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**DALLAS SOCIAL VENTURE PARTNERS CELEBRATES
10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY WITH bigBANG! SOCIAL INNOVATION EVENT**

*June 10 Affair Brings Together Investors, Philanthropists, Social Entrepreneurs,
Nonprofit Leaders And Others Looking To Bring Positive Impact To The World*

DALLAS – Newton’s third law states, “every action has a reaction equal in magnitude and opposite in direction.” And that’s the same principal behind Dallas Social Venture Partners’ (DSVP) **bigBANG!** event to be held on Thursday, June 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Union Station’s Grand Hall, 400 South Houston Street in Dallas.

Bringing together a wide-range of diverse community partners, **bigBANG!** is a daylong convergence of people looking to advance socially innovative ideas in Texas by leveraging opportunities within for-profit and non-profit business models. Social Innovation is a non-political, catchall term for thinking differently about how communities move forward conversations and ideas that will have a positive social impact. And like Newton’s law, the hope is that the energy created through **bigBANG!** can have a ripple effect in the business and nonprofit sectors of North Texas.

“We wanted to celebrate DSVP’s 10-year anniversary with something bigger than ourselves and with something that truly fit with our mission of strengthening community,” says Stacy Caldwell, DSVP president. *“Thanks to our partnership with The Dallas Foundation, we were able to turn this anniversary into a collective think tank and learning experience for anyone interested advancing social innovation.”*

The big activity for the day is the “bigBANG Pitch Stage” where seven nonprofit innovators selected and coached by the Texas Social Innovation Initiative will present their vision to a room full of potential philanthropic investors and other thought leaders. The value for the donors, funders and philanthropists is getting exposed to a broad array of organizations in which they might invest. The value for the social entrepreneur is to hone their message, present the business aspect of their mission and pitch to a room full of potential investors while raising community awareness of their efforts.

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In addition, the day will feature a variety of interactive experiences that will provide attendees with access to like-minded leaders, cutting-edge tools and innovative ideas that will advance mission-based work and socially minded businesses. A variety of 'Spark Experiences' will be featured throughout the day. In the Spark Lounge, guests will learn about the latest social media tools to help improve philanthropy and mission/impact work. During Speed Networking, attendees will be able to meet other like-minded philanthropists, funders, corporate citizens and social innovators in a fun and fast way. In The DSVP Partner "Pitch" Room, DSVP partners will present the projects and investments we've made and invite others to learn and co-invest alongside those activities.

bigBANG! will also feature a socially conscious marketplace featuring products of both for profit and nonprofit ventures that have a socially impactful product or service. And, guests will dine on a community garden buffet of fresh vegetables grown specifically for **bigBANG!** through a partnership with Youth Village Foundation.

Sponsors of this unique event are: The Dallas Foundation, One Star Foundation, University of Texas at Dallas, The Communities Foundation of Texas, Bank of America Charitable Foundation, Grant Thornton, Winstead, Summit Financial and the Demeter Project. Social Innovators who are presenting include: Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Texas, Central Dallas Ministries, Dallas Concilio of Hispanic Service Organizations, The H.I.S. BridgeBuilders, Rainbow Days', The Shared Housing Center, and Vision Regeneration, Inc.

Sponsorships for **bigBANG!** are still available including micro-sponsorship of fellows, which provides sponsors not only with VIP tickets for themselves but with fellowship tickets that will allow members of community groups to attend and learn. Individual tickets for the event range from \$150-\$250 and can be purchased by calling (214) 855-5520 or emailing mhale@dsvp.org. Additional information about **bigBANG!** can be found online at www.bigbangtx.org.

About DSVP

DSVP is a partnership of professionals, social entrepreneurs and foundations who are committed to strengthening our community through the thoughtful application of collective dollars and business expertise. DSVP is comprised of 123 partners and works with a current portfolio of nine nonprofit investments to create positive social impact. For additional information, please call (214) 855-5520 or visit www.dsvp.org.

About The Dallas Foundation

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