasp where they are at in their understanding of race and equity. This work happens through the use of dialogue coupled with various readings, teachings, and exercises. The intent is for each person to comprehend first at a personal level and then at an institutional level what is meant by diversity, inclusion, equity, liberation, and justice.

The work of emerging and building spaces for high-quality dialogue within an organization is not a linear process but a cyclical one.

ONGOING ,



**JENNY NIKLAUS** CHIEF IMPACT OFFICER



A vital cornerstone of this work is the building of relationships and the creation of authentic dialogue and risk taking. The work here is to create a container that is "stretchy" enough to handle productive tension and discord.

> ALF Insights works with the organization to develop knowledge and understanding of team culture, practices for effective dialogue, processes for managing and leveraging tension and the creation of impact.

ALF Insights assists the organization in thinking together about how the wisdom gained and the relationships built can be leveraged into new structures, processes and systems for the organization.

ALF Insights works with the organization to create a process of accountability at the staff, board and partner level in order to ensure fidelity to new structures.

ALF Insights works with the

organization to establish a

development. Maintenance of generative teams is on-going and

emergent work. It is critical to have structures in place and natural leaders identified so that the organization can evaluate,

learn and iterate as needed.

structure of on-going learning and

DEEPENING

## DONOR RECOGNITION

#### Leadership Circle 50,000k+

Becky Morgan Class VI Randy Pond Class XVII Lisa Sonsini Class XIV / Education XXVI

#### Network Builders 10k-24,999k

Greg Avis Class XI Ned Barnholt Class IX Ann DeBusk Founder Sandy Chau Class XIX Neal Dempsey Class XIX Charles Geschke Class X Nancy Handel Class XI Dotty Hayes Class XIX John Hollar Class XXIV Karen and Greg King Class XXXIII & Class XXIV Hsing Kung and Rose Tseng Class XIII & Class III Carol Larson Class XV Judy and George Marcus Class XI & Class III Anita Nunes Class XXXV Laurie and Greg Papadopoulos Class XXIX & Class XX C.S. Park Class XVIII Heather Rangel Class XXXIII Kim Rivera Class XXXIII Efren Rosas Class XXXV Rich Slavin Class XIX Steve Smith Class XIV Charmaine Warmenhoven Class XVIII Barry Williams and Lalita Tademy Class XX & Class VII

#### 5k Club

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Karen Rudolph Class XVII Chester Wang Class VI David Yarnold Class XII

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\$339k Tuition

**\$775k** Annual Campaign

**Funding Sources** 

\$210k Sponsorships

\$100k Fees for Service

#### **Sustainability Circle Monthly**

Carl Agers Class XXXV Marie Bernard Class XXXI Steve Borkenhagen Class XXXI Gabriel Buigas Class XXI Dana Bunnett Class XXVIII Tanis Crosby Class XXVIII Mary Dent Class XXV Barbara Goldstein Urban XXXVIII Raul Gorospe Class XXXV Wendy Ho Urban XL Drew Johnson Class XXXIII Teri Killgore Urban XXXVI Pete Kutras Class XIX Connie Martinez Class X Pat Mitchell Class XIX Joe Natoli Class XIV Jenny Niklaus Class XXIV Arlene Noodleman Class XXVII David Quincy Class XXIII Porcia Silverberg Class XXIII Wisa Uemura Class XXXI Gatherine Valentine Class XXXII Jean-Marie White Urban XXXVI Stephen Wright Class XIX Erica Yew Class XV

#### Foundation & Organization Donors

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#### **Spending Allocation**

**\$705k** Senior Fellow Engagement

\$320k Fellows Program

\$190k Fund Development

\$180k Management & General

### DIEL REPORT

In 2021, ALF published its DEI Journey, cataloging the milestones, learnings and commitments our organization made over the last five years. The report was shared with the entire network and included a challenge for Senior Fellows and community leaders:

ALF invites all of us to consider what kind of a world we want to leave our children and grandchildren; to walk into conversations on racism, our country's untold history, and DEI with curiosity, empathy, and with eyes and hearts wide open; to be a part of realizing the unrealized – life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all.

Over 200 ALF Senior Fellows and community leaders have helped shape the transformational DEI journey at ALF since 2016. We are grateful for their time, courage, and curiosity.

#### **ALF's DEI Vision Statement**



ALF recognizes that the social contract with communities of color has never been fulfilled. As an organization that is a "leader of leaders," we commit to challenging ourselves, our network and our community to do the ongoing hard work of recognizing power dynamics and structures, blind spots and biases that perpetuate systemic racism and inequities. Using ALF strategies and leveraging the power of the ALF network, we will work to remedy the impact within our own organization, throughout the programs we offer and in communities we serve. In doing so, we move towards our ultimate outcome of creating a more equitable and thriving Silicon Valley – for all.

### **ALF NATIONAL**

#### **ALF National New Look, New Connections, New Strategy**

ALF Silicon Valley **CEO Suzanne St. John-Crane** was elected to her second term as ALF National Board Chairperson. Under her leadership, the organization underwent a rebranding process whereby eight active ALF chapters shepherded the process of creating a tagline and logo.

### CONNECT. INSPIRE. TRANSFORM.



The intertwining shapes of the icon represent leaders bringing diverse thoughts and perspectives together to create impact. The flame represents the wilderness campfire experience that all ALF Fellows share at the beginning of their journey. It stands for light and inspiration, transformation and action.

The pandemic and quick pivot to Zoom technology for meetings allowed Chapter Executives to connect weekly, sharing curriculum and best practices. For the first time in its history, ALF National, in partnership with ALF Silicon Valley, produced three network-wide convenings on Zoom:

#### Winners Take All: A Dialogue w/Anand Giridharadas June 2020

#### Race, Religion & Recovery October 2020

#### Decolonizing Wealth: Indigenous Wisdom to Heal Divides and Restore Balance w/Edgar Villanueva November 2020

ALF National began building an Advisory Council and is proud to announce its inaugural member, ALF Founder Joseph Jaworski. The Advisory Council will be a part of championing ALF's national strategy of connecting across chapters and deepening our impact.

#### **Senior Fellow Commitments**

Take the call & make the call. Use the network. Dialogue First. Suspend judgment, be curious, be open, listen. Educate, Innovate, Donate. Be a part of systems change.



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