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Full Circle Farm, an educational urban farm located in Sunnyvale, respectfully requests the opportunity to submit a grant proposal to the True North Foundation.

We believe that your interest in sustainable agriculture and organic farming—as evidenced by your past support for such programs as UC’s Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program, the Community Alliance with Family Farmers, and Connolly Ranch—will make Full Circle Farm a strong funding prospect for True North.

Opened in 2008, Full Circle Farm is situated on 11 acres of land owned by the Santa Clara County Unified School District (SCUSD). It features education gardens for both children and adults, along with one of the only large-scale orchards planted in “The Valley of Heart’s Delight” in the last 75 years. Our sustainable farming practices allow us to provide thousands of pounds of fresh, seasonal produce annually to our local community, school district, and shelters.

We are excited about the progress we have made in just our first two years in increasing the awareness of Silicon Valley residents about the benefits—to themselves and the planet—of fresh, locally grown, healthful food. Our partnerships with organizations such as Kaiser Permanente, SCUSD, and Google are enabling us to extend our educational activities to an even wider circle.

In 2010–2011, we plan to extend the educational garden to a full acre, the production farm to 5 acres, and the orchard to over 300 trees. A grant from the True North Foundation would support the expansion of our education garden, our community classes and workshops, and our partnerships with local schools and corporations to improve the food offered in their cafeterias.

We look forward to hearing from you about submitting a grant proposal. And of course, do not hesitate to call me if you would like to know more about Full Circle Farm.