

MARIN FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT

2023



Noble, 2, adopted October 2023 after being in foster care for two years.

2023

2023 was a year filled with monumental achievements for Marin Foster Care Association and our extended community. We stayed true to our strategic vision by supporting more foster children and their caregivers than ever before. That said, we recognize that these accomplishments are shared wins, and we graciously thank our partners, donors, supporters, and volunteers who have contributed to our organization's success. 2023 highlights include:

- **Caring for over 175 children in Marin's foster care program.** From summer adventures to extracurricular activities to trips to the fair and holiday gifts, our foster kids have been seen, heard and loved.
- **Increasing our Opportunity Project budget** over the previous year. Even more foster children had access to academic support and enrichment activities in our resource-rich community.
- **Doubling the number of visitors to our Community Resource Center** - a place where everything a foster child could ever need is available at no cost.
- **Enhancing 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.
- **Adding a second night to our annual fundraiser, Blues & Brews**, and raising over **\$400,000**, which allowed us to drastically increase our budget and impact.
- **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 now have 3 therapists serving over 25 families weekly and have a dedicated therapy room in our building.
- **Launching Solano County's own Community Resource Center** to serve more Bay Area foster families. Now, **over 500 more** foster youth and their families will be provided with the items they need to thrive.
- **Acquiring a 10 unit apartment building for aging-out foster youth** to support their path to successful independence. The new building in Novato is a groundbreaking project that provides stable, affordable housing for youth aging out of the foster care system, who - without MFCA - face substantial difficulties in renting apartments from landlords.

There is still more work to be done...more lives to transform. We look forward to continuing to further our mission of providing comprehensive resources that inspire and empower the foster care community. Thank you for supporting us throughout 2023, and we hope you'll stay on this journey with us in 2024.

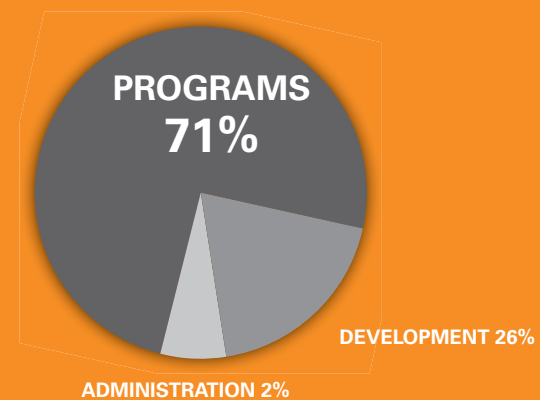
Sincerely,



Ashley Hurd
Executive Director
Marin Foster Care Association

Financials

EXPENSE BREAKDOWN



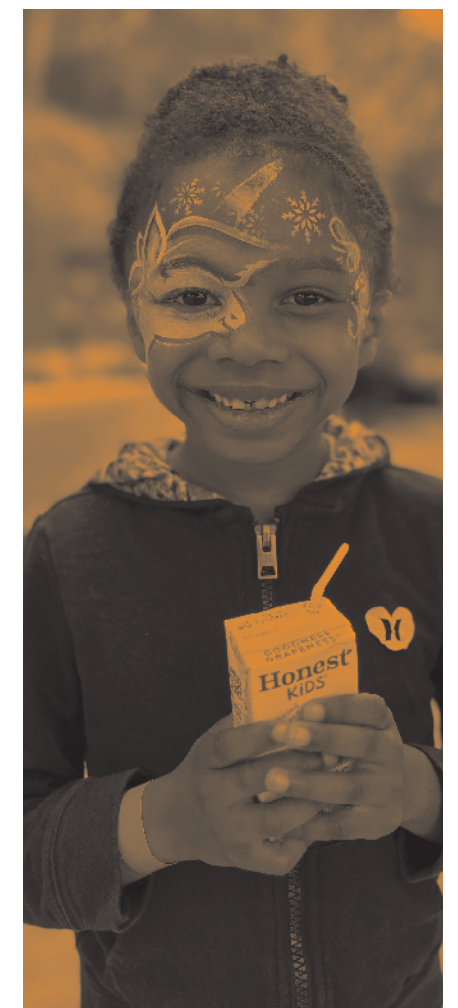
BY THE NUMBERS

- **\$45,023** in Opportunity Grants awarded
- **63** foster youth received **56** Opportunity Grants
- More than **589** foster parent/social worker visits to the Community Resource Center
- **3** aging out foster youth received **\$2,000** towards the purchase of a car
- More than **\$95,000** spent on supporting Resource Parents and Caregivers throughout the year
- **\$16,700** spent on summer adventures for **59** Youth
- **\$2500** in Funds to help **7** families say "YES!" to fostering and **1** family maintain 24/7 emergency homes

COST TO RAISE \$100 = \$10.29 | 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 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 lfields@marincounty.org.



February



FOSTER LOVE KITS

- Volunteers organized and assembled love kits for our foster youth
- Kits included age appropriate books, a cookie decorating kit and lots of love!

March



NEW LOCATION - WE MOVED!

- Due to limited space, we expanded to a new location to service our community more effectively and accommodate our growing inventory.
- Our new Resource Center is now equipped with a private room for our FITT therapy program.

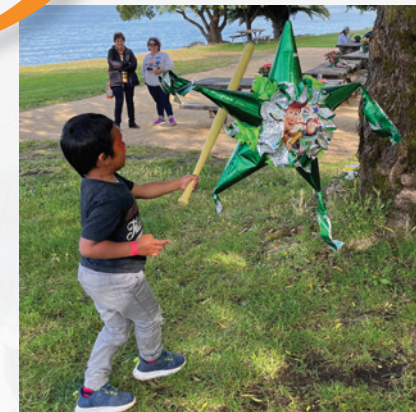
May



DANCE-A-THON

- We danced, laughed, ate ice cream and pizza and raised more than \$23,000 at this family-friendly event.
- Save the Date for May 18, 2024!

June



ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

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

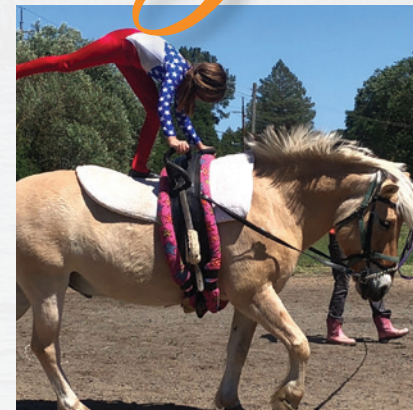
July



MARIN COUNTY FAIR

- We sent more than 25 foster families to the Marin County Fair!
- Rides, the petting zoo, fair food and lots of fun was had by all!

August



SUMMER ADVENTURE

- Each foster child was awarded \$300 to participate in a fun summer activity, including summer camp, trips to Disneyland, camping trips, and more!

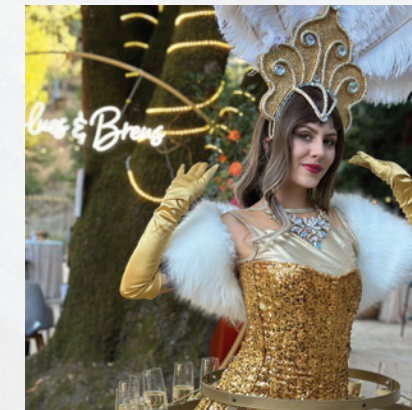
August



BACK TO SCHOOL

- Each foster child 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 we had to add a second night to accommodate more guests!
- We raised more than \$400,000 from the weekend's events, including an online auction with bidders from across the country, live auctions, and raffles.
- **Save the Date for this year's event: October 4 & 5, 2024 at Pacheco Ranch Winery**

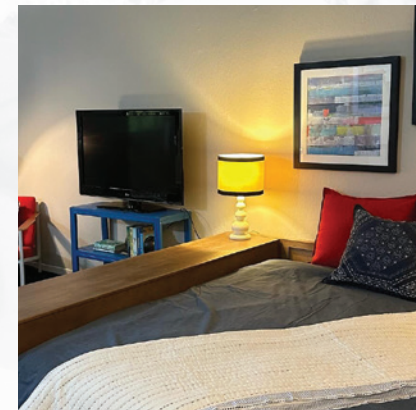
November



SOLANO COUNTY RESOURCE CENTER

- What do you get when you combine a strategic vision, a passionate team, hardworking volunteers, and truck loads of community donations?
- We are proud to have successfully launched Solano County's new Resource Center, thanks in large part to donations from our community and the teams who set their minds to supporting foster kids and their caregivers.
- Now, more than 500 resource families in Solano County will have access to essentials that will help a child settle into a new home.

December



APARTMENT BUILDING FOR AGING OUT FOSTER YOUTH

- We officially cut the ribbon on our groundbreaking housing initiative by acquiring a 10-unit apartment building in Novato to provide stable, affordable housing for youth aging out of the foster care system.
- Thanks to a true team effort between MFCA, Marin County Board of Supervisors Housing Trust, Marin Community Foundation, City of Novato, a zero-interest loan from a private donor, and furnishings from Make It Home Bay Area, our community's transition-age foster youth will have a comfortable, affordable home on their path to independence and adulthood.



FOOD DRIVE

- Due to the generous donations from the community, we filled the pantries of more than 30 transition age foster youth and families in reunification.
- Thank you to everyone who sent food, hosted drives at schools and churches, and volunteered to sort/stuff boxes and bags.



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, circus performers, carriage rides, pizza, photo booth, graffiti art, and carnival games.

December

Forever Homes



HOLIDAY GIFTS

- From nearly 25 corporate/school/church gift drives, 80 Angel Donors, and a handful of local restaurants facilitating donations, we fulfilled all of our kids' wishlists and brightened holidays for 175 Marin children, while lightening the load for their caregivers.
- 175 foster children received 3 gifts from their wishlists, thanks to 2K Games and Ultragenyx Pharmaceuticals.
- 14 foster youth working with probation received holiday gift packages.
- 23 single parents received holiday gift packages.
- We were able to share toys from our drives with our partners in Solana, Sonoma and Contra Costa Counties.
- The Resource Center is now fully stocked with inventory for birthdays and new-to-foster-care items.



IN 2023, MANY OF OUR CHILDREN FOUND THEIR FOREVER HOMES AND FOR THAT, WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL.



THANK YOU TO OUR TOP DONORS IN 2023

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