



MARIN FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT

2024



Shay, adopted in May 2024 from foster care.

2024

2024 was a year of remarkable progress for Marin Foster Care Association (MFCA) and the wider community we serve. We remained steadfast in our mission, reaching more foster children and caregivers than ever before. These accomplishments are a collective effort, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our partners, donors, volunteers, and supporters who have been integral to our success. Our 2024 achievements include:

- **Caring for over 175 children in Marin's foster care program.** Our growing team has created opportunities for joy, support, and connection, so that our foster youth can be seen, heard and loved.
- **Enhancing our Opportunity Project budget** over the previous year. Even more foster children had access to academic support and enrichment activities in our supportive community.
- **Doubling the number of visitors to our Community Resource Center** - a place where everything a foster child needs is available at no cost.
- **Extending our Caregiver Support program**, responding to increased needs, and making sure **over 100 foster families** had what they needed to continue to provide quality care for their foster children.
- **Increasing our impact, thanks to the success of our two-night annual fundraiser, Blues & Brews**, which raised **over \$475,000** through auctions, raffles, donations, and sponsorships.
- **Expanding our therapy program, Fostering Interconnection Through Therapy (FITT)**, a program designed exclusively to provide therapeutic support for families who open their homes to foster children. We have three therapists serving over 25 families weekly with a dedicated therapy room in our building.
- **Launching San Francisco's own Community Resource Center** to serve even more Bay Area foster families. Now, hundreds more foster youth and their families will have access to the items they need to thrive.
- **Moving six young adults into our newly acquired 10-unit apartment building for aging-out foster youth** to support their path to successful independence. This groundbreaking project provides stable, affordable housing for youth aging out of the foster care system, who - without MFCA - face substantial difficulties in renting apartments from landlords.

While we've made significant strides, our work is far from over. There are still many lives to impact and transform. As we continue to provide vital resources and support to the foster care community, we are grateful for your unwavering commitment in 2024. We look forward to having you alongside us as we advance this mission in 2025 and beyond.

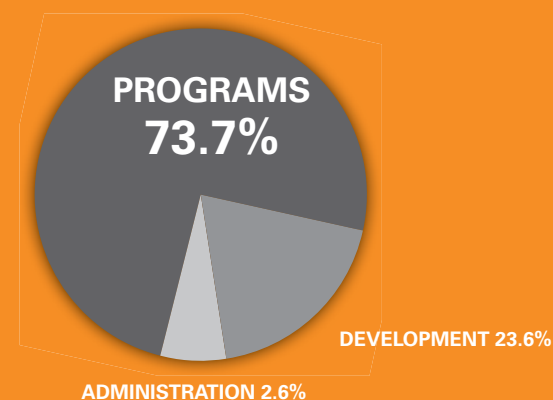
Sincerely,



Ashley Hurd
Executive Director
Marin Foster Care Association

Financials

EXPENSE BREAKDOWN



BY THE NUMBERS

- **\$43,538** in Opportunity Grants Awarded
- **62** Foster Youth Received **54** Opportunity Grants
- More than **602** Foster Parent/Social Worker Visits to the Community Resource Center
- **2** Aging Out Foster Youth each Received **\$2000** towards the Purchase of a Car
- More than **\$72,000** Spent on Supporting Resource Parents and Caregivers throughout the year
- **\$20,159** Spent on Summer Adventures for **57** Youth
- **\$26,030** in Funds to Help **6** Families say "YES!" to Fostering and Maintain 24/7 Emergency Homes

COST TO RAISE \$100 = \$11.38 | RATING AS MEASURED BY CHARITY WATCH = A

WAYS TO GIVE AND GET INVOLVED

- Sign up to attend a foster care orientation.
Contact Leslie Fields at 415-473-6418 or Leslie.Fields@marincounty.gov.
- Monthly Giving - Switch to monthly giving to MFCA via credit card so we can count on your regular support.
- Donate in kind items to our Community Resource Center.
Contact donations@marinfostercare.org.
- Share Marin Foster Care Association's website and social media pages with others.
- Volunteer with Marin Foster Care Association.
Contact volunteer@marinfostercare.org.
- Hold a drive at your work, church, or school to help stock our Community Resource Center with supplies, clothes, diapers, and toys for foster families.
Contact donations@marinfostercare.org.
- Enlist your company to underwrite special activities for foster youth or opportunity fund grants.
Contact ashley@marinfostercare.org.
- Raise awareness of the needs of foster kids by inviting MFCA to speak at a work, school or church gathering.
- Become a Friends of the Family volunteer where you can support foster families and help take care of foster kids in care.
Contact Leslie Fields at 415-473-6418 or Leslie.Fields@marincounty.gov.



January



SOLANO COUNTY GRAND OPENING

The Solano County Resource Center had their Grand Opening in Vacaville. Modeled after our prior installations in Marin, Contra Costa, and Sonoma, the Solano County Resource Center serves over 550 foster youth and provides a dedicated space where resource families can shop for essentials, many of which are donated from our community in Marin.

February



QUARTERLY GATHERING & FOSTER LOVE KITS

- Our resource families had the opportunity to enjoy the magic of the movies at our Quarterly Gathering. Our team ensured everyone had their favorite treats and tubs of popcorn!
- Love is...distributing special Valentine's Day goodie bags to foster kids, complete with homemade cookies, crafts, candy, age-specific books, and water bottles from an anonymous donor.

March



LAUNCH OF SAN FRANCISCO'S RESOURCE CENTER

With the support of our Board, volunteers, community donors, and our partners at Make It Home, Contra Costa Foster Friends, and Our Village Closet, we helped launch San Francisco's own community resource center for Resource Families United. We shared best practices, inventory, and hands-on support, so that even more Bay Area foster families can have access to free clothing, books, toys, teen items, and baby gear.

May



DANCE-A-THON & FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH

- We got our groove on, enjoyed ice cream and pizza, and promoted Foster Care Awareness Month, while raising over \$16,000 at this family-friendly event.
Save the Date for this year: May 10th!
- Marin's Board of Supervisors proclaimed May 2024 as "Foster Care Awareness Month" in Marin County. Creating awareness of the needs for our foster care community is critical.

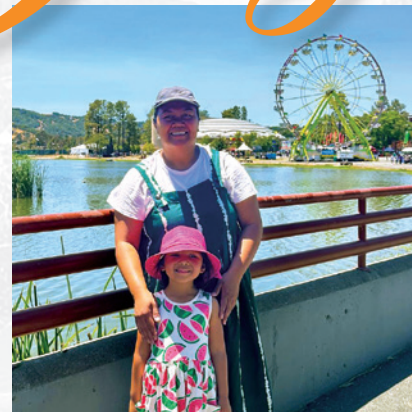
June



ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

We brought our resource families together, along with Children & Family Services, to connect and kick off the summer season at our annual picnic in the park. Bounce houses, face painters, pinatas, and delicious food resulted in lots of laughs and happy memories.

July



MARIN COUNTY FAIR AND SUMMER ADVENTURES

In addition to hosting families at the Marin County Fair, we awarded grants for foster children to participate in popular summer activities, including summer camps, trips to Disneyland, camping trips, the beach, and more!

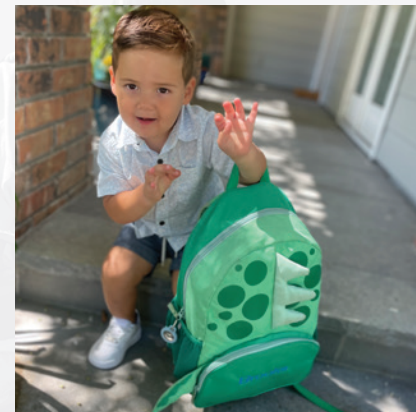
August



QUARTERLY GATHERING AT THE POOL

We hosted a pool party to bring our resource families together for connection, conversation, pizza, and fun in the sun.

September



BACK TO SCHOOL

250 foster children in Marin and San Francisco had the opportunity to receive a new pair of shoes, backpack, and school supplies to kick off the school year.

October

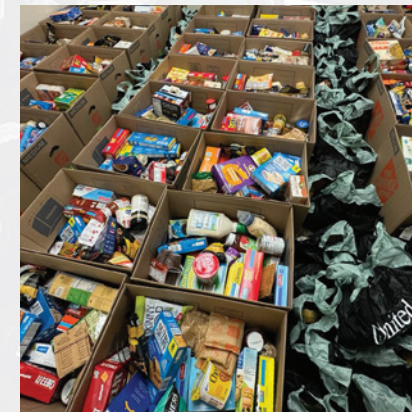


BLUES & BREWS

Our biggest fundraiser has become such a sought-after special event that tickets sold out for both nights! We highlighted the impact of resource parents and friends of the family, while raising \$475,000 to continue providing our important services to the foster care community.

Save the Date for this year: October 3rd & 4th at Pacheco Ranch Winery in Novato!

November



FOOD DRIVE

With generous donations from the community and a partnership with United Markets, we filled over 60 pantries of transition age foster youth and families in reunification. Thank you to everyone who donated food, hosted drives at schools, businesses, and places of worship, and volunteered to sort and stuff boxes and bags.

December



HOLIDAY PARTY

Resource families enjoyed time connecting, laughing, eating, and playing at our annual holiday party. The fun-filled event featured something for everyone - crafts, cookie decorating, magic tricks, balloon animals, Chick-fil-A, photo booth, graffiti art, carnival games, and prizes.

December



HOLIDAY GIFTS

With nearly 35 drives at schools, places of worship, local businesses and restaurants, and 80 Angel Donors, we proudly fulfilled all of our kids' wish lists, bringing joy to 175 Marin children, while easing the burden for their caregivers this holiday season.

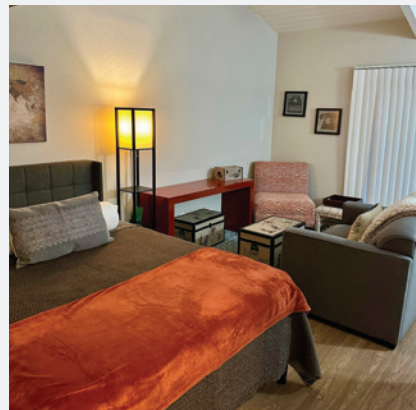
Forever Families



FOREVER FAMILIES

In 2024, some of our children found their forever families, and for that, we are deeply grateful. As we reflect on this milestone, we are reminded of the resilience and strength these families and children have shown, as well as the unwavering support from our dedicated community.

Apartments



APARTMENTS

In 2024, we were thrilled to have six transition age foster youth move into furnished studios in our recently acquired apartment building. Many thanks to our partners at Make It Home, who provided the decor and furnishings.

THANK YOU TO OUR TOP DONORS IN 2024

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SAVE THE DATE FOR 2025 BLUES & BREWS!

October 3 & 4, 2025 at Pacheco Ranch Winery in Novato



BLUES AND BREWS

M A R I N

A night supporting Marin's foster kids

MAKE AN IMPACT!

Your contribution to Marin Foster Care Association directly impacts the lives of foster children, helping us provide critical resources, support, and hope.



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