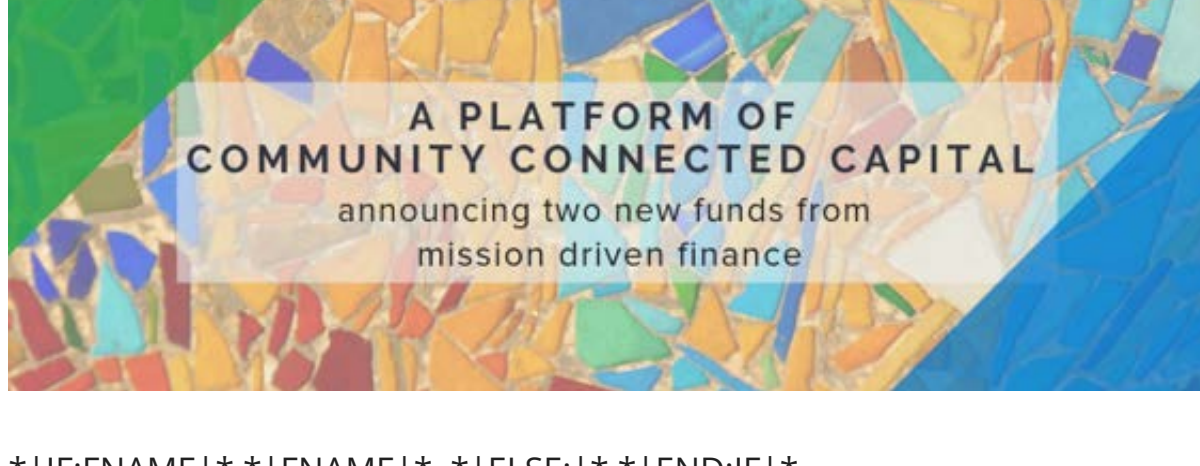




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You know it. We know it. **There's no single solution to economic opportunity.**

We are dedicated as ever to **Advance**, our first fund that makes capital available to tenacious small businesses and nonprofits committed to local economic opportunity.

But we know there are other capital gaps keeping good organizations from making greater impact.

That's why we're excited to add two new high-impact funds to our platform: the **Homebuilding Investment Fund** and a fund to invest in **Opportunity Zones**.

*Mission Driven Finance funds are available only to accredited and charitable investors at this time.*



### Homebuilding Investment Fund

This dedicated \$2MM fund allows **San Diego Habitat for Humanity** to acquire and build new home sites more quickly. Their proven model **empowers low-income and military families** with the long-term stability only homeownership can provide.

To learn more, contact [heather@missiondrivenfinance.com](mailto:heather@missiondrivenfinance.com)



### Opportunity Fund: Inclusive Economic Growth

The Opportunity Fund takes a **community-first approach to economic growth** in Opportunity Zones. We plan to invest in existing businesses and affordable commercial space to drive inclusive development that is sensitive to the needs of local neighborhoods.

[Read more](#) of what we're thinking about Opportunity Zones

## Portfolio Spotlight



### Friends of Willow Tree

Mission Driven Finance gave Willow Tree a **bridge loan** to provide their **diverse student body in North San Diego County** with Waldorf-inspired education programs. Their hands-on courses instill an early love of learning.

[Learn more about our work with Friends of Willow Tree.](#)



### Somali Family Service

We provided **culturally sensitive bridge funding** to Somali Family Service to train refugee and immigrant entrepreneurs. Their program empowers New Americans to **integrate with dignity and thrive here in San Diego**.

[Read more](#) on how we structured this in accordance with Islamic financing principles.



### #MDFmatches

With your generosity, we surpassed our initial goal and raised **over \$60,000 for hands-on borrower support**.

Thanks again to [Connie Matsui](#) & Bill Beckman for the challenge match, and to everyone who donated so far!

We also promised [pictures of our team matching](#) to celebrate.

**You can still donate to support San Diego borrowers**

## It's official. We're a B Corp!

After undergoing **rigorous evaluations** of our operations, we're a proudly certified B Corporation.

This certification validates our commitment to use **business to solve social and environmental problems** with transparency and accountability.

We're excited to add our voice to the growing movement of more than 2,000 **Certified B Corporations** that embrace business as a force for good.



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## Meet the Team

Our team has grown from three to eight in a few short months! Get to know who's working behind the scenes to make the magic happen.



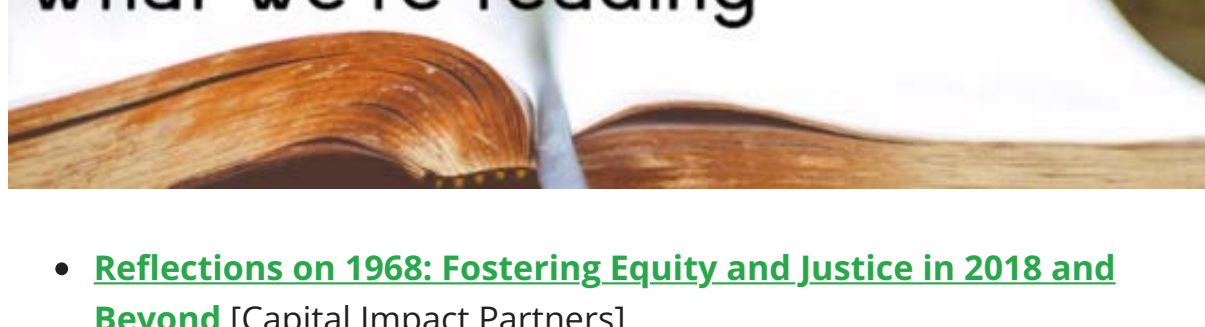
### Carrie Stokes Holst, MPA

*Readiness Services Manager*

Carrie is our very first employee and the driving force behind our **B Corp certification**. She is a native of Winston-Salem, NC and earned her Masters in Public Administration at the University of Washington. Carrie is a big fan of mustard--the color *and* the condiment--and can tell you many benefits of **transit-oriented development**.

As our Readiness Services Manager, she is on the **front lines working with borrowers**. If you or someone you know is interested in impact-based financing, reach out to her at [carrie@missiondrivenfinance.com](mailto:carrie@missiondrivenfinance.com).

## What we're reading



- [Reflections on 1968: Fostering Equity and Justice in 2018 and Beyond](#) [Capital Impact Partners]
- [To Make Your Org More Inclusive, Start With Data](#) [B Lab]
- [Omidyar Network pushes investors 'Beyond Tradeoffs' to scale capital for impact](#) [ImpactAlpha]
- [Measuring Community Needs, Capital Flows, and Capital Gaps](#) [Urban Institute]
- [Why we need to invest in transformative placemaking](#) [Brookings]
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