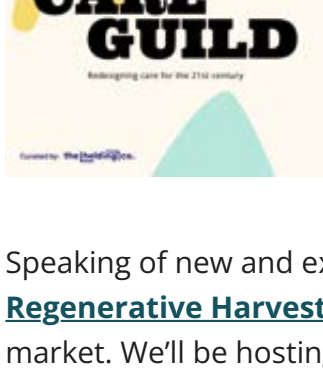


Community Updates



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We're exhilarated to be growing in many dimensions: new team members, new investments and partnerships, and new recognition.



This month, The Holding Co.—incubated by Pivotal Ventures, a Melinda French Gates Company—included Mission Driven Finance and the [Care Access Real Estate \(CARE\) investment trust](#) in [their #CareGuild list](#) of 25 innovators redesigning financial caregiving: the embedded finance of our care economy.

Learn more about the recognition [here](#).

Speaking of new and exciting approaches to longstanding challenges, we launched the [Regenerative Harvest Portfolio](#) of working capital to bridge gaps from harvest to market. We'll be hosting an information session for prospective borrowers on

Thursday, May 5. [Register here](#) and feel free to share 🍌

👉 JOIN THE REGENERATIVE HARVEST INFO SESSION

I can't wait to see what other good trouble we can get up to with our FIVE new teammates who started this month. These individuals have years of experience in client services, real estate, accounting, and solutions to “unstick” capital.

Give a warm welcome to the [newest MDF team members](#) joining from all over the country:

- **Arai Buendia**, Client Operations Associate, San Francisco, CA
- **India Clark**, Director of Real Estate, Greenville, SC
- **Angeli Diamante-Burns**, Sr. Client Operations Associate, Stamford, CT
- **Ronnie Hughes, Jr.**, Staff Accountant, N. Little Rock, AR
- **Kenny Shelton**, Director of Custom Solutions, Seattle, WA

Meet the newest #PeopleofMDF here and if you know people who should/could be part of our team, please forward this message to them!

Be well and take care of one another,

Lauren

Lauren Grattan
Co-founder & Chief Community Officer

Welcome New Portfolio Companies



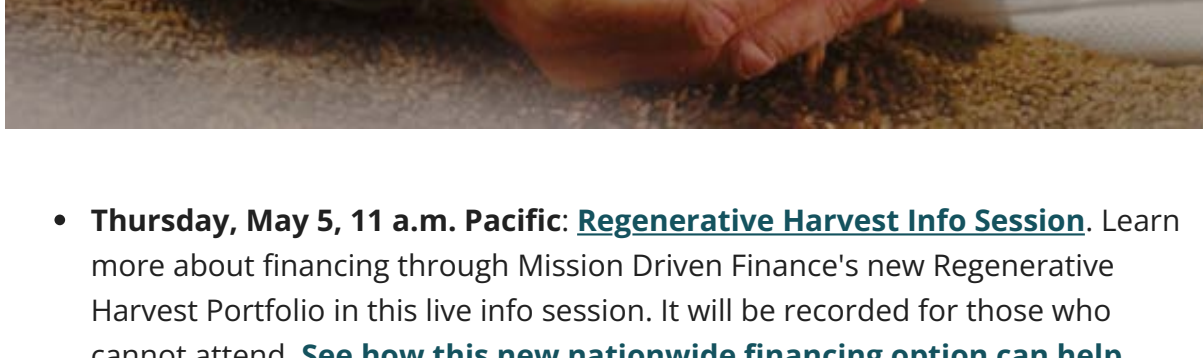
- [KidWonder](#), San Diego's first Montessori-inspired Kinetic Learning Academy that offers an active learning curriculum and services, encourages children and families to engage in physical activity and whole-body movement to process new and difficult information. Co-founded and led by Kim Bryant, KidWonder plans to expand to a second location with support from Advance.
- **Tower 999** is a collaborative initiative developing 94 residential units, 51% of which will be affordable housing for low-income families (80% area median income) in National City. Led by developers Cyrus Rapinan of [Cyrus Capital](#) and Brian Murray of [SHIFT Capital](#), Tower 999 seeks to revitalize National City's downtown corridor and offer affordable housing units at an important location.

Completed deploying \$5.2M San Diego nonprofit loan program

In other news, the nonprofit loan pool of the San Diego County COVID-19 Small Business & Nonprofit Loan Program has [disbursed all \\$5.2M in 0% interest loans](#) to 26 San Diego County nonprofits impacted by the pandemic.

Current financing options for nonprofits can be found [here](#).

Events



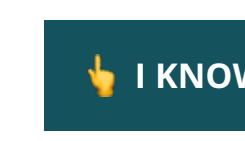
- **Thursday, May 5, 11 a.m. Pacific: [Regenerative Harvest Info Session](#)**. Learn more about financing through Mission Driven Finance's new Regenerative Harvest Portfolio in this live info session. It will be recorded for those who cannot attend. [See how this new nationwide financing option can help create sustainable food systems](#).

👉 JOIN THE REGENERATIVE HARVEST INFO SESSION

- **Friday, May 13, 10 a.m. Pacific:** Groundbreaking on Hilltop Crossing single-family homes development (Euclid Avenue & Hilltop Drive, San Diego, CA 92102). Mission Driven Finance [invested](#) in this development through our Advance Strategy. Parking at Gompers Park on Hilltop Drive or street parking. RSVP to togirard@gmail.com.

We're Hiring!

Check the jobs page and follow us on social media for the latest openings.



- **Director of Portfolio Services** 🧑‍💼 — get deals done across a variety of investment strategies—and the management orientation to coach and coordinate the team analyzing and executing them.

- **Technology Manager** 🧑‍💻 — manage vendor relationships and how our internal systems talk to each other, and design ways to improve our software solutions and business intelligence.

👉 I KNOW A GREAT FIT FOR MISSION DRIVEN FINANCE

👉 JOIN OUR TALENT POOL

Introducing Champion Reward

A borrower referral program

Do you know any tenacious small businesses and nonprofits in California that are doing great things but need capital?

We've got good news for you: As a way to thank the community champions who introduce us to impact-driven organizations that we haven't met yet, we want to share not only our gratitude but also a **referral bonus of \$250** (upon disbursement of capital to the referred borrower).

👉 I WANT TO REFER A BORROWER & EARN \$250

Financing for Small Businesses & Nonprofits

We invest in impactful small businesses and nonprofits, including—but not limited to—those supporting immigrants, refugees, and survivors of trafficking, businesses transitioning to an employee-ownership model, and entities advancing regenerative agriculture.

- Options for loans, revenue-based financing, or equity
- Islamic financing available
- Flexible payment schedules
- No personal credit scores required
- No personal guarantees required

👉 I WANT TO GROW MY BUSINESS

👉 I WANT TO MEET OTHER IMPACTFUL COMPANIES

What We're Reading

MDF in the headlines:

- [The Care Guild, a first-of-its-kind list of the people doing the most to reimagine and rehumanize our care system](#) [The Holding Company]

👉 I WANT TO NERD OUT SOME MORE 📖

Did Someone Smart Forward This to You?

Get our newsletter in your inbox each month or find us on social media, and stay connected to what's happening in the world of inclusive finance.

I DON'T WANT TO MISS OUT

If you know any business owners, entrepreneurs, investors, financial planners, Registered Investment Advisors, nonprofit and philanthropy leaders, and anyone else interested in impact-based lending and investments, please share this email with them or [connect them with us](#).

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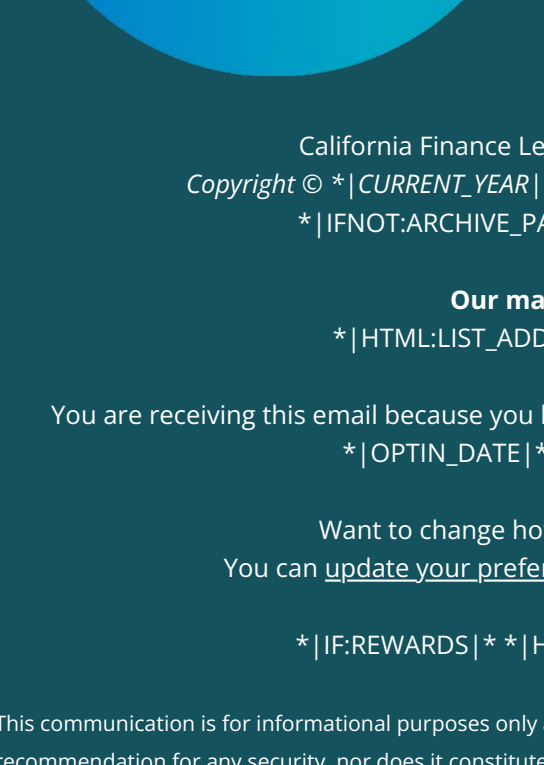
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