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You may not know it yet, ***|IF:FNAME|**|FNAME|*,*|ELSE:|***
Friend,*|END:IF|* **but we love a good match!**

Naturally, we were thrilled when community leaders Connie Matsui and Bill Beckman issued a **\$30,000 challenge match** to ensure Mission Driven Finance can reach and support the bold leaders driving change across San Diego.

Thanks to generous community members like you, \$24,300 has been committed to-date--leaving only \$5,700 left to match! So we have just one question for you:

Will you join us in matching Connie & Bill?

Your donation to the MDF Impact Fund at the Jewish Community Foundation of San Diego will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$30,000. No gift is too small to help build this movement.



For each new commitment to the MDF Impact Fund, we'll share a photo of our team in improbably matching outfits on Instagram in thanks for your support!

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First portfolio exit: Thrive Public Schools

Thrive, an award-winning group of free public charter schools in the City Heights neighborhood, has grown rapidly. In just four years, their enrollment has swelled to 650 with nearly 1,000 students expected this fall! Thrive gets tuition reimbursed by the State of California--but at the end of the school year, making cash flow tough. Add in the construction of a new campus in Linda Vista, and they needed help bridging tuition payments to maintain personalized learning experiences.

At the end of the school year, Thrive got reimbursed by the state and repaid their loan from Mission Driven Finance. We look forward to celebrating the opening of their new campus on Friday!

[Read a great profile on Thrive.](#)



We're hiring a Community Communications Coordinator

You, our community, are the critical ingredient in community-connected capital, and we want to talk with you more! If you know someone eager to grow their marketing experience in a fun, fast-paced team, [please share the opportunity with them](#). We encourage individuals with non-linear, non-traditional backgrounds to apply.



I will be back at [SOCAP](#) this year, and our co-founder & CEO David is likely to come too. [Drop me a note](#) if you want to catch up in person!



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