



ANGEL INVESTOR FOUNDATION

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ANN & BILL PAYNE ANNOUNCE \$300,000 MATCH TO THE SEED THE FUTURE CAMPAIGN

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The Angel Investor Foundation (AIF) is pleased to announce a \$300,000 pledge to its Seed the Future capital campaign from the Payne Family, a name synonymous with angel investing. This is the second significant pledge from the Paynes and it brings their campaign contributions to more than half a million dollars.

“I have a passion for developing and expanding angel education and it rubbed off on my wife, Ann, who has been very encouraging as I have pursued these endeavors. If I wanted to do something little, she wanted to do something bigger. There’s no question in my mind that this second gift wouldn’t have happened without her encouragement,” said Bill Payne in a recent interview.

The Paynes and hundreds of other donors have generously supported AIF’s Seed the Future Campaign, which was set up to invest in initiatives that fuel job growth, innovation and economic prosperity for all communities. Pleased with the impact of their first investment, the Paynes decided to make their second gift a “matching contingent gift” in hopes of encouraging others to give back in a meaningful way.

Donations will further the Angel Investor Foundation’s mission and support for entrepreneurs who need access to education, funding and mentorship resources. By elevating the connection between angel investors and entrepreneurs, the foundation will grow and diversify the economic ecosystem.

“Ann and Bill’s continued generosity is remarkable, and their contributions will undoubtedly have a long-lasting, rippling impact on our economy and tomorrow’s entrepreneurs,” said Tony Shipley, Seed the Future Campaign Chair.

About the Angel Investor Foundation (AIF) and Angel Capital Association (ACA)

The Angel Investor Foundation, a subsidiary of the Angel Capital Association, supports initiatives that fuel job growth, innovation and economic prosperity by providing critical resources to early stage investors and the entrepreneurs they support. Established in 2020, Angel Investor Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization under U.S. law. EIN 86-1212274.

ACA is a professional society of accredited angel investors who make up the world’s most prolific early-stage investment class. The association is the largest professional development organization for angel investors in the world deploying more than \$650 million in early-stage capital each year. ACA provides an insider perspective that can help angel investors make smart investment decisions.

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