

Tech Giants to Spearhead Animal Center

An eight-member group will help spread the word about plans for the state-of-the-art facility.

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With planning for an ultra-progressive animal center underway, a humane society in northern California's Silicon Valley has enlisted the help of some local luminaries to help draw attention to — and raise money for — its plan.

The board of directors for the Humane Society Silicon Valley (HSSV), an animal adoption, medical care and education agency based in Milpitas, California, has chosen an eight-person honorary board to help spread the word about the HSSV's planned new animal community center.

"Each Honorary Board member offers unique expertise in technology, arts, education, government or business that will be invaluable to our organization," HSSV Board Chair Kate Mulligan said in a prepared statement.

Mulligan said HSSV's planned Animal Community Center will celebrate animals through a wide range of programs that bring people and pets together, including comfortable, room-like habitats for the animals, a community dog park, an interactive learning center and an affordable spay/neuter clinic.

The eight charter members of HSSV's Honorary Board are:

John D. Diekman, Ph.D. — Founder and Managing Partner of 5AM Ventures

Former Chairman and CEO, current Director of Affymetrix

Sue Diekman — Retired Director of the AirTouch Foundation and an active community volunteer

Judy Kleinberg — Mayor, City of Palo Alto; Executive Director of the American Electronics Association and Vice President of Joint Venture: Silicon Valley Network

Judy Marcus — Emeritus member of HSSV Board of Directors and community volunteer

Gordon E. Moore — Co-founder and Chairman Emeritus of Intel Corp.; Co-founder and Trustee of the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation

Betty Moore — Co-founder and Trustee of the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation

Nathan Olivera — Artist and Professor Emeritus of Art at Stanford University

Steve Wozniak — Co-founder of Apple Computer, Inc

"Each of these illustrious community leaders has supported the Humane Society's work in a variety of ways. Their role on the honorary board will provide visibility for the work we do, and in particular, help highlight our plans to build a new animal community center in Milpitas," Mulligan said.

A community-wide campaign to help raise the funds for the center is expected to be launched in the spring or summer of 2007, according to the HSSV.