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Photo by Chris Constantine. Lola, 4, adopted February 2022 after being in foster care for two years

2021 was a record year for the Marin Foster Care Association. Despite continuing to navigate through a global pandemic, I am struck by what has been achieved in the past year. We reached new milestones and supported more foster children and their caregivers than ever before. However, it is not our accomplishment alone. We thank all who have contributed to our success, especially in the midst of yet another unprecedented year. Specific highlights include:

- Increasing our Opportunity Project budget and **funding 21 more grants** than the previous year. Even more foster children had access to academic support and enrichment activities in our resource-rich community.
- Welcoming nearly double the amount of visitors to our Community Resource Center a place where everything a foster child could ever need is available at no cost.
- Transitioning a temporary COVID Support program into a permanent Caregiver Support program, responding to increased needs, and making sure 111 foster families had what they needed to continue to provide quality care for their foster children.
- Sending over 40 foster children on summer adventures of a lifetime thanks to generous donations.
- Raising over \$200,000 at Blues & Brews, helping us to drastically increase our 2022 budget and our impact.
- Learning to love virtual events while finding new ways to safely meet again in person, fostering connection amongst the children and families we serve.

We truly could not have done this without the support of an incredible group of volunteers, partners, supporters, and donors. Moving forward, we will continue to further our mission of supporting safe, consistent, quality care for every child in foster care in Marin County. We look forward to breaking records and doing even more for the over 120 foster children and the caregivers we serve. Thank you for supporting us throughout 2021 and we hope you'll stay on this journey with us in 2022.

#### Sincerely,

Marin Foster Care Association Board of Directors

# **EXPENSE BREAKDOWN** BY THE NUMBERS PROGRAMS 85% EVELOPMENT 19.7% ADMINISTRATION 4.8% to fostering

#### COST TO RAISE \$100 = \$10.16 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 lfields@marincounty.org.
- 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 president@marinfostercare.org.
- Raise awareness of the needs of foster kids by inviting MFCA to speak at a work, school or church gathering.



- **\$41,321** in Opportunity Grants Awarded
- **46** Foster Youth Received **68** Opportunity Grants
- Over **400** Foster Parent/Social Worker Visits to the Community Resource Center
- **\$39,935** Spent on COVID-Specific Support Programs
- **16** Foster Youth Living Independently Received Living Expense Support
- **\$9,256** spent on Summer Adventures for **40** Youth
- \$22,185 in Funds to help 7 families say "YES!"





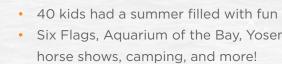






#### **VALENTINE'S DAY KITS**

- 2K Games & Book Passage donated books
- Cake4Kids & Woodbine Bakery donated cookies
- Volunteers created book & cookie decorating kits that put a smile on many faces
- We all Fostered Love



SUMMER ADVENTURE





## **VIRTUAL DANCE-A-THON**

- Raised over \$40,000 and our heart rates!
- Virtual dance party with DJ Magic Matt
- Choreography class thanks to Love2Dance
- 3 big winners







#### **ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC**

- Finally gathered in person again
- Celebrated our resilient kiddos and incredible families
- Bounce houses, a face painter and Kona Ice (oh my!)
- Lots of smiles and laughs



• Each foster child was awarded up to \$300 to participate in a fun summer activity

• Six Flags, Aquarium of the Bay, Yosemite, River Bend Resort, Hawaii, Safari West, ziplining,





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#### **BLUES & BREWS**

- Raised over \$200,000!
- Outdoor party of the year at Pacheco Ranch Winery
- Online auction with bidders from all over the country
- Massive success thanks to YOU





#### **HOLIDAY PARTY**

- We safely gathered together once again
- Holiday cheer was spread (despite a visit from the Grinch!)
- Games were played, cookies were decorated, carriage rides were had, and snow was frolicked in



#### **HOLIDAY GIFTS**

- and Sad Day gifts
- 144 foster children received 3 gifts each thanks to 2K Games
- 17 foster youth working with probation received Holiday gift packages
- 57 Angel Donors purchased gifts for 41 kids •
- 21 Angel Donors made cash donations, allowing MFCA to fill last-minute wishes from kids placed in foster care in late December



## HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

- 32 Families Served
- 15 Aged-Out Youth Served
- Pantries were filled!

• Amazon shoppers, churches, neighborhoods, civic organizations, schools, other non-profits and individual supporters filled the Community Resource Center (CRC) with hundreds of gifts • The CRC is now fully stocked to handle 2022 birthdays, new-to-foster-care items, Happy Day

