

About the Founders



A rule-of-thumb prediction made by Gordon Moore in 1965, later dubbed “Moore’s Law,” became a guiding principle for the delivery of ever more powerful semiconductor chips at proportionally lower costs. Today, this standard continues to set the pace of technology development and progress. Gordon has been committed to technological progress throughout his career as a leader in the new semiconductor industry, first as co-founder of Fairchild Semiconductor in 1957 and then as co-founder of Intel Corporation, creator of the world’s first microprocessor, in 1968.

Betty met Gordon at San Jose State College where she received her bachelor’s degree in Journalism in 1949. Gordon and Betty were married the following year. While Gordon attended graduate school at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, Betty worked for Consolidated Engineering Corporation in advertising and public relations before joining the Ford Foundation.

By establishing the **Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** together in 2000, the Moores’ philanthropic contributions build on the work they have dedicated to science and the environment for decades, both at home and abroad.

Today, Gordon and Betty are active on several philanthropic and corporate boards. They reside in the Bay Area and in Hawaii, and have two sons and four grandchildren.