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**SILICON VALLEY MOVES TO BUILD BETTER FUTURES  
AT AGA KHAN FOUNDATION WALK|RUN**

**SILICON VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, OCTOBER 11, 2015.** More than 800 Silicon Valley residents moved to invest in long-term solutions to improve the quality of life for communities worldwide at the first [Aga Khan Foundation Walk|Run - Silicon Valley](#) at Baylands Park in Sunnyvale. The event was an initiative of the [Aga Khan Foundation](#) (AKF) to raise awareness and funds for programs that work with communities around the world to build better futures.

The event raised more than \$285,000, which reflects the enthusiastic outpouring of support from participants and sponsors across the metro area, including national sponsor, The Coca-Cola Company. 100 percent of net proceeds from the event go directly to projects supported by the Aga Khan Foundation.

Contributions make a tremendous impact in creating locally driven opportunities for girls in Afghanistan to attend school, farmers in Mali to feed their families, and mothers in India to lead healthy lives. These are the cornerstones of a thriving community.

The Aga Khan Foundation Walk|Run attracted wide community support including many civic leaders and officials. In keynote remarks at the opening ceremony, CEO of Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, Gregory Kepferle congratulated the Aga Khan Foundation and all its volunteers “for their amazing work in organizing resources to break the cycle of poverty globally and volunteering locally.” “It’s great to partner with them as Catholic Charities within the community,” he said. Milpitas Mayor Jose Esteves noted, “The goal and the mission of the Foundation is very inspiring and uplifting whenever I see people coming here to take care of others globally.”

With 200 projects in 30 countries, Aga Khan Foundation cultivates deep partnerships with local businesses, nonprofits, governments and community leaders to harness the best from people of all walks of life. Working with our partners, we make long-term commitments to innovative programs that improve the quality of life, from early childhood education to green space preservation. Visit our blog to learn more about what we do, at [www.akfusa.org](http://www.akfusa.org).

To learn more about the event, visit <http://akfusa.kintera.org/siliconvalley>.

Run and Walk events for Aga Khan Foundation will take place in at least 11 major U.S. cities this year. Since 1995, the Foundation’s activities including the annual Walk and Golf events have attracted nearly a half million participants and raised \$75 million for poverty alleviation projects supported by the foundation.

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The Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) is a private, not-for-profit international development organization committed to breaking the cycle of poverty in some of the poorest regions of the world. The Foundation helps communities around the world to build better futures by creating institutions like hospitals, making long-term investments to the most innovative programs, and cultivating strong local leadership. AKF is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

AKF is a member of the Aga Khan Development Network ([www.akdn.org](http://www.akdn.org)), one of the world's leading poverty solutions networks, established by His Highness the Aga Khan. The Network empowers communities and individuals, often in disadvantaged circumstances, improve living conditions and grow opportunities. The Network's agencies work for the common good of all citizens, regardless of their gender, origin or religion. Its underlying impulse is the ethic of compassion for the vulnerable in society.

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