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**Silicon Valley Community Foundation's Emmett Carson Named Among  
Top 50 Most Influential Nonprofit Leaders**

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. — The national publication NonProfit Times has included Emmett D. Carson, Ph.D., CEO and president of Silicon Valley Community Foundation, on its 2007 Power and Influence Top 50 list. This is the eighth time Carson has appeared on the list; he was also named last year while president and CEO of The Minneapolis Foundation.

“It is no surprise to us to see Emmett on the NonProfit Times Top 50 list,” said Greg Avis, Silicon Valley Community Foundation board chair. “His accomplished track record in Minneapolis illustrates his ability to direct complex organizations and lead initiatives. He has continued and expanded that reputation during his time with Silicon Valley Community Foundation.”

Since Carson took the helm at Silicon Valley Community Foundation, he has led the way to several important milestones. He has overseen the merger forming the new community foundation, the hiring of more than 100 staff along with the move to a centrally located headquarters, the distribution of \$3.5 million in grants to nonprofits throughout Silicon Valley and the growth of assets to \$1.9 billion.

In naming Carson to the Top 50 list, NonProfit Times writes, “Emmett Carson: The new boss . . . could be dangerous with all of that money. His ability to get people working together is a hallmark of a career spent opening doors for inclusion to make sector leadership truly reflective of its diverse constituents.”

Carson will be honored at a gala at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., on September 18, 2007. He joins an illustrious list of other respected nonprofit leaders, such as the heads of United Way of America, Volunteers of America, Council on Foundations, the Ford Foundation, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the American Red Cross.

**About Emmett D. Carson, Ph.D.**

Emmett D. Carson is internationally recognized as a catalyst for progressive social change. A renowned speaker, he has published over 75 works on philanthropy and social justice.

Prior to his appointment as CEO and president of Silicon Valley Community Foundation in August 2006, Carson served for 12 years as president and CEO of The Minneapolis Foundation, where he pioneered several community initiatives and increased assets from \$186 million to over \$600 million.

Carson serves on several nonprofit boards including the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota, Southern Education Foundation and the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute of Public Policy.

Carson received his Ph.D. and a master's affairs from Princeton University and a bachelor's degree in economics, Phi Beta Kappa, from Morehouse College.

*The merger of Community Foundation Silicon Valley and Peninsula Community Foundation took effect on January 1, 2007, creating Silicon Valley Community Foundation, a leading voice and catalyst for innovative solutions to the region's most challenging problems. Serving all of San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, Silicon Valley Community Foundation is among the largest community foundations in the nation, with more than \$1.9 billion in assets under management and 1,500 philanthropic funds. Silicon Valley Community Foundation is a partner and resource to organizations improving the quality of life in our region and to those who want to give back locally, nationally and internationally. The integration marks the first merger of equals involving two of the country's leading community foundations and sets new precedent in the philanthropic sector. Find out more at [www.siliconvalleycf.org](http://www.siliconvalleycf.org).*

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