Oma Village Welcomes Families Home for the Holidays!

Thank you to everyone who helped complete this dream to offer modern, stylish, energy-efficient small rental homes for families who are rebuilding and ready to put down roots in the community after the experience of homelessness. Several families already are preparing applications and rental agreements at Oma Village, where tenants will share a community center and playground.

Guests at our Grand Opening heard from supporters like Congressman Jared Huffman, Assemblyman Marc Levine, Novato Mayor Pat Ekland, and Dr. Thomas Peters, chief executive of Marin Community Foundation. Guests also enjoyed music from the Black Sheep Brass Band and frozen treats from Garden Creamery.

“Every one of these 14 units is going to be transformative for a family as they turn their lives around,” Congressman Huffman told guests at the event. “We’ve got a critical need for more.”

The first residents will be “trailblazers for a significant movement in this community,” Dr. Peters said. “The model will make a difference for scores upon scores of families in Marin and beyond.”

Oma Village becomes the newest affordable housing community in Novato. The City of Novato provided seed funding for the project along with the County of Marin, Marin Community Foundation and the Dominican Sisters of San Rafael.

A key partner in building Oma Village was HomeAid Northern California, the charitable arm of the building industry which enlisted industry professionals to offer their services at a discount for this $6.5 million project. Gifts are still welcome to close the home stretch of the capital fundraising campaign.

“Oma Village made headlines in September, when a break-in occurred and thieves made off with appliances, lighting and electrical equipment valued at more than $12,000. With help from community supporters, our team rescheduled installation of most items before the ribbon-cutting ceremony.”

“It was a kick in the gut, but we couldn’t let that derail us from opening these homes for the families that desperately need a place to recreate their futures,” HomeAid Northern California Executive Director Mary Kay Sweeney, said.

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For information about volunteer opportunities at Oma Village and other programs, please email Volunteer Coordinator Andrea Rey at arey@hbofm.org.

Wagster Treats Expands to Regional Sales with Pet Food Express

Wagster Treats, the healthy dog biscuits made in our training kitchen, are moving to regional distribution this fall with the help of Pet Food Express.

Local pet owners have given a warm reception to these “life-changing dog treats” since their debut in February at several Marin farmers’ markets. They also are available at independent retailers like Mill Valley Market and Pet Cottage in San Anselmo. Wagster Treats are baked with human-grade natural ingredients by students and graduates of Fresh Starts Culinary Academy, allowing formerly homeless adults to build employment skills while forging a new social enterprise with Homeward Bound.

Our team makes Wagster Treats with three chef-inspired recipes free of soy, corn and wheat: Peanut Butter & Molasses, Apple & Toasted Almond, and Banana & Toasted Coconut. They’re good for dogs, good for the community!

Pet Food Express offers Wagster Treats at all 60 stores in California, which range from Davis to Long Beach with five in Marin County. “Pet Food Express has been supportive of our business at every step of the way, giving us feedback on packaging and how to position ourselves in the marketplace,” says Paul Fordham, deputy executive director of Homeward Bound.

Fordham notes the company has deep roots in Marin, which is home to founder Michael Levy, and has a long history of community involvement, actively supporting animal adoption programs around the Bay Area. “We’re thrilled to have such a strong partner in both marketplace and mindset,” Paul says.

Growing distribution means expanding employment on the Wagster Treats team, which will create new positions in the coming year for production and sales. The Wagster Treats team will continue at the farmers’ markets on Wednesdays at Corte Madera Town Center and Sundays at the Marin Civic Center, along with adding new local retailers to our list of vendors. Please get in touch if you’d like to partner with us to raise money for your cause with sales of Wagster Treats.

Online sales are available at wagstertreats.com, where you can see our video and find a list of ingredients for all Wagster Treats.

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OMA VILLAGE – A REALIZATION OF HOPE

DEAR FRIENDS TO THE END...OF HOMELESSNESS,

We know you share a vision for what we imagine and hope will be a better life for families, for veterans, and for single adults who experience the trauma and heartache of not having a place to call home. The story of Oma Village and the stories of people like Dalaina and Defonte and Jon parallel our own life journeys and remind us of the power of hope-filled persistence.

Oma Village is not just a village of beautifully constructed, energy-efficient, and artfully spacious homes. It is the concrete realization of hope – hope held and fostered by people who cling to a vision of ending homelessness and who pursue that vision with passionate vigor.

We’re not building just for the children and families who will thrive at Oma Village. We’re building for our entire community, as a beacon and a realization of our collective hope.

The path to completing Oma Village mirrors the journeys of people we are entrusted to serve. In clinging to hope and relying on support, we draw nearer to the destination despite detours, roadblocks, and delays (traffic and otherwise!)

We are grateful to all of you who hold the vision, foster the hope, and encourage Homeward Bound in fulfilling the dreams of our community. Your abiding support helps us advance toward our collective mission in countless and varied ways.

Mary Kay Sweeney
Executive Director

P.S. Who would have thought that hope can take the shape of a dog treat? It has—for our Wagster Treat bakers, packagers, and sales team, the treats are paving the way to hope-filled futures!

Homeward Bound of Marin

Jon S. Walks a New Path After Homelessness

Growing up as one of nine children in Marin in the 1970s, Jon S. says he embraced a bit of chaos in family life.

After struggling with addiction and experiencing homelessness, however, he says his own family brought him back to establishing a routine, being accountable and working to help others regain stability in their lives.

A graduate of Terra Linda High School, Jon worked in the construction industry for many years. “It was steady money, but no saving money,” he adds.

He committed to sobriety in 2003 after a brother died of addiction-related causes, but a period of relapse seven years later sent him into a downward spiral. When his ex-wife became unable to care for their two children, however, Jon made a choice to put himself on a new path.

“I had friends who came to my aid,” he says. While they took in his children, Jon lived with a relative nearby and then moved into Homeward Bound’s Mill Street Center emergency shelter. When there was a vacancy in our family programs, Jon moved in with his daughter, Harmony, and son, Johnny.

“I became unselfish. I had to go one day at a time, but I was committed to my sobriety and to their well-being, so I put that first above everything,” Jon says.

He renewed his career, working in construction for a San Mateo company while sticking to a daily schedule for dropping off his children at school and picking them up in the evening.

“Homeward Bound gave me the support to be accountable and to provide a stable environment. They realized I was a guy who really wanted to do it for them. They made me believe I could do it,” Jon says.

Since leaving our programs in 2014, Jon’s children are thriving in a small school that offers more one-on-one connection with teachers. “They’re doing really well. I just took my daughter to a Father-Daughter Dance – she’s in sixth grade!”

Jon has been named a manager at Marin Services for Men, a sober living program with 16 men housed in San Rafael and 21 enrolled in two other programs in the county.

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Volunteer Spotlight – Carole Eade Shares Appetite for Service and Cooking

Volunteer service has become a vocation for Carole Eade, one of Homeward Bound’s dedicated kitchen volunteers at New Beginnings Center.

She spends one to two mornings per week helping staff members prep and serve meals for 80 residents at the center, which offers breakfast, lunch and dinner.

“My heritage is Italian, so we show love by feeding people,” says Carole, a Novato resident. “I think eating should be an enjoyable thing. I try to make the plates look nice and I love making sandwiches for people who are going to work during the day.”

Marked by her accent as a Brooklyn native, Carole greets many residents by name and asks about their day. “People are always so appreciative. And I love this place. It’s so worthy,” she says.

She became interested in joining our volunteer corps more than a year ago after attending an event in The Key Room, our event venue with on-site catering. She was drawn to the positive feelings that she saw among the culinary crew and community guests.

Carole and her husband, George, volunteered for the American Red Cross for 10 years as disaster response specialists. They took part in teams dispatched to aid people displaced by fires, floods and other crises. “I’d go home after that and feel like I really helped people,” she said.

Since retiring in 2005, the couple also served at Youth Enrichment Services to support a family camp for low-income parents and children from Richmond. They accompanied participants to a weekend of fun in the mountains near Pescadero and ensured the families enjoyed a mini-vacation.

Occasional back pain told her to give up roles that involved lifting luggage or boxes of supplies. Carole says, so the lighter work in the kitchen is a good fit for her.

“My feeling about volunteering is that I get more out of it than I put in. I really believe that,” she says.
Defonte A. Sharpens Skills in Kitchen and Life

A lifelong resident of Marin, Defonte A. is moving to a new apartment in Vallejo with a smile on his face.

Defonte has made great strides in finding his path and proving, especially to himself, “I’m finally going to come into my own. I’ve got a good web of contacts going and I’m happy with my situation,” says Defonte, a tenant at our Next Key Apartments and a 2015 graduate of Fresh Starts Culinary Academy.

He recalls arriving at Fresh Starts Culinary Academy with a love for cooking but no real skills. In fact, he said, he’d never eaten a salad. “What I got from this place was amazing,” Defonte says. “Basic knife skills plus the habit of communication with the chef, learning to be part of a team. And becoming knowledgeable about the tools of cooking.”

After graduating, he worked at the Sausalito Yacht Club for about 18 months before recently joining Good Earth Natural Foods as a cook at the wok station. The list of his specialties includes Vegetable Pad Thai, Seafood Red Curry, Vegetable Yellow Curry and a tasty peanut sauce.

“I have a lot more confidence now to make positive changes and move forward in the right direction,” says Dalaina, a graduate of Fresh Starts Culinary Academy and resident at the Next Key Apartments.

Along with baking and packaging our premium dog treats, Dalaina has been a salesperson at local farmers’ markets and has accompanied other staff members to visit retailers that carry our healthy, made-in-Marin products in their stores. “Wagster has given me a lot of great experience to add to my skill set,” she says.

Dalaina arrived at Homeward Bound in early 2015 after several weeks of living in her car with Brandi, her daughter. Now 10 years old, Brandi says she’s grateful to share the studio apartment with her mom at the Next Key program in Novato. “It’s a much bigger space than the car,” says Brandi, who says her favorite subjects in school are “art, then math.” “The car was very, very, very cold. I had five blankets and a few pairs of socks,” she says. “This is more like a home.”

In fact, Dalaina says, this is the first home she and her daughter have had to themselves. They have been in transition for about five years since Dalaina fled an abusive relationship and then lived for awhile with her grandmother in Arizona.

“Things now are so much better than I ever imagined for myself, honestly,” she says. Although her grandmother always cooked wonderful meals, Dalaina says she felt insecure in the kitchen and became inspired by the opportunity to enroll at Fresh Starts Culinary Academy. She graduated in November 2015.

Though she’s comfortable now in the kitchen, she says Wagster Treats offers a more predictable schedule that lets her create a consistent family routine with Brandi. She likes the idea of making vegan, healthy snacks for beloved pets – and now her family has one of their own.

Defonte A. recently welcomed Evie, a Chihuahua puppy, after talks with several mental health professionals who concluded that the family could benefit from an emotional support dog.

Homeward Bound has provided a base to gain stability and plan for the future. Dalaina says, adding that she may attend College of Marin to pursue her interest in psychology and sociology.

“One option to explore is preparing for a case worker position with a social service agency,” she says. Other interests include nursing and psychological support.

Finding a place at Homeward Bound, Dalaina says, is like “having a new family. Support comes from many people with many different talents and they genuinely care to help. It’s given us a new start.”

Art lets children play, innovate, and problem-solve, says Marianne Owens of DrawBridge, a nonprofit organization that offers creative workshops twice weekly for children at the Family Center and other Bay Area sites serving homeless families.

“We’re creating a place where kids can come and be kids. We start letting them in at 4 years old,” she says. “Sometimes it’s experimental, other times it’s emotional and transformative. Some just become kids again and have the joy of creating.”

Whatever mood strikes, the children are welcome to participate, says Marianne, who has been part of DrawBridge outreach for 20 years and now serves on the board. The organization has restored a part-time paid staff after several years of all-volunteer operations and now offers workshops at 24 sites serving homeless kids in seven counties.

“It’s been incredibly easy to stay with the DrawBridge team for so long,” says Marianne. San Rafael photographer who also works as a para-educator with the Marin County Office of Education. “Just the joy of the kids experiencing art is wonderful to be around.”

The workshops offer simple materials like paper, paint, scissors and colored pens or pencils, with a suggested project that could be made from them. DrawBridge focuses on the creative process rather than the result, so children are always free to do their own thing.

“We are not teaching art and we don’t judge,” she says. “Our workshops are dedicated to creating space for them to be themselves.”

Since residents at the Family Center are in transition, the scope of the workshops changes often depending on the ages of the children who are present. She recalls at one point staging an animation workshop with clay models over several weeks, while another period was devoted to photography sessions with teens.

Drawbridge actually began in a corner of our offices with Homeward Bound acting as the organization’s fiscal agent until they branched out as an independent nonprofit. DrawBridge volunteers have been active in our family shelters since their genesis, always looking for ways to draw children away from stress and into the fun of the moment.

“Almost every day I ask the kids a question, ‘Is the Art Lady coming today?’ “ says Shikira Porter, program manager at Family Center. “If the kids will part with their creations, we like to display them in the house. DrawBridge brings such pleasure.”

FAL 2016
**Adult Services**

- **Housing at Last**
  - Multiple Locations
  - 26 beds
  - Permanent Supportive Housing

- **Warner Creek Senior Housing**
  - Novato
  - Partnership with Eden Housing
  - Support services provided for 60 residents
  - Permanent Supportive Housing

- **Fireside Apartments**
  - Mill Valley
  - Partnership with Eden Housing
  - 8 studio units (8 beds)
  - Permanent Supportive Housing

- **Fourth Street Center**
  - San Rafael
  - 20 studio units (20 beds)
  - Permanent Supportive Housing

- **Next Key Apartments**
  - Novato
  - 24 studio units (24 beds)
  - Transitional Housing

- **Meadow Park**
  - Novato
  - Partnership with EAH Housing
  - 6 houses (75 beds)
  - Permanent Supportive Housing

- **New Beginnings Center**
  - Novato
  - 80 beds
  - (including 16 beds for veterans)
  - Shelter & Transitional Housing

- **Transition to Wellness**
  - Novato
  - 3 studio units
  - (6 medical respite beds)
  - Emergency Shelter

- **Mill Street Center**
  - San Rafael
  - 55 beds
  - Emergency Shelter

**Family Services**

- **Oma Village**
  - Novato
  - 14 houses (35 beds)
  - Permanent Supportive Housing

- **Fireside Apartments**
  - Mill Valley
  - Partnership with Eden Housing
  - 10 houses (31 beds)
  - Permanent Supportive Housing

- **Family Place**
  - Multiple Locations
  - 3 houses (9 beds)
  - Permanent Supportive Housing

- **Coming Soon!**
  - Family Place II
  - Multiple Locations
  - 8 houses, 22 beds
  - Permanent Supportive Housing

- **San Clemente Family Homes**
  - Corte Madera
  - Partnership with EAH Housing
  - 4 houses (13 beds)
  - Permanent Supportive Housing

- **Family Place**
  - Multiple Locations
  - 3 houses (12 beds)
  - Permanent Supportive Housing

- **Meadow Park**
  - Novato
  - Partnership with EAH Housing
  - 6 houses (15 beds)
  - Permanent Supportive Housing

- **Warner Creek**
  - Senior Housing
  - Novato
  - Partnership with Eden Housing
  - Support services provided for 60 residents
  - Permanent Supportive Housing

- **Next Key Apartments**
  - Novato
  - 24 studio units (24 beds)
  - Transitional Housing

- **San Clemente Family Homes**
  - Corte Madera
  - Partnership with EAH Housing
  - 4 houses (13 beds)
  - Permanent Supportive Housing

- **Family Center**
  - San Rafael
  - 9 rooms (25 beds)
  - Permanent Supportive Housing

**Mental Health Services**

- **Palm Court**
  - Multiple Locations
  - 16 beds
  - Permanent Supportive Housing

- **Carmel Program**
  - San Rafael
  - 26 studio units (26 beds)
  - Permanent Supportive Housing

- **Voyager Program**
  - San Rafael
  - 5 studio units (10 beds)
  - Emergency Shelter

- **Fresh Starts Culinary Academy**
  - Offers intensive 8-week job-training program
  - Enrolls up to 80 students annually

**Job-Training Programs**

- **Apprenticeships**
  - Paid apprenticeships also are offered in Janitorial & Building Maintenance and Landscaping & Gardening

**EXPENSES**

- Adult Services .................................................... 43%
- Mental Health Services ........................................ 17%
- Family Services ................................................... 11%
- Job Training / Social Enterprise ............................. 19%
- Administration / Development ............................... 10%

**REVENUES**

- Gifts ................................................................. 18%
- Foundation Grants .............................................. 8%
- Government Grants ............................................. 49%
- Program Revenues .............................................. 12%
- Social Enterprise ................................................. 12%
- Other Income ...................................................... 1%
Our agency-wide focus continues to be helping local people move out of homelessness and back into housing. We have done this by operating 5 emergency shelter programs, 10 supportive housing programs, and several job-training programs, including the Fresh Starts Culinary Academy. With a phenomenal amount of community and volunteer participation, we provided a place to stay and support services to 1,283 homeless men, women and children in the year ending June 30. Despite the extremely expensive countywide rental market, 84% of the homeless families served last year in our programs left for stable housing. Similarly, 62% of the single homeless adults who entered one of our longer-term programs also left for a housing opportunity. This figure does not include people served at our year-round emergency shelter, Mill Street Center, which often sees people only on a night-to-night basis. Homeward Bound’s strategic priorities have focused on three key areas. One of the first priorities last year was the launch and full implementation of our Housing At Last program. This “housing first” initiative serves 26 of the most vulnerable homeless adults, offering the chance to move into supportive housing units that Homeward Bound rents with funds from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. Two case managers for this program help residents apply for benefits, secure medical care, review options to renew their education or find work, and solve other issues to improve their stability.

Another key priority has been completion of Oma Village – 14 units of affordable housing in Novato for homeless families. Our spirits have soared along with the brand new homes, which grew from a grassroots project started five years ago. We are excited to put the final touches on this program and see formerly homeless families move into this life-changing community, which held a Grand Opening on Oct. 19. We’re grateful for an amazing group of volunteers and leaders in the construction industry, who have donated much time and expertise to bring Oma Village to fruition. Homeward Bound also put major effort into Wagster Treats dog biscuits as this new social enterprise business took wing. Targeted to become our largest such venture, this product will generate both jobs and revenue while supporting our housing and training programs. To find out more and see our video, visit WagsterTreats.com.

The past year also included the induction of Executive Director Mary Kay Sweeney into the Marin Women’s Hall of Fame, honoring her 20+ years of leadership at Homeward Bound of Marin, as well as her prior accomplishments at Seva Foundation and Canal Alliance. And Homeward Bound of Marin again received a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, the highest level awarded. Together these milestones show a path of progress with Homeward Bound of Marin, though this brief list captures only a sliver of the daily work by compassionate staff and people working hard to transform their lives. There is still much more to do. The injustice of homelessness surrounds us and we will continue to find innovative solutions until everyone has a place to call home. We could not do this work without our corporate and community partners, committed civic leaders, and generous donors. Thank you all for supporting us this past year.

The average cost for Homeward Bound of Marin to provide someone with a place to sleep and wraparound support services is just $40 per day.

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FAMILY PROGRAMS

Exited for housing: 84%
- Market Rate Housing: 23%
- Subsidized Housing: 33%
- Living with Family/Friends: 28%

ADULT PROGRAMS

Including mental health programs

Exited for housing: 62%
- Market Rate Housing: 19%
- Subsidized Housing: 23%
- Living with Family/Friends: 20%

*Exit figures do not include FAST Street Center.

JOB TRAINING

FRESH STARTS CULINARY ACADEMY

Number of Students: 72

Number of Graduates: 37

Graduates Employed within 1 Month: 84%
Cake4Kids Bakes Sweet Birthdays at Family Center
When children have birthdays, they should have a cake to celebrate and share – that’s the philosophy behind Cake4Kids, which offers homemade treats to social service providers around the Bay Area.

“It’s all about the child as far as we’re concerned,” says Trish Dwyer, director of operations for the nonprofit founded six years ago by a single determined volunteer. The group now has two part-time staff members and organizes volunteers to deliver more than 100 cakes per month.

The group began serving our families this summer with cakes made by Marin residents who have asked to be assigned to a local birthday. Bakers receive details about the child’s first name and some theme ideas to fit the recipient.

“The more we look at the need, the more we find,” Dwyer says, noting there are 60,000 foster children in California as well as those experiencing homelessness or other crises. “We’re just giving every child we find a little TLC.”

Oma Village Committees Work Behind the Scenes
Before our buildings began to rise, a corps of dedicated volunteers created some vital organizational framework and continue to nail down the details. We lift our hats to them!

The Oma Village Capital Campaign Committee met monthly for four years to develop fundraising leads and host events like an exclusive dinner with Chef Michael Mina and personal house parties, raising more than $1 million in individual donations. Our devoted committee members are Jack Alotto, Sr. Carla Kovack, O.P., Dianne Maxon, Betty Pagett, Bob Puett, Anita Jones Roehrick, Judy Saffran, Sonia Seeman, Jean Taylor, Marion Weinreb, and Warren Wertheimer.

Our Oma Village Furniture & Furnishings Committees raised funding room-by-room to outfit Oma Village and carefully chose each piece of furniture for durability, comfort, and style, leveraging great discounts along the way. Our talented volunteers are Arlene Ford, Dianne Maxon, Bob Puett, Anita Jones Roehrick, Jean Taylor, Marion Weinreb, and our remarkable Volunteer Coordinator, Andrea Rey.

DREAMS OF WORK AND FUTURE: RESIDENTS REFLECT ON WORK AND CAREER
AN UNUSUAL COMMUNITY EXISTS AT THE FIRESIDE APARTMENTS IN MILL VALLEY, WHERE LOW-INCOME SENIORS AND FAMILIES LIVE SIDE-BY-SIDE IN THE SAME PROGRAM. A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT PRODUCED THESE PHOTOS OF SENIORS ANSWERING THE QUESTION, “WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE JOB?” AND CHILDREN STATING WHAT THEY HOPED TO DO IN THE FUTURE. HOMEWARD BOUND PARTNERS WITH EDEN HOUSING, THE PROPERTY MANAGER AT FIRESIDE, TO PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES TO RESIDENTS AND HELPED MOUNT AN EXHIBIT OF THESE PHOTOS AT A COMMUNITY BARBECUE EARLIER THIS YEAR.

Catalyst Kitchens Summit Includes Mary Kay Sweeney
Some of Homeward Bound’s early culinary ventures offered fodder for discussion at the 2016 Catalyst Kitchens Summit, where members of the national affiliate group share their experiences in culinary training and social enterprises. Executive Director Mary Kay Sweeney attended the summit to present a workshop entitled “Overcoming Social Enterprise Challenges: Turnarounds and Letting Go of Our Little Darlings.” She discussed the evolution of our social enterprises from launching a culinary training program in 2001, including a stint operating the “Rolling Scones” food truck and development of chocolate Halo Truffles. “It was exhilarating to share some of our back story and learning with lots of really great people across the country doing the kinds of work that we do,” Mary Kay said. Homeward Bound is one of 19 Model Members of Catalyst Kitchens, which has 61 affiliate organizations.
WE'RE SOWING THE SEEDS FOR A BUMPER CROP OF CHEF EVENTS IN 2017. COME JOIN US TO EAT WELL WHILE DOING GOOD — ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR SHELTER AND JOB-TRAINING PROGRAMS WHILE GIVING HANDS-ON OPPORTUNITIES TO OUR CULINARY STUDENTS.

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If you're shopping online for the holidays, use the portal at Smile.Amazon.com to place orders for almost anything while supporting Homeward Bound. Purchase through this charity portal for yourself, your office or for delivery to others and a portion of your spending comes back to benefit our efforts to end homelessness in Marin County.

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YOUR GIfts MAKE A DiFFERENCE

Invest in the future for homeless men, women and children when you donate to support our programs. Gifts can be made to honor friends or relatives while helping to create positive change in our community. Make a difference with a gift online or by check to Homeward Bound of Marin, 1385 N. Hamilton Parkway, Novato, CA 94949.

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The heart of our lineup will be Charles Phan of San Francisco’s Slanted Door, named Best Restaurant by the James Beard Foundation in 2014. The foundation named him Best Chef (Pacific) in 2004 and the accolades continue for his modern Vietnamese cooking. The Slanted Door Group also operates Out the Door, Hard Water and South.

Our celebrity chef events this spring also will feature North Bay native Gabi Moskowitz, writer of the popular BrokeAss Gourmet blog who became the inspiration for Freeform TV’s Young & Hungry show. She’ll share some of her secrets and a tasty menu for economical foods.

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The heart of our lineup will be Charles Phan of San Francisco’s Slanted Door, named Best Restaurant by the James Beard Foundation in 2014. The foundation named him Best Chef (Pacific) in 2004 and the accolades continue for his modern Vietnamese cooking. The Slanted Door Group also operates Out the Door, Hard Water and South.

Our celebrity chef events this spring also will feature North Bay native Gabi Moskowitz, writer of the popular BrokeAss Gourmet blog who became the inspiration for Freeform TV’s Young & Hungry show. She’ll share some of her secrets and a tasty menu for economical foods.

Chef Jennifer Luttrell of Point Reyes Farmstead Cheese joins us to talk about artisan cheese and offer some recipes featuring products from this company operating at an iconic West Marin ranch. Heidi Krahling of Insalata’s and Marinitas in San Anselmo also will grace our kitchen with some new renditions from her trove of Mediterranean specialties.

Check with us online at bit.ly/FSchefevents for menu details and more additions to the spring calendar.
Businesses and Organizations:

Thank you to:
- San Domenico School 4th graders for cooking monthly meals at the Family Center.
- San Domenico School 5th graders for staffing the food pantry at Fireside Apartments.
- San Domenico School 7th graders for working in the gardens at New Beginnings Center.
- San Jose Middle School for donating toiletries and snacks.
- St. Andrew Academy for helping with packaging for Wagster Treats.
- Marin Oaks School for helping assemble furniture for Oma Village.
- Wagster Treats for donating move-out baskets for residents.
- Friends and family of Tyler Lorenzo for their annual Community Volunteer day in the New Beginnings Center gardens.
- Helen Britt for the Muncheys gift certificate donated in honor to Fireside Apartments.
- Paul Donnelly for donating plants and plants at Fourth Street Center.
- Carol Ikellis for donating her blogging talents for Fresh Starts Chef Events.
- Jason Hoering for garden work at the Family Center.
- Adina O’Donovan for helping with childcare at the Family Center.
- Joy Nickelson for volunteering in the chapel/pantry program at Warner Creek Senior Housing.
- Sherry Rogers for ongoing help in the gardens.
- Desha Sall for helping to package Wagster Treats.
- Bob Tavera for his ongoing garden guidance.
- Jamie and Olivia Thomas for making beautiful cakes for children at the Family Center.
- Michelle Wall for donating harvests to New Beginnings Center, Mill Street Center, and Warner Creek Senior Housing.
- Mary Wright for creating Fresh Starts Chef Events flyers.
- Janine and Quinn Duggan and Ian Burford for helping organize and arrange the new homes at Oma Village.

Schools

Thank you to:
- Dominican University service learning students for help with child care, gardening, and office tasks.
- Marin Academy for working in the garden at the New Beginnings Center.
- Marin Country Day School for donating school supplies.
- San Domenico School for helping with backyard beautification and playground upgrades at the Family Center.
- Adina O’Donovan for helping with childcare at the Family Center.
- The New Home Co. for installing a new backyard patio and painting rooms at the Family Center. (Photo above)
- Carlo Pessone Landscaping for garden design advice and tools.
- ED Products for donating organic personal care products for residents.
- Hook and Ladder Winery, St. Francis Winery, and Theopolis Winery for wine donations for Fresh Starts Chef Events.
- Klink for ongoing consultation on our websites.
- Michael Basco Foundation for donating backpacks and school supplies.
- Meylor’s Brewery for donating beer for Fresh Starts Chef Events.
- My New Red Shoes for providing shoes for children in our programs.
- Natalie & Dana’s Flowers for donating weekly flowers to the New Beginnings Center.
- National Charity League for working in the garden at New Beginnings Center.
- Nealy Wang Photography & Design for professional photo services at Fresh Starts Chef Events.
- The Pajama Program for donating sleepwear for our residents.
- Philanthropy By Design for a furniture donation for our administrative offices.
- Planet Bee Foundation and members of Marin County Beekeepers for support and guidance with beehives at the New Beginnings Center.
- The Republic of Tea for donating tea for chef events as well as volunteering in the garden and packaging Halo Truffles.
- Restoration Hardware for remodeling the homework room at the Family Center.
- The Shade Store for donating curtains to the Family Center homework room.
- Stone Soup Marie for donating a monthly meal at Mill Street Center.
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ADULT SERVICES
- Mill Street Center
- Teddy Ryan, Director
- 190 Mill St., San Rafael
- 415-457-2195

Family Place
- Fireside Apartments
- Meadow Park
- Next Key Center Apartments
- Oma Village
- San Clemente Family Homes

FAMILY SERVICES
- Shikira Porter, Program Manager
- 430 Mission Ave, San Rafael
- 415-457-2195

Family Place
- Fireside Apartments
- Meadow Park
- Next Key Center Apartments
- Oma Village
- San Clemente Family Homes

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 migrate from one platform to another. This could involve converting the XML data into a format that is compatible with the new platform, such as a JSON or CSV file. This could be done using a programming language like Python or R, which have libraries for data manipulation and conversion. The new platform could then import the data and display it in a way that is suitable for the target audience.