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DAVIS & HODGDON CPA FIRM AND GENERATOR MAKERSPACE LAUNCH SIGNATURE PARTNERSHIP

WILLISTON, Vt., December 4, 2017 – Davis & Hodgdon Associates CPAs and Generator BTV have announced a multi-year sustainable partnership. The relationship, labeled by Davis & Hodgdon as a “Signature Partnership”, begins with the firm’s sponsorship of an administrative/marketing intern and support for Generator’s upcoming Jump/Start program. Davis & Hodgdon introduced the “Signature Partnership” concept in 2014 to leverage the firm’s financial resources and the skills and expertise of their staff. Through this alliance, the firm will support Generator through all aspects of giving: sponsorship, pro-bono work, volunteer opportunities and beyond.

“Our goal is to support a thriving business community made up of economically independent and engaged citizens”, said John Davis, managing partner of Davis & Hodgdon. “Generator fits perfectly into our signature partnership model because their mission to provide resources to aspiring entrepreneurs is so closely aligned with our own.”

Generator Jump/Start is a 12 week program for makers with an original, innovate product idea. A select few are chosen to attend the program, and each are given access to Generator makerspace, a \$1000 stipend and free tool training classes to help them refine their product prototype aided by Generator’s expert shop leads. At the end of the 12 week program Jump/Start entrepreneurs will present their business plans and products, and depart with an analysis of their business that they can use to apply for LaunchVT’s early stage acceleration program or other acceleration programs and funding opportunities.

In addition to financial support for the Jump Start program, Davis & Hodgdon staff will provide Generator Makers with basic financial management training and one-on-one support as they look to transition their product ideas into a business.

The “signature partnership” between Davis & Hodgdon and Generator was created to develop deeper impacts within the community as it leverages the expertise of each organization, allowing for a concentrated sustainable social mission effort. The signature partnership model is part of the firm’s corporate social responsibility policy developed specifically for implementation for small businesses.

“Generator is extremely proud to have been chosen as Davis & Hodgdon’s Signature Partner. We have been blown away by their staff's enthusiastic and dedicated pro-bono accounting and professional

services and we are thrilled with their strong support of our new JumpStart entrepreneurship program. Davis and Hodgdon has become an essential part of the Generator team as we support the creative, educational, and professional aspirations of our vibrant, solutions-oriented community of maker-artist-entrepreneurs.”

Generator is a member-based makerspace providing community, resources and room for creatives to grow. It is a combination of artist studio, classroom, and business incubator focused on the act of making things. Generator exists at the intersection of art, science and technology and as such creates a community of collaboration between artists, engineers, entrepreneurs and artisans.

Past Signature Partners have been Mercy Connection’s – Women Small Business Program, which the firm still maintains a relationship with.

For more information about Davis & Hodgdon’s CSR policy including the strategic partnership please visit: <https://www.dh-cpa.com/sustainable-relationships.html> .

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