

# Homeward Bound

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## HomeAid Partnership Raises Roof at Oma Village

**TEAMWORK HAS BEEN VITAL TO RAISE OMA VILLAGE, OUR NEW SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM FOR 14 HOMELESS FAMILIES IN NOVATO.**

Along with community supporters, Homeward Bound has gained critical assistance from a full roster of development professionals and construction workers to bring this program to life. The crews are raising the buildings at 5394 Nave Drive and Oma Village is forecast to open this summer!



We tip our hats in thanks to HomeAid Northern California, the philanthropic arm of the building industry. Through HomeAid, skills and materials are pledged to Oma Village at a discount, enabling us to build at the lowest possible cost.

This partnership has played a part in everything from clearing the land of tree stumps and decrepit buildings to procuring kitchen faucets and cabinets to planning the landscaping. The value of donations coming through HomeAid Northern California tops \$800,000.

Homeward Bound of Marin collaborated previously with HomeAid in building the Next Key Center, which opened in 2008. HomeAid coordinated \$250,000 in savings for the Next Key, which includes 32 studio apartments, a training kitchen, The Key Room event venue and offices.

“HomeAid is an amazing partner, not only enlisting the highest quality trades and industry professionals, but focusing on projects that have lasting value in the community. This partnership has forged a lasting friendship,” says Mary Kay Sweeney, executive director for Homeward Bound of Marin.

HomeAid Northern California joins the Bay Area chapter of the Building Industry Association to champion projects that “rebuild the lives of homeless families and adults,” says Cheryl O’Connor, HomeAid executive director. The group enlisted the New Home Company and Richmond American Homes to share the “builder captain” role and manage the work at Oma Village.

“This is our first permanent supportive housing project, so we’re very excited. The other 35 Bay Area projects we have completed have been shelters and transitional housing,” O’Connor says.

Most affordable housing developers prefer to build larger projects to create economic feasibility, she adds, so HomeAid fills a niche by allowing a smaller community like Oma Village to become reality. “We’d like to do a lot more of them,” she says.

With an acute need for affordable homes in Marin, one of the most expensive rental markets in the country, partners like HomeAid Northern California have never been more valuable. We look forward to celebrating a grand opening with the HomeAid team and all of our Oma Village supporters!



OMA VILLAGE FORECAST TO OPEN THIS SUMMER!

## “Coach” Patches Garments of Life

“It’s been 4 years since I’ve put a tie, sport coat, and loafers on. I am looking forward to getting back on track, patching the holes that have appeared in the garment of life,” says Tim H., a proud gentleman known to most as “Coach.”



After three years of living on the street, Tim came to Homeward Bound through the Transition to Wellness partnership with Ritter Center and local hospitals. Having a place to stay with ongoing nursing care, he’s begun to rebuild his health and life after suffering serious complications of diabetes.

Things looked different for Tim when he graduated in 1965 from San Rafael High School, where he was a football star. “We didn’t have homelessness in 1965,” he says. “There were some surfers and hippies who lived on the beach, but that was a lifestyle choice.”

He continued playing football at University of California at Davis before signing with the San Francisco 49ers. A glittering career looked set to open, but tragedy struck when he blew out his knee in training. Tim’s pro career ended before the first whistle.

After a period of healing, he played semi-pro football in places like South Lake Tahoe and coached football at Marin Catholic High School, where he gained his nickname.

“Throughout my life, I’ve been able to help a lot of people in a variety of different ways, and the name ‘Coach’ has traveled with me,” he says. Looking for a better income, Tim moved to the construction industry and occasionally helped with Little League.

When a long-term relationship ended several years ago, his life unraveled into homelessness. Sleeping outside for three years led to health problems.

“I went through cycles of getting sick and not being able to recover as I slept outside in the cold. Then diabetes stuck its head up,” he says. “As tough a guy as I am, I have been humbled by diabetes. It takes the air right out of you.”

During one of his hospital visits, Tim was referred to Transition to Wellness, an innovative partnership that offers space at the Next Key Apartments for people leaving the hospital without stable housing. While Homeward Bound provides shelter, food and support, Ritter Center supplies nursing case management and medical supervision.

In the 2014-15 year, the program served 32 people with more than half moving to a shelter or housing situation after their stay. While many had been homeless for extended periods, the program allows residents to start caring better for themselves and start finding opportunities for the future.

An opportunity opened for Tim to leave homelessness behind when he connected with a Homeward Bound program called Housing at Last, which offers long-term housing to people with a disabling condition and a significant history of homelessness.

“Having rent that I can afford is extremely helpful. I feel like a human being again. I can cook for myself and can make my own decisions. Nobody is complaining about me,” he says. “The years that I was outside were a real mess. Ritter Center and Homeward Bound really helped me climb out of that hole.”

“Coach is an incredible representation of resilience. He’s made substantial changes in a short amount of time. He’s taking care of complex health conditions and working on rebuilding what was lost while out on the streets,” says Liz McCann, director of the Housing at Last program.

Tim plans to muster his game face and “give life the college pitch” by renewing his job search. “Most employers don’t want to see you walk up to their site with a backpack and all your worldly belongings. I don’t have to do that anymore,” he says. “I’m looking forward to the future. I want to be credible in society again.”

With his personal pep talk playing strong, Tim looks ready to coach himself through a comeback. We’re rooting for him!



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## PAYING HOMAGE TO PARTNERS



### DEAR FRIENDS TO THE END...OF HOMELESSNESS,

We are all connected, not just to the Internet, but really and truly to each other. At Homeward Bound, we understand and appreciate that connecting is the cornerstone of working in a community to end homelessness. Just like connective tissues result in our ability to move and breathe and sustain bodily functions, so the body politic moves and breathes to function cohesively, hopefully and optimally.

Some amazing and impactful stories of connection are here in these pages – quietly heroic, courageous, groundbreaking, and sometimes downright gritty.

Other stories exist in each of our own lives, where we connect with others to make our time together more purposeful and complete. Together we are so much more and, therefore, can do so much more.

Homelessness is manmade. It will take all of us – men, women and children – to unmake it. We can do that without directing blame toward people for being homeless nor to organizations who are called to serve people without homes. Together we can expand our efforts and amass all our collective human forces to forge productive relationships with individuals and groups to finally end homelessness.

From a daily breakfast for a veteran or senior, to creating an entire community called Oma Village, our partners – whether nonprofits, businesses or skilled volunteers – help our residents and each other advance toward common goals.

This issue of Homeward Bound newsletter introduces just a few of our close partners to illustrate the ways that our local safety net truly is woven from strands of many varied strengths.

**None of us is really home until all of us are home.**

Gratefully,

Mary Kay Sweeney, Executive Director

## Cheffa F. Finally Finds Home in Her Hometown

Though raised and schooled in Marin County, Cheffa H. passed a lot of time in her hometown without feeling like it was a place where she belonged.



She attended Davidson Middle School and San Rafael High School, but spent years struggling to hold down a job while battling persistent mental health issues. Turning to drugs and alcohol, Cheffa ended up on the streets.

That period became “very sad and confusing,” she says, but Cheffa determined to change her circumstances and now has several years of sobriety. Yet her struggle to maintain employment continued and, as a result, so did

her episodes without stable housing.

Two years ago, however, Cheffa found a home at our Voyager Carmel Center in San Rafael and now works with Buckelew Programs, Homeward Bound’s primary partner in serving homeless people facing severe mental health issues in Marin.

At Voyager Carmel Center, Cheffa has long-term housing and says she appreciates the on-site AA meetings, supportive staff and daily meals. She’s blossomed in this unique community of 36 residents who find fellowship in the communal kitchen and living room.

“When Cheffa arrived in our program, she was guarded and kept to herself. Today and each day, Cheffa spends time with other residents, she helps regularly with chores and is so proud of her work! She just keeps giving back over and over to our community,” Program Director Alison Buck says.

“I am able to be good to myself and to take care of myself,” Cheffa says, “and having a place to call home, to shower and to sleep, means that I can get a job.”

People like Cheffa are the focus of Buckelew Employment Services, which assists adults with mental illness in Marin, Sonoma and Napa counties to find and maintain employment. The agency offers pre-employment counseling, vocational training, job development, placement, and job coaching.

“Cheffa was punctual and eager to work from the first time that I met with her. She has been working hard and is eager to advance in her career,” says Tamahtra McClure, Cheffa’s caseworker at Buckelew. Cheffa now has a full-time position on the clean-up crew at The Village mall in Corte Madera.

“I am focused on my journey now,” Cheffa says. “I love going to work and I love spending time with my mother and my son, who both live in San Rafael. It is a great feeling to be a part of their lives and to have them be proud of me.”



## Edith B. Finds Warm Place at Fireside Apartments

Edith B. remembers clearly when she walked into the Fireside Apartments in Mill Valley. “It was my birthday,” she says. “And I thought, can this really be a place for me?”



Fleeing domestic violence, Edith stepped onto the Fireside property six years ago after a nomadic journey that brought her to Homeward Bound of Marin by way of her sister’s home, where she expected help but found no welcome.

She thrived at our Family Center and moved to transitional housing, but worried continually about the future of her sons Erik and Brandon without stable housing and a steady school.

Her family now has an affordable two-bedroom apartment at Fireside, which is among 130+ properties owned and managed by Eden Housing, a nonprofit developer and manager of affordable communities throughout California (for more information – [www.edenhousing.org](http://www.edenhousing.org)). Through Eden’s partnership with Homeward Bound, Edith says, her family has thrived.

“I feel there are a lot of angels around me. If I have a problem, someone is here for me to ask,” she says.

By partnering with Homeward Bound, Eden Housing provides Fireside with a full-time coordinator for services like family counseling, a monthly food pantry, and helping residents access benefits like bus vouchers or assistance with health care.

Edith has found support for the smallest things, like replacing a lost backpack for 10-year-old Brandon, to the larger ones, like lightening her spirit through regular sessions with a trauma therapist and attending parenting workshops.

“There are good things here for families. Sometimes you think you’re okay, but you’re not and you can get better,” Edith says. She attends a weekly yoga workshop at Fireside to help with back problems that have bothered her since she fell while working at a local flea market.

Fireside provides affordable rental apartments specifically reserved for people who have previously experienced homelessness, says Anna Gwyn Simpson, Eden’s director of resident services. Homeward Bound refers tenants for 18 of the 50 apartments.

“Eden is pleased to have a strong local partner in Homeward Bound who has longtime experience in providing services for people with a history of homelessness,” Simpson says. The successful partnership at Fireside led Eden Housing to contract with Homeward Bound for a service coordinator at another Eden property, Warner Creek Senior Housing in Novato, which opened in 2013 for 60 low-income tenants.

The support services play a key role in stability for families who often struggle to make ends meet with low-wage jobs, Edith says. Without a home at Fireside, she says, “I would only be able to rent a single room for all of us to have to share somewhere. I would be scared.”



## Wagster Treats Goes to Market with Kiosk Help

Wagster Treats launched this spring as our new social enterprise venture: nourishing dog biscuits made in our training kitchen from human-grade ingredients in three chef-inspired recipes.

**kiosk** Graduates of Fresh Starts Culinary Academy mix, bake and sell Wagster Treats at local farmer's markets in Corte Madera, the Marin Civic Center and Mill Valley. More locations will be coming soon!

When it comes to business, however, getting products out the door only comprises half the equation. They need to have a presence online.

With pro bono support from Kiosk, a Novato digital marketing agency, a new site at [wagstertreats.com](http://wagstertreats.com) now showcases these "life-changing dog treats." Like all of our social enterprise ventures, they operate with a "double bottom line" that balances earning revenue with a social mission of helping homeless or low-income adults build employment skills.

"The cleverly designed Wagster site is playful, crisp, and informative. Our Kiosk partners are themselves a treat to work with," says Mary Kay Sweeney, Homeward Bound Executive Director.

The site at [wagstertreats.com](http://wagstertreats.com) is the third developed for Homeward Bound by Kiosk, a 70-person business named the Large Business of the Year for 2015 by the Novato Chamber of Commerce.

Kiosk introduced themselves to Homeward Bound early last year, when their staff voted to support Homeward Bound of Marin as their local nonprofit for 2015. They signed up employees to run for us in the Marin Human Race, and held other fundraising activities throughout the year.

From there, a valuable partnership grew after Homeward Bound solicited their advice on revamping the website for The Key Room, our event venue with on-site catering.

The Kiosk crew worked pro bono to launch a new site at [thekeyroom.com](http://thekeyroom.com) before updating our larger site at [hbofm.org](http://hbofm.org), which launched early this year. They "adopted" Homeward Bound again for 2016, extending our partnership to this year's Marin Human Race and beyond.

"From the very inception of Kiosk, we've always worked with local charities and community groups," says Claire Knoles, co-founder and Chief Operating Officer at Kiosk.

In 2004, the Kiosk office in Liverpool, England, led creation of a training center nearby in the impoverished Kensington neighborhood. Their efforts in fundraising, branding and marketing helped open a program with a drop-in computer lab and computer skills training. Still open after 12 years, the center "has made a huge difference to the local community," Knoles says.

Over the years, Kiosk has supported several international causes but working with local charities has always been most fruitful, she says, because "the value we can provide is greater if we have an opportunity to be hands-on."

The result of their hands-on effort is visible at [wagstertreats.com](http://wagstertreats.com), a simple but engaging site to promote dog treats that help transform opportunities for people working their way out of poverty.

With their substantial contributions, Kiosk in Novato has been a life-changing partner for Homeward Bound of Marin online.



### JOIN THE WAGSTER TEAM TO FUNDRAISE FOR YOUR CAUSE!

Are you tired of selling magazine subscriptions or food products full of preservatives and chemicals to raise funds for your school or team? Why not sell Wagster Treats instead?

We would be delighted to partner with you! Each bag of Wagster Treats that you sell will raise money for your cause as well as ours.

You can meet your fundraising goal and feel good that you're creating employment opportunities for vulnerable people in our community. You can be happy recommending California-made dog treats without chemicals or low-grade fillers, because we make Wagster Treats with natural, human-grade ingredients and love in every batch.

So join the Wagster team and raise funds with life-changing dog treats – good for dogs, good for the community!



## Food Bank Helps Anchor Mealtime

The need to plan dinner for more than 200 people at three or more locations arises regularly for Executive Chef Eric Magnani and Homeward Bound's kitchen crew.



They prep and cook three meals daily for 80 adults at New Beginnings Center, plus up to 40 tenants at the Next Key Apartments, along with dinner for Voyager Carmel Center's 36 residents in San Rafael. Three or four times per month, the calendar includes the 55 residents at Mill Street Center too.

With limited storage, Chef Eric makes regular trips to the SF-Marin Food Bank in Bel Marin Keys. "I need to move food in bulk and we haven't got storage to stockpile, so I'm there two or three times a week. Their offerings are pretty robust," he says.

As a nonprofit trying to stretch the budget as far as possible, Homeward Bound considers the Food Bank as a first choice for pantry supplies.

Chef Eric estimates he brings an average of 1,000 pounds of produce, dairy items and non-perishable goods monthly from the Food Bank. Produce is free and Homeward Bound pays about 5 percent of the retail price for other items, with a recent trip to fetch 77 pounds of food costing just over \$9.00.

"It's significant," he says. "We've eliminated the cost of instant oatmeal, prepared soup, and canned goods like tomatoes. We go through 20 to 25 gallons of milk per week, so dairy is huge for us."

Irene Garcia, a program coordinator for the Food Bank, says Homeward Bound is among their largest North Bay partners. Forty-eight Marin nonprofits shop at the Food Bank's Novato site.

"Each has their own distribution processes but they all have the need for fresh and nourishing food," Garcia says. With meat, the most costly item, the Food Bank limits shoppers to 2 pounds per resident per month, but other items are offered without restrictions.

From the Novato office, the Food Bank also partners with Homeward Bound to bring a monthly "brown bag pantry" to low-income residents at Warner Creek Senior Housing in Novato and Fireside Apartments in Mill Valley. At those events, boxes of food are laid out so residents can pick what they need.

"People often assume Marin is a place where everyone is wealthy and well-fed, but that's not true," Garcia says. "We're always trying to reach those pockets of need."

For people grappling with challenges, Chef Eric sees meals as important touchpoints for each day and a main avenue for creating fellowship among residents. The menus include a meat dish five nights per week along with fresh soups and salads. The chef also offers "fun stuff" like Indian or Mexican flavors as well as favorites for holidays.

"When people are in turmoil in their personal lives, meals kind of anchor them in the world," he says. "We do our best to provide that piece."





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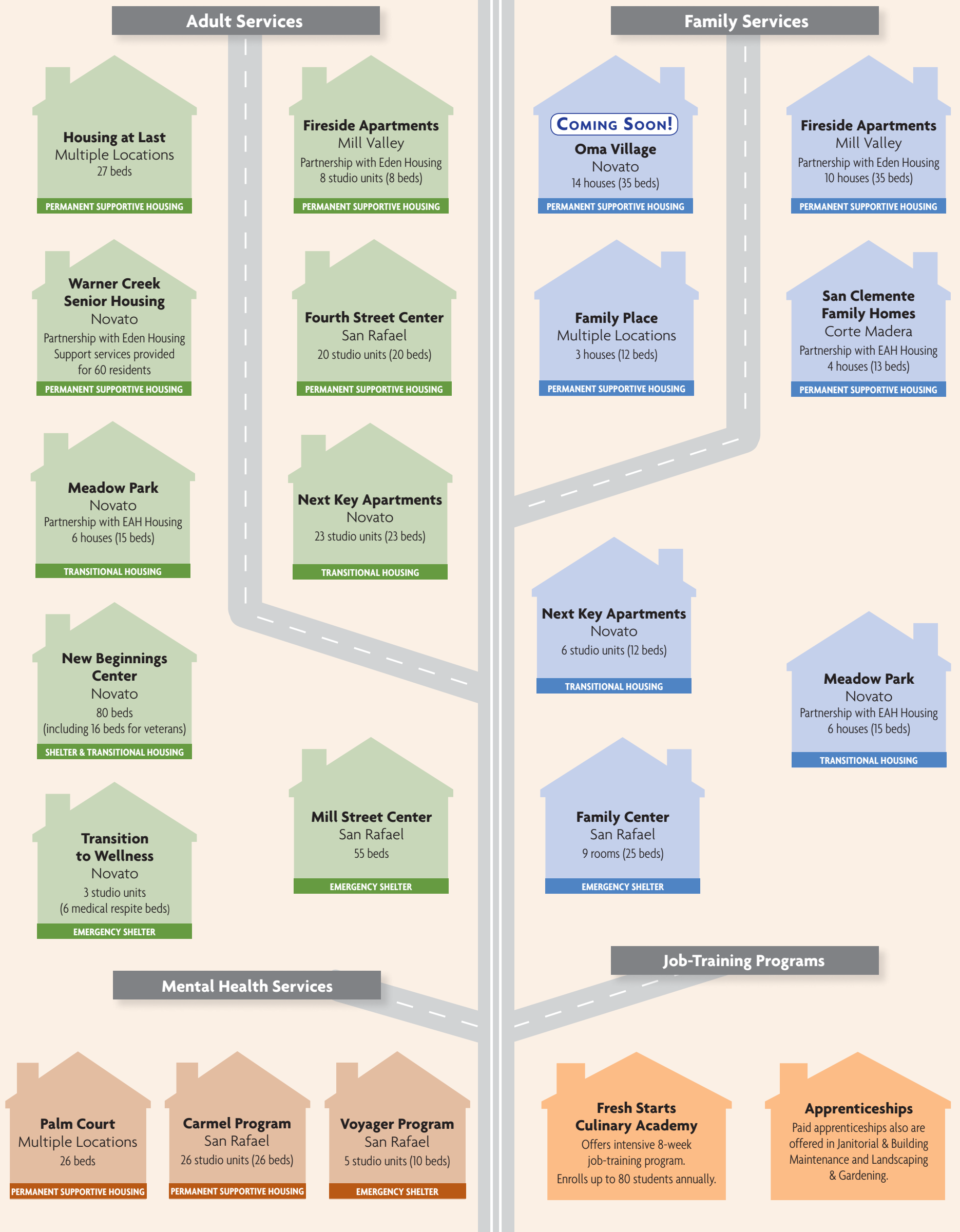
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HOMeward BOUND PROGRAM MAP – 2016



**OUR PROGRAMS:** Founded in 1974, Homeward Bound began with a single family program. Since then, Homeward Bound has grown to include a wide range of housing and services from emergency shelter to permanent supportive housing. Whether you know us by volunteering in the garden at New Beginnings Center or preparing dinner for Mill Street Center, you have the opportunity to see how our programs embody the mission of “ending homelessness through training, housing and hope.” This illustration of Homeward Bound provides a road map of the services offered as people move from the “front doors” of our Mill Street and Family Center shelters to stable homes.

# Bits 'n' Pieces

## Culinary Training Open for Summer Students



Fresh Starts Culinary Academy is accepting students now for summer job training in our kitchen under a pilot eight-week program to prepare trainees more quickly for the workplace. The condensed training at Fresh Starts, which is certified by the American Culinary Federation, will offer the option to continue learning through short-term paid internships.

Students will gain skills in food preparation and service, kitchen operations and hygiene, knife skills and teamwork. Classes will be in session weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with the exception of Wednesday, when class hours are 9 a.m. to noon.

For an application and more information, contact Training Director Steve Cohen at 415-382-3363 x231 or visit [hbofm.org](http://hbofm.org).

## Fresh Starts Team Prepares for Marin County Fair

Our Fresh Starts crew will return with a food booth this year at the Marin County Fair. Look for our menu with a global spin: Kung Pao Chicken Noodle Salad, Chicken Tikka Masala Tacos, Bao Buns with Char Siu Pork and Grilled Peach and Corn Salad.

Executive Chef Eric Magnani points out that the fair from June 30 to July 4 occurs at a perfect time in the seasonal calendar. "The peaches are beautiful and we'll have fun things to eat with real spices and aroma," he says.

Along with providing tasty food for fairgoers, the booth will give hands-on experience to our culinary students and graduates while earning money to support the training program – a great recipe for summer!

## Mary Kay Inducted into Women's Hall of Fame

The 2016 inductees to the Marin Women's Hall of Fame include Executive Director Mary Kay Sweeney, honored in the category of social change.

"I am honored to be in the company of such dynamic, accomplished women who make our community more whole and vibrant," Mary Kay says. Along with four others, she was celebrated March 31 at an event sponsored by the YWCA San Francisco & Marin.

The honor came as Mary Kay marks her 23rd year at Homeward Bound of Marin, where she has overseen the opening of New Beginnings Center, the Next Key Center and construction of Oma Village, along with initiatives in culinary training and "housing first" services for chronically homeless adults and families.

In addition to Mary Kay, the honorees were: Judge Verna Adams, public affairs; former Marin County Bicycle Coalition leader Deborah Hubsmith (posthumous), environment; TMC Financing President Barbara Morrison, business; and Marin City activist Florence Williams, community service.



## SUPPORT OUR NONPROFIT VENTURES



Sign up for **Fresh Starts Chef Events**, a series of celebrity chef evenings that include menu demonstration and dinner. Meet a culinary hero and celebrate local specialties! Call 415-382-3363 x243 or find out more at [bit.ly/FScheffevents](http://bit.ly/FScheffevents)



Promote and purchase **Wagster Treats**, the nourishing new dog biscuits made in our training kitchen from human-grade ingredients in three chef-inspired recipes. Find out more at [wagstertreats.com](http://wagstertreats.com)



Give a **Halo** to friends and family! **Halo Truffles**, along with Halo HomeMades jams and jellies, are made in our training kitchen. Call the Halo Hotline at 415-382-3363 x214 or find out more at [hbofm.org](http://hbofm.org)

## The Key Room

FINE FOOD~EXCEPTIONAL EVENTS



Plan your event at **The Key Room**, our full-service event venue with on-site catering by students and graduates of Fresh Starts Culinary Academy. Call our event coordinator at 415-382-3363 x214 or visit us at [thekeyroom.com](http://thekeyroom.com)

## Invest in Making a Difference

Your gift makes a difference for homeless men, women and children as they create positive change and transform their lives.

Invest in a better future when you give online at [hbofm.org](http://hbofm.org) or by check to Homeward Bound of Marin, 1385 N. Hamilton Parkway, Novato, CA 94949.



## Shop for Good with Amazon Smile

Whether you're shopping at home or for the office, using the portal at [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com) lets you place orders for almost anything while supporting Homeward Bound. Through this charity portal, you can use your existing Amazon account to purchase millions of items knowing that a portion of your spending comes back to invest in the future of your community.

Learn more at [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com) and choose Homeward Bound from the list of eligible charities.

# Gifts of Time and Resources

We have such overwhelming support from the community and, with every good intention, we try to keep track of your support. Sometimes we inadvertently overlook individuals or organizations that have helped Homeward Bound in some way. If we have forgotten to list you below, please accept our apology and know we appreciate all that you do. And let us know, so we can include you next time!

## Congregations

### Thank you to:

- ◆ The following congregations for bringing a monthly meal to Mill Street Center: **Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Village Baptist Church, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Marin and Spirit Rock Meditation Center, St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, Congregation Rodef Sholom, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Community Congregational Church of Tiburon, Trinity Lutheran Church, Redwoods Presbyterian Church, St. Isabella's Catholic Church, Hillside Community Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Marin Lutheran Church, First United Methodist Church of San Rafael, St. Anselm's Catholic Church, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Church of Novato, Marin Covenant Church, First Presbyterian Church of San Rafael, First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, Cornerstone Community Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, Congregation Kol Shofar, and Nativity of Christ Greek Orthodox Church.**
- ◆ **Peace Lutheran Church** for holiday gift cards and other support for residents of Fireside Apartments.
- ◆ **St. Isabella's Catholic Church** for providing holiday gifts for residents.

## Schools

### Thank you to:

- ◆ **San Domenico School 4th graders** for cooking meals monthly, baking cookies and decorating for holidays at the Family Center.
- ◆ **San Domenico School 5th graders** for staffing a food pantry at Fireside Apartments.



- ◆ **Sun Valley School** students for donating Halloween costumes to Family Center.
- ◆ **Sun Valley School and Go Inspire Go!** for organizing a community service day that produced care kits for Mill Street Center residents plus meals and cupcakes for Family Center.
- ◆ **Dominican University** students for volunteering in the New Beginnings Center gardens
- ◆ **Mill Valley Middle School** students and families for holiday gifts for Warner Creek residents.
- ◆ **Marin Primary & Middle School** students for helping to package Wagster Treat dog biscuits.
- ◆ **Dominican University** service learning students for help with child care, gardening and office tasks.
- ◆ **Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society at College of Marin** for working in the gardens.
- ◆ **Marin Academy** students for assembling bag lunches for Mill Street Center residents.

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### Thank you to:

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- ◆ **Nugget Market** for donating body care products and meals for our programs.
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- ◆ **Anabella's Gifts** for organizing pizza and game night as well as providing holiday gifts at Family Center.
- ◆ **Stone Soup Marin** for donating a monthly meal at Mill Street Center.
- ◆ **National Charity League Mission Belles Chapter** for gardening at New Beginnings Center.
- ◆ **EO Products** for donating organic personal care products to our programs.
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- ◆ **San Rafael Pacifics** for donating tickets to baseball games for residents.
- ◆ **Taylor Maid Farms** for donating Thanksgiving dinner for Family Center.



- ◆ **Marin Symphony** for donating tickets to performances for residents.
- ◆ **Employees at 2K Games** for providing move-out baskets for our residents.
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- ◆ **The Pajama Program** for donating pajamas for our residents.
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