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## **50 FUND SELECTS SUMMER SEARCH FOR 'GAME CHANGER' GRANT**

*\$500,000 grant enables Summer Search to serve more low-income students*

San Francisco – March 2, 2015 – Summer Search is honored to receive a \$500,000 investment from the 50 Fund—the philanthropic arm of the San Francisco Bay Area Super Bowl 50 Host Committee—as part of the celebration of 50 Weeks to Super Bowl 50.

Summer Search was one of five organizations chosen to receive the “Game Changer” grant from a pool of nearly 150 nonprofits that serve every corner of the Bay Area. As grant recipients, each non-profit receives \$500,000 to help support their work in closing the opportunity gap that exists for Bay Area children, youth and young adults living in low-income communities.

Summer Search will use the funding toward increasing the number of low-income students they serve throughout the Bay Area. Specifically, Summer Search will continue to help develop socially responsible college graduates and transform what they believe is possible for themselves through a full service program that integrates professional mentorship, summer experiential learning, college access and financial aid counseling, as well as a network of support in college and beyond.

“As a committed member of the Bay Area community, we are so impressed by the work that the Super Bowl 50 Host Committee has set forth in their 50 Fund philanthropic initiative,” says Amy Saxton, CEO of Summer Search. “Through our own partnerships, we understand how powerful committed private development resources can be to community transformation, and we’re ecstatic to see the innovative leadership demonstrated by this dedicated Host Committee.”

Together, the five Game Changer grantees will expand the reach of their Bay Area nonprofits, serve more than 1,000 low-income youth in the next 12 months, and provide solutions to some of the most pressing problems facing young people in the region: homelessness, unemployment, incarceration, and lack of equitable access to healthcare and educational opportunities. Summer Search is dedicated to efforts that continue to give back to the community by helping students identify the qualities within themselves that not only help them

overcome the challenges facing Bay Area young people, but help them develop an identity that lifts an entire community through their personal journey.

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### **About Summer Search**

Summer Search is a national youth development nonprofit organization dedicated to helping low-income youth to develop the skills and character traits they need to become college-educated leaders who give back to their families and communities. Learn more at [www.summersearch.org](http://www.summersearch.org).

### **About 50 Fund**

50 Fund is the signature philanthropic initiative of the San Francisco Bay Area Super Bowl 50 Host Committee. Its goal is to help close the opportunity gap that exists for Bay Area children, youth and young adults living in low-income communities. Through its grant making programs, 50 Fund will support organizations and initiatives making a difference, tackling big issues and scaling their impact. For more information, visit [www.50fund.org](http://www.50fund.org)

### **About the San Francisco Bay Area Super Bowl 50 Host Committee**

Working in partnership with Bay Area public officials and the NFL, the San Francisco Bay Area Super Bowl Host Committee is responsible for Super Bowl 50 and its celebration elements, including the Super Bowl Village, public exhibits and planning of game day logistics. The Host Committee will donate 25% of every dollar raised to Bay Area community initiatives and high-performing nonprofits through 50 Fund. To be hosted in the state-of-the-art Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara in 2016, Super Bowl 50 will be celebrated through a series of events that showcase all the Bay Area has to offer. For more information, visit [www.sfbaysuperbowl.com](http://www.sfbaysuperbowl.com).