

2022

**MARIN FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATION**  
ANNUAL REPORT

*Annabelle, 6, adopted October 2019 after being in foster care for two years*

Front Cover Photo by Sarah Ferris Photography.

# 2022

2022 was another record year for the Marin Foster Care Association. It is truly incredible 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. Specific highlights include:

- Increasing our Opportunity Project budget and **funding 17 more grants** than the previous year. Even more, foster children had access to academic support and enrichment activities in our resource-rich community.
- Once again *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.
- Increasing our **Caregiver Support program**, responding to increased needs, and making sure 272 foster families had what they needed to continue to provide quality care for their foster children.
- Raising over \$340,000 at Blues & Brews, helping us to increase our 2023 budget and impact drastically.
- Introducing a new therapy program, Fostering Interconnection Through Therapy (FITT), a program designed exclusively to provide therapeutic support for families who open their homes to foster children.
- Expanding our reach to **over 1,000 more foster families** by creating and launching a resource center in Contra Costa County.
- Finding new ways to **support aging-out foster youth** through programs including automobiles and housing, continuing education assistance, and one-on-one coaching to guide them toward independence.

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 providing comprehensive resources that inspire and empower the Foster Care Community. We look forward to breaking records and doing even more for the over 175 children we serve in the Marin Foster Care Community. Thank you for supporting us throughout 2022, and we hope you'll stay on this journey with us in 2023.

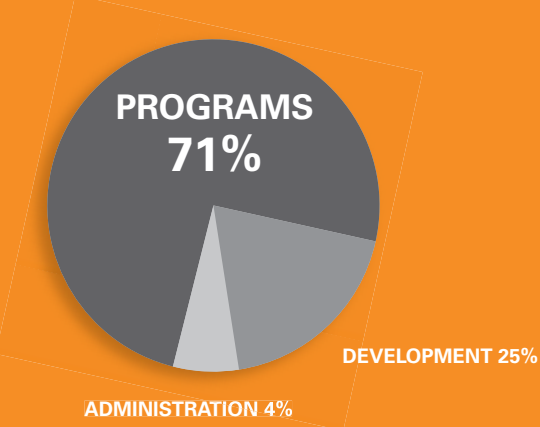
Sincerely,



Ashley Hurd  
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# Financials

## EXPENSE BREAKDOWN



## BY THE NUMBERS

- **\$45,023** in Opportunity Grants Awarded
- **73** Foster Youth Received **84** Opportunity Grants
- Over **500** Foster Parent/Social Worker Visits to the Community Resource Center
- **5** Aging Out Foster Youth Received **\$2,000** Towards the Purchase of a Car
- **\$58,927** Spent on Supporting Resource Parents and Caregivers
- **\$12,953** Spent on Summer Adventures for **36** Youth
- **\$60,426** in Funds to help **5** families say "YES!" to fostering and **2** Families Maintain 24/7 Emergency Homes

**COST TO RAISE \$100 = \$7.73 | 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@marinfofostercare.org*
- Share Marin Foster Care Association's website and social media pages with others.
- Volunteer with Marin Foster Care Association.  
*Contact volunteer@marinfofostercare.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@marinfofostercare.org.*
- Enlist your company to underwrite special activities for foster youth or opportunity fund grants.  
*Contact ashley@marinfofostercare.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 delivered book and cookie goody bags that put a smile on many faces
- We all Fostered Love

# June



## ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

- Celebrated our resilient kiddos and incredible families
- Bounce houses, a face painter and Kona Ice (oh my!)
- Unsanctioned water balloon fight to cool off on a hot day
- Lots of smiles and laughs

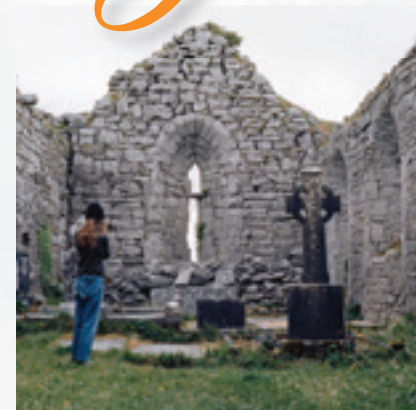
# May



## DANCE-A-THON

- Finally back in person!
- Raised over \$25,000 and our heart rates
- Choreography thanks to Love2Dance and The Power with Grace
- Photo booth, raffle prizes, sundae bar, and more family fun
- Save the date for 2023: May 13th

# August



## SUMMER ADVENTURE

- Each foster child was awarded up to \$300 to participate in a fun summer activity
- 36 kids had a summer filled with fun
- Six Flags, Summer Camps, Trips to Visit Friends, Disneyland, San Diego, Safari West, Camping, Road Trips, and more!

# October



## BLUES & BREWS

- Raised over \$330,000!
- Party of the year at Pacheco Ranch Winery
- Online auction with bidders from all over the country
- Massive success thanks to YOU!
- Save the Date for 2023: October 7th

# December



## HOLIDAY GIFTS

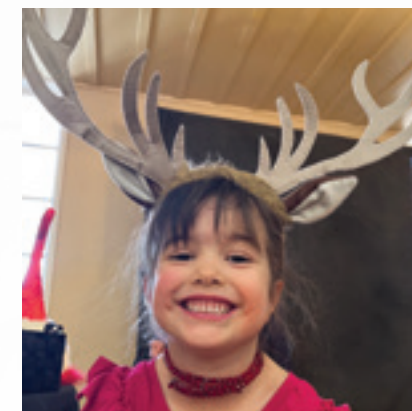
- Amazon shoppers, churches, neighborhoods, civic organizations, schools, other non-profits and individual supporters filled the Community Resource Center (CRC) with hundreds of gifts
- The CRC is now fully stocked to handle 2023 birthdays, new-to-foster-care items, Happy Day and Sad Day gifts
- 164 foster children received 3 gifts each thanks to 2K Games
- 10 foster youth working with probation received Holiday gift packages
- 51 Angel Donors purchased gifts for 106 kids
- 15 Angel Donors made cash donations, allowing MFCA to fill last-minute wishes from kids placed in foster care in late December

# December



## HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

- 64 Families Served
- 8 Aged-Out Foster Youth Served
- Pantries were filled!



## HOLIDAY PARTY

- Holiday cheer was spread
- Games were played, cookies were decorated, carriage rides were had, and holiday crafts were made

# THANK YOU TO OUR TOP DONORS IN 2022

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