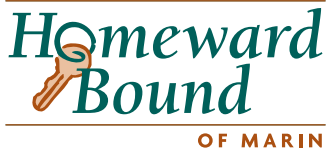


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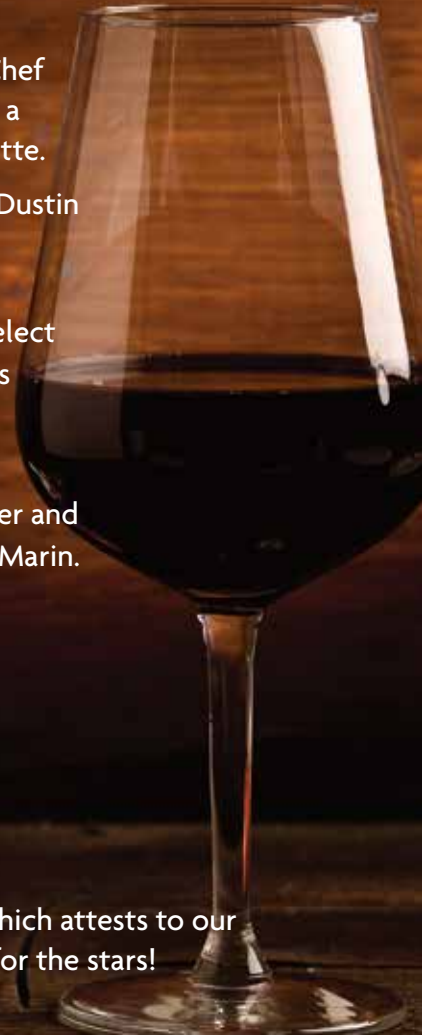
Join Us Online to Eat Well and Do Good!



Kick off the holiday season with Fresh Starts Chef Events from **5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3**, with a Virtual Happy Hour featuring Chef Dustin Valette.

As chef-owner of Valette in Healdsburg, Chef Dustin has won acclaim for his delicious food, stylish presentation and warm atmosphere. Guests at this online event receive home delivery of a select bottle from Valette Wines to sip along with his recipe demonstration.

Get tickets online at bit.ly/FSchefevents or call 415-382-3363 x243. Proceeds support shelter and job-training programs at Homeward Bound of Marin.



Homeward Bound again received a **4-Star Rating from Charity Navigator**, which attests to our status as “exceptional.” Thanks to our supporters for helping us reach for the stars!

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Mill Street 2.0

**WE'RE READY TO DIG
INTO REBUILDING!**

“Mill Street was a test for me, a moment of deciding whether I was serious enough about getting my life back together. The program gave skills that still get me through things, like this virus.”

– Chris, Former Mill St. Resident



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DEAR FRIENDS TO THE END...OF HOMELESSNESS,



CREATING PATHWAYS HOME

While everything in the world has certainly changed, some things remain the same. Chief among them, from Homeward Bound’s perspective, stands a commitment to pursuing our mission with a focus on compassion, kindness, and inclusion. We’re navigating through this time differently, yet with the same purpose: creating pathways home with people who entrust us with their journeys.

In the midst of tremendous social unrest, we provide rest – rest for individuals and families who find themselves without a place to call home. Rest from the stress of Covid-19 for vulnerable seniors receiving our meal deliveries, and rest from the monotony of sheltering in place by hosting lively Virtual Happy Hour events on Zoom.

Our inspiration comes from volunteers who willingly tackling all manner of odd jobs, from our staff who show up consistently to provide support for participants and each other, and from our board members who lavish us with wisdom and generosity. Our supporters shine as a beacon of encouragement as they continue to invest in the power and possibility of change.

We hope your spirits will lift as you read the amazing stories and projects in this newsletter. Our own hearts rise in recounting everything that – with your help – we have accomplished and what we’re working toward for the future. We are grateful beyond measure for our community partners, especially all of you who are reading this right now. Thank you!

In abiding gratitude,

Mary Kay Sweeney, Executive Director

FALL/WINTER SPOTLIGHT

- “Mill Street 2.0” Prepares for Construction
- Chris D. Traces Journey from Mill Street
- Food and Connection Form Covid-19 Response
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- Community & Volunteer Spotlights:
 - Built for Zero
 - Steve Deschler and Janet Calmels

We're Ready to Dig into "Mill Street 2.0"!

We've chosen colors, finalized architectural drawings, cleared out the old building, resettled the staff and residents. Our team can't wait to dig into constructing a new Mill Street Center!



Planning began two years ago for a new vision of the county's only year-round emergency shelter for homeless adults, which we founded in San Rafael in 1986. "Mill Street 2.0" will break ground this fall with opening forecast for late 2021.

"This project is a culmination of multiple efforts – with the City of San Rafael, the County of Marin, Marin Community Foundation and others – to create a modern shelter with housing to top it off," says Mary Kay Sweeney, our executive director. "We're thrilled with the community support we've received to make this happen."

The project provides ground-level parking and an updated second-floor shelter with 40 beds. Two upper floors offer 32 small apartments to add permanent supportive housing for people who have struggled most to maintain stability.

In April, the San Rafael City Council approved the new Mill Street Center on a 5-0 vote and has reserved \$750,000 from the city's in-lieu housing fund to support it. We've raised more than 93 percent of the \$15.8 million cost for the 32,000-square-foot structure.

Though the shelter urgently needs renewal after 34 years, the idea to rebuild took root in our desire to create housing for chronically

homeless adults. With few sites available in pricy Marin County, attention turned to optimizing the property we already owned at 190 Mill St.

The apartments will offer a type of housing not currently available in Marin, with round-the-clock staff to support some

of the most vulnerable people in our community. Tenants will pay affordable rents, with each floor sharing a kitchen and living room.

Rebuilding the shelter will allow better flow through public areas with smaller dormitory rooms for more peaceful sleep, plus a gender-

neutral bathroom. A single entry will serve the entire building with a reception area and staff offices on the second floor.

Key contributions include \$4.5 million from the California Homeless Emergency Aid Program, \$1.5 million from Partnership HealthPlan, \$4.5 million from the State's No Place Like Home program, \$1.5 million from Marin Community Foundation, and \$1 million from the Nancy H. and James Kelso Fund.

We're grateful to all of our amazing partners large and small as we envision opening new paths out of homelessness from "Mill Street 2.0." Stay tuned for more news as this effort begins!

HELP US DOWN THE HOME STRETCH WHEN YOU GIVE ONLINE AT [HBOFM.ORG/DONATE](https://hbofm.org/donate) OR BY CHECK TO HOMEWARD BOUND OF MARIN, 1385 N. HAMILTON PARKWAY, NOVATO, CA 94949
(write "Mill Street" in the notes field.)

CHRIS D. STEPPED INTO THE FUTURE AT MILL STREET CENTER



Crossing the threshold at Mill Street Center remains a pivotal moment for Chris D. "No doubt, Mill Street saved my life," he

says, after addiction left him in despair of rebuilding family ties and a carpentry career.

Eleven years later, the San Anselmo native remains in his hometown and applies his skills to freelance projects. When the pandemic hit, he had just landed a job as lead carpenter for College of Marin but got laid off in the ensuing turmoil.

"Mill Street was a test for me, a moment of deciding whether I was serious enough about getting my life back together," says Chris, who spent a year in Homeward Bound programs. "The program gave skills that still get me through things, like this virus."

With support from our staff, he persevered to end his substance use. "The first year was very day-to-day," says Chris, who counts 12 years of sobriety.

He actively sponsors others starting recovery in Alcoholics Anonymous programs. "My own life feels balanced but I stay close to the herd," Chris says.

He regards the planned rebuilding of Mill Street Center as a critical step to saving lives of people struggling to gain stability, especially with few low-cost housing options available. "It's very important to be in San Rafael where you're close to many social services and to have someplace that's affordable," he says. "This is where it all gets started."

Now married to his longtime partner, Chris describes himself as a "happy red-headed step-daddy" to his 11-year-old daughter and is close again with his siblings. "I'm in this community for the long term," he says.

Food, Prevention and Connection Form Virus Response



THE ONSET OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC LAUNCHED HEROIC EFFORTS BY OUR STAFF AND INSPIRED OUTREACH FROM OUR CARING NEIGHBORS. THIS RESPONSE ALLOWED US TO FLEX AND RECALIBRATE PROGRAMS TO MAINTAIN ESSENTIAL SERVICES WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.

Homeward Bound faced unprecedented needs as our programs mandated masks, stocked up on sanitizer, created rules for physical distancing and limited people coming through our doors. We miss our many on-site volunteers!

While our shelters retain on-site staff, many others work partially at home to keep a full schedule of meetings and consultation with clients. We're grateful for everyone who has made masks, delivered meals and groceries, and sent simple words to encourage us.

All your contributions let us stretch our resources immediately to blunt the harm of lost jobs, missing childcare, stress and isolation for the people we serve.

Recognizing the strains on residents in supportive housing, Homeward Bound waived rents for two full months for families and cut rents in half for single adults. Our skilled team leaped into new roles in extraordinary ways.

Family services expand to motel

Partnering with the County of Marin, our staff reached out to serve 23 homeless families who took shelter in a local motel. The team delivered critical supplies like diapers, food and hygiene items, making one-on-one connections with each family.

Most of the families had lived in their cars, with parents working two or more jobs. Most lost their pre-virus employment, leaving them in desperate straits with young children, including some with special needs.

While the motel offered "a safe place to land so they can breathe for a minute," opening paths to stable housing remained the ultimate goal, says Shikira Porter, program director for Homeward Bound's family shelter services.

With our support, none of the families in the motel returned to homelessness. Ten moved to subsidized housing and will receive ongoing services from Homeward Bound, while four more secured space in transitional programs. Six settled with friends and family; three have moved into our Family Center.

Opening doors for homeless adults

County officials created a similar program for homeless individuals, engaging our Fresh Starts culinary team to prepare evening meals packaged for each resident. In August, Homeward Bound assumed supervision for all aspects of the 60-room motel shelter.

Our team opened a one-room office at the motel to coordinate services like doorstep delivery of breakfast (also by our Fresh Starts team) as well as twice-daily temperature checks and other support for people sheltering there.

"People have their own privacy, but we make sure to check in with them twice a day. We bring dinner and breakfast to each room and see how they're doing," says Alicia Slavich, a shelter supervisor.

We'll continue to oversee this program as long as needed to protect homeless adults at high risk from COVID-19.

Meals for neighbors at risk

In May, Homeward Bound began serving vulnerable people in the community by preparing and delivering meals for the state's Great Plates Delivered program.

The program authorized meals for up to 1,000 seniors in Marin who faced food insecurity due to COVID-19 but did not qualify for other assistance programs. Our kitchen has delivered dinner and breakfast for up to 57 households, primarily in Novato.

When the county paused participation in the program, Homeward Bound continued this essential service for seven weeks using grant funding from Catalyst Kitchens. After a hiatus, the program resumed in September with county support. Responses from people like Ann warmed our hearts:

"I just want to thank you again for participating in the Great Plates program...it has made a HUGE difference. Some of us are in pain and have very little energy, plus we are now on our own as full-time caregivers... so even a temporary reprieve from the shopping, prep, cooking, etc., is such a blessing."

Caring for people in existing programs

Allowing people to stay safely at home in our programs resulted in pressing needs for more meals, protective equipment, cleaning supplies and staffing, especially in the absence of regular volunteers.

All sites have adopted consistent practices, including daily temperature checks for **everyone, to reduce infection risks for both residents and staff. New protocols call for removing anyone with symptoms of illness to a hotel room for testing and quarantine.**

Our culinary staff packs and delivers grocery boxes for families and individuals in supportive housing, including many with heightened risk of virus complications.



Raising spirits and staying connected

Young volunteers from San Domenico School, who usually work in the food pantry at Fireside Apartments, instead have become pen pals to our seniors there. Some share their own frustrations while keeping alive the ties built over previous months.

One speaks from the heart: "You must be mighty bored not being able to go anywhere, I know I am. ...The only one happy about this arrangement in my family is my dog."

Staying physically distanced, residents connect through projects organized by our creative staff, including a door-decorating contest, painting animal portraits assembled into a collage and sharing laughs in a joke competition.

At Oma Village, Mother's Day included an outdoor Zumba class!



Adapting culinary training and events

Restrictions of the virus era have taken a heavy toll on our social enterprises due to canceled events and forced a pause in launching a new group of students into our award-winning training.

Fresh Starts Culinary Academy has adapted by developing a course for graduates now employed on our staff, with training in kitchen and inventory management plus advanced knife skills.

Along with this small-group instruction, our staff has worked to connect graduates with new job opportunities, relief payments, benefits and other support.

Fresh Starts Chef Events has pivoted to the online realm with a Virtual Happy Hour series, including chef demonstrations, recipes and delivery of exclusive products. PBS-TV Chef Joanne Weir opened the series in June.

We hit a happy chord for many regular guests who miss our monthly dinners. "LOVE the personal delivery of items!" says one. Another told us, "It was fun to have such a lively social event."

COMMUNITY REPORT • 2019-2020



With myriad challenges posed by the virus pandemic, Homeward Bound of Marin maintained operations to provide essential services and unlock doors to stable housing for hundreds of people. The adage that “housing is health” never stood more central to our work, driving our daily interactions as well as long-term plans to expand programs offering safety, dignity, hope and independence to people facing homelessness.

As virus restrictions permitted fewer individuals to be accepted into existing shelter programs, Homeward Bound served a total of **974 people** in the year ending June 30, 2020, for a 14% drop from the previous year. The number of seniors in our programs rose to a new high with people aged 62 or over making up 21% of the total.

Our staff served 20% more parents and children, stretching to support 23 families taking refuge in a local motel. In total, Homeward Bound served **135 parents and 161 children** in 2019-20, with 92% of those leaving our programs exiting to a housing opportunity!

An intense focus on coordinating support for homeless veterans has boosted the effectiveness of our longstanding services, which include 16 beds reserved for them at New Beginnings Center in partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Homeward Bound served **60 veterans** last year, down from 69 a year earlier, further evidence that housing vouchers and wraparound support have made a dent in this crisis in our community.

For people hit by a medical crisis while facing homelessness, the Transition to Wellness program continues to offer safe space for recovery. Opened in 2008 as a partnership with local hospitals, the Novato program last year served **61 people** with **\$2.49 million saved** by avoiding longer hospital stays.

Through the upheaval of Covid-19, our team continued work on **two major projects**: a new vision for Mill Street Center, our adult emergency shelter, plus a plan to extend housing and social enterprise programs at our Novato campus.

As the first moves into construction (see story on page 3), we look forward to updating you on progress for “Mill Street 2.0.” Approved in April by the San Rafael City Council, the project creates a new **60-bed shelter and 32 small apartments** for permanent supportive housing.

The second plan will offer 50 apartments for people transitioning out of homelessness, including homes for 24 veterans in Phase 1. In January, we received approval for exterior design and landscape plans from Novato’s Design Review Commission.

Along with veterans, the site will serve individuals and families with **26 units of workforce housing** and include a production kitchen plus classroom space for social enterprise ventures like Wagster Treats dog biscuits. The state’s Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program awarded a \$3 million grant to the project in June.

With the virus emergency, social enterprise revenue plummeted due to canceled events in The Key Room event space and a halt to the festive dinners presented by Fresh Starts Chef Events. (These events moved online in recent months – visit <http://bit.ly/FScheffevents> for details.) Social enterprise contributed 4% of our revenue for 2019-20, compared with 12% in the previous year.



Wagster Treats dog biscuits became a bright spot in our portfolio, shipping more online orders and expanding sales to a second major vendor: Whole Foods Markets in Northern California. Baked by graduates of Fresh Starts Culinary Academy, these all-natural treats have grown to sales at 160 retail stores. We benefited this year with support from REDF, a social enterprise incubator that provided sales channel analysis and marketing guidance. In addition, our partners at the Women’s Bean Project in Denver added Wagster Treats to their packaged goods lineup, which includes soups, chili and popcorn.

Employment at Wagster Treats expands with sales, allowing more graduates to gain work experience on this dog-loving team. While Fresh Starts Culinary Academy has paused intake of new students due to virus restrictions, our training team continues to assist graduates affected by job loss as they seek out new opportunities.

As this unique year closes, we’re overwhelmed with gratitude for everyone who has donated supplies, food, expertise, time and funds to support our work. This year included launch of **The Key Circle**, a special group of donors who have committed support for Homeward Bound as part of their estate plans. If you would like to know more, please contact our Development Department at 415-382-3363 x214.

WE EXPECT GREAT THINGS IN 2021, BUILDING ON DEEPER CONNECTIONS WITH PARTNER AGENCIES ALONG WITH OUR STEADFAST SUPPORTERS. THANK YOU FOR BEING TRIED AND TRUE FRIENDS TO THE END...OF HOMELESSNESS!

WHO WE SERVE



974

PEOPLE SERVED



296

PEOPLE IN FAMILIES



678

SINGLE ADULTS



SENIORS (62+)

208

VETERANS **60**

CHILDREN (UNDER 18)

161



FAMILY PROGRAMS
92% left for a housing opportunity



ADULT PROGRAMS
67% left for housing opportunity

Produced by people overcoming homelessness and disabilities



GROWTH

2016: First sale at Marin Farmers Market

2020: Sold by 160 stores, including Pet Food Express and Whole Foods Market

SALES

2016: \$33,376

2020: \$78,355

EMPLOYMENT

2016: 2

2020: 11



TRANSITION TO WELLNESS

Medical Respite Shelter

61 people served

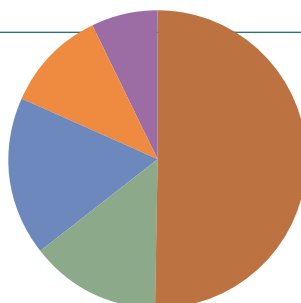
830 hospital days avoided

\$2,490,000 saved through avoidable hospital stays

OPERATING BUDGET / TOTAL AGENCY EXPENSES AND REVENUES • 2019-20

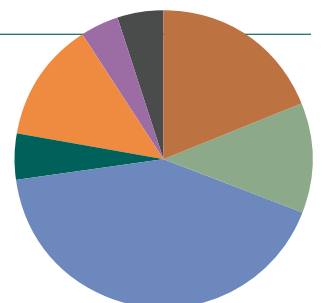
EXPENSES

■ Adult Services.....	50%
■ Mental Health Services.....	14%
■ Family Services.....	17%
■ Job Training / Social Enterprise.....	11%
■ Administration / Development.....	7%



REVENUES

■ Gifts.....	19%
■ Foundation Grants.....	12%
■ Government Grants.....	42%
■ Corporate Grants.....	5%
■ Program Revenues.....	13%
■ Social Enterprise.....	4%
■ Other Income.....	5%



HOMEWARD BOUND PROGRAM MAP – 2020

Adult Services

King Street Senior Housing
Larkspur
12 beds
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Housing at Last
Multiple Locations
26 beds
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Fourth Street Center
San Rafael
20 rooms (20 beds)
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

UNDER CONSTRUCTION
Mill Street 2.0
San Rafael
(32 beds)
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Next Key Apartments
Novato
25 studio units (25 beds)
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Temporary Shelter
San Rafael
(40+ beds)
EMERGENCY SHELTER

Transition to Wellness
Novato
3 studio units
(6 medical respite beds)
EMERGENCY SHELTER

UNDER CONSTRUCTION
Mill Street 2.0
San Rafael
(40+ beds)
EMERGENCY SHELTER

Fireside Apartments
Mill Valley
Partnership with Eden Housing
8 senior units (8 beds)
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Warner Creek Senior Housing
Novato
Partnership with Eden Housing. Support services provided for 60 residents
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Meadow Park
Novato
Partnership with EAH Housing. 6 houses (15 beds)
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

New Beginnings Center
Novato
80 beds (including 16 beds for veterans)
SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Family Services

Oma Village
Novato
14 houses (35 beds)
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Family Place
Multiple Locations
10 houses (41 beds)
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Next Key Apartments
Novato
4 studio units (8 beds)
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Family Center
San Rafael
9 rooms (25 beds)
EMERGENCY SHELTER

Fireside Apartments
Mill Valley
Partnership with Eden Housing. 10 houses (35 beds)
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

San Clemente Family Homes
Corte Madera
Partnership with EAH Housing. 4 houses (13 beds)
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Family First
Housing 10 houses
(29 beds)
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Meadow Park
Novato
Partnership with EAH Housing. 6 houses (15 beds)
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Yellow Hallway
San Rafael
2 families (5 beds)
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Job-Training Programs

Fresh Starts Culinary Academy
Offers intensive 10-week job-training program. Enrolls up to 60 students annually.
JOB-TRAINING PROGRAMS

Apprenticeships
Offers paid apprenticeships in Janitorial & Building Maintenance and Landscaping & Gardening.
JOB-TRAINING PROGRAMS

Mental Health Services

Palm Court
Multiple Locations
26 beds
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Carmel Program
San Rafael
26 rooms (26 beds)
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Voyager Program
San Rafael
5 rooms (10 beds)
EMERGENCY SHELTER

Community Partner Spotlight: *Built for Zero*

When chronic homelessness fell by 28 percent from 2017 to 2019, Marin County was seeing the results of an initiative called “Built for Zero” that helps communities build partnerships to find housing for their most vulnerable individuals.

**Built
For
Zero.**

The movement now involves 75 cities and counties across the United States, whose representatives receive in-depth training on using shared data, attracting resources and crafting solutions.

“It’s been inspiring to learn from communities who have been able to end veteran and chronic homelessness and adopt proven strategies in Marin,” says Deputy Director Paul Fordham, who represented Homeward Bound, alongside Anna Hurtado, in Marin’s “Built for Zero” delegation.

Other participants came from the County of Marin, the City of San Rafael, St. Vincent de Paul, Marin Housing Authority and Ritter Center. Their training began in 2018.

Community Solutions, the nonprofit that leads “Built for Zero,” promotes data sharing to see real-time needs rather than annual benchmarks. As a starting point, partners compile a “by name list” of every person struggling with prolonged homelessness and details for each situation.

Through the training, Marin delegates set goals to bring homelessness in our community to “functional zero.” Community Solutions describes that point as “a place where it’s rare, brief, and it gets solved effectively.”

The first goal for Marin: end veteran homelessness by 2022. Homeward Bound will help accomplish that mission with construction of 24 small apartments for homeless veterans in Novato, a project set to begin next year. With approximately 40 veterans on the “by name list,” that project would bring the goal within reach.

Related strategies include wraparound support for people transitioning to housing, setting aside 50 Section 8 vouchers to help pay rent for people in “housing first” programs, recruiting more landlords for the Section 8 program and creating more housing.

Our partners at Community Solutions and the groundbreaking strategies of “Built for Zero” have been recognized by one of the country’s biggest champions of innovation as a nominee for the MacArthur Foundation’s 100&Change Award.

If successful, the organizers of “Built for Zero” will receive a multi-year \$100 million grant to extend the program to more communities ready to open new fronts in the fight to end homelessness.

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAUL FORDHAM

Volunteer Spotlight: *Steve Deschler and Janet Calmels*

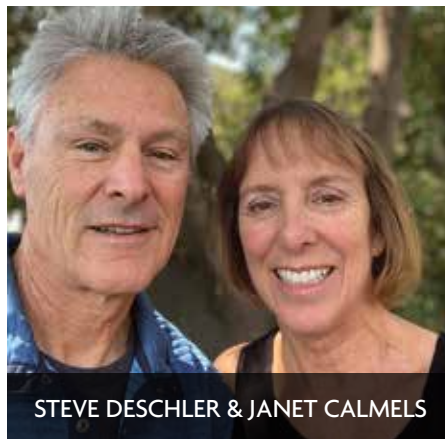
Two regular helpers in the New Beginnings Center kitchen have become task rabbits for our programs since the virus emergency began.

“We couldn’t be there serving lunch because of the virus,” says Janet Calmels, who joined Homeward Bound as a volunteer after retiring five years ago from her work as a dental assistant. “Despite that, I thought there would be even more need for help.”

Whether shopping for supplies for an expectant mother or delivering pizza, Janet and husband Steve Deschler have accepted numerous missions to support our work.

“They will do anything I ask them to do,” says Andrea Rey, our community engagement coordinator. “They made it clear that I should just call and tell them what we need.”

Janet and Steve, a retired fire captain, each worked one day a week to help prepare and serve lunch for 80 residents at New Beginnings Center. The small kitchen usually accommodates one helper at a time to assist our staff.



STEVE DESCHLER & JANET CALMELS

“I really enjoyed talking to people there in the shelter,” says Steve, who also volunteered with the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank when its operations had a Novato location.

When Ultragenyx, a Novato pharmaceutical company, sponsored Chef Eric Lee to prepare 150 meals for our supportive housing residents, the Novato couple met him at their home, packed up their car, and delivered them to families from northern Novato to San Anselmo. Twice!

In addition, they have dropped off meals from our kitchen for Homeward Bound’s senior programs and donated clothing to children in a motel shelter.

Since the start of the pandemic, Steve adopted the job of picking up 20 pizzas donated by Domino’s to deliver every Tuesday to our family programs. “People really

appreciate it. That’s why we both just kept at it,” he says.

“Volunteering at Homeward Bound allows me to contribute, in a small way, to an excellent organization breaking the cycle of homelessness,” Janet adds. “These are my neighbors. I cannot imagine a higher need to step up for as a volunteer.”



WAYS TO GIVE

Open doors *that lead home*

Invest to build paths that lead homeless families and individuals toward independence and homes of their own with a gift to support our shelter and housing programs.

For a meaningful gift, honor friends or loved ones with your contribution or establish a monthly investment to open pathways for a whole year. Or ask us about joining the **Key Circle** of legacy donors with a gift to carry your generosity into the future.

Make a gift online at hbofm.org/donate or by check to Homeward Bound of Marin, 1385 N. Hamilton Pkwy., Novato, CA 94949.

Thank you for your support!

Enjoy a *Virtual Happy Hour*

Our celebrity chef events appear monthly online with a recipe demonstration, culinary chat and home-delivered goodies to round out the experience. Make reservations to relax with a Virtual Happy Hour!

These special events, like the Fresh Starts Chef Events dinners that have been held in The Key Room, support our programs and engage culinary professionals with our trainees. [Check our calendar at bit.ly/FSchevents](http://bit.ly/FSchevents) for details or call 415-382-3363 x243.



Give a Halo *for the holidays*

Share a heartwarming addition to the pantry with a gift from our kitchens. From Halo Truffles to our Halo HomeMades line of jams, sauces and pickles, you will find gourmet items to please everyone on your list.

Call the Halo Hotline at 415-382-3363 x214 or visit bit.ly.HaloProducts to learn what's in stock. All products are made by students and staff at Fresh Starts Culinary Academy.



Indulge your pets with *Wagster Treats*

Our "life-changing dog treats" allow dog-loving bakers to build employment skills and produce all natural snacks for your pets in three delicious flavors. Choose Wagster Treats to support shelter, housing and training programs and treat your furry friends with healthy goodness.

Find Wagster Treats at Whole Foods Market, Pet Food Express and independent pet retailers or buy online at WagsterTreats.com.





Gifts of Time and Resources

We offer a **special salute** to the congregations and community groups that have composed our largest volunteer project for 34 years: delivery of a nightly meal for the Mill Street Center emergency shelter in San Rafael. This amazing volunteer effort has been suspended with the closure of Mill Street Center to make way for rebuilding the site as a new 60-bed shelter and an additional 32 units of permanent supportive housing.

On behalf of everyone at Homeward Bound of Marin and the thousands of people who have found safety there since 1986, we thank you for your extraordinary effort and commitment.

The following congregations have participated in 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 Church of Marin, 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, Korean Presbyterian Church, 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.

CONGREGATIONS

Thank you to:

- **Peace Lutheran Church** for providing a fried chicken dinner to be delivered to the doorstep for residents at Fireside Apartments.
- Youth volunteers from **St. John's Episcopal Church** for a backyard cleanup day at the Family Center.

SCHOOLS

Thank you to:

- Students at **Branson School** for supporting our Wagster Treats social enterprise.
- Students at **San Domenico School** for becoming pen pals with seniors at Fireside Apartments.

BUSINESSES, AND ORGANIZATIONS

Thank you to:

- **Ultragenyx** for enlisting a chef to make dinners for residents in supportive housing and delivering them.
- **Mt. Tam Quilt Guild** for making masks for our programs.

INDIVIDUALS

Thank you to:

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