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*On the cover:*  
Anna Hurtado, Chief Program Officer, and Bailey Tiura, Program Director for the new housing programs, prepare to welcome new residents. Photo by Paige Green



DEAR FRIENDS TO THE END OF HOMELESSNESS...



CREATING A PLACE TO CALL HOME

**We're celebrating our 50th birthday! Witnessing so many journeys home for men, woman and children has been a parallel journey in awe and gratitude. Thanks to everyone who has partnered with us at Homeward Bound, thousands of people are home – to themselves and to their families. We're grateful to find so many who share our vision that everyone deserves a place to call home, the cornerstone of our work.**

Through five decades, we have laid many foundations, both visible and invisible. The visible ones underlay buildings planned with care to welcome individuals and families desperate for a place to call home. The figurative ones lie at the base of stories you will read in this newsletter. Stories of courage, tenacity, hope, and resilience from people who never thought they were worthy. People who seldom experienced success and who can hardly believe their achievements.

The foundational work we have done together—volunteers, supporters, program residents, shelter participants, board and staff—has paved lasting paths for each journey home.

What better way to celebrate 50 years than to build 50 homes from the ground up! Ending veteran homelessness in Marin has been a community goal for several years—24 units of housing here at Hamilton will do just that! Another 26 units of workforce housing will create homes for families and individuals who are opening career paths and expanding their employment. Each of these new programs will offer permanent supportive housing, bringing vital services and resources for people to transform their new futures.

There is no one who does not want to see an end to homelessness. Together we are getting there, one person and one family at a time. We are humbled and gratified by your support, allowing us to continue building on our 50 years of insight. Thank you for being part of the journey. We can't wait to share more stories of success and celebrate more milestones together.



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# 50 Years of Ending Homelessness

**1974**

Launches as Marin Housing Center in San Rafael with shelter for four families pursuing the dream of stable housing.



**1986**

Opens Mill Street Center in San Rafael as shelter for 50 adults.

**1987**

Organizes first winter shelter at the National Guard Armory in San Rafael. This seasonal shelter later moved, at one point occupying a 5,000-square-foot tent.



**1995**

Changes name to Homeward Bound of Marin.

**2000**

Completes New Beginnings Center for 80 adults as the first shelter in the country on a decommissioned military base.

**2001**

Enrolls first class at Fresh Starts Culinary Academy.

**2007**

Announces the first “nonprofit IPO,” an “Immediate Public Opportunity...to end homelessness” by purchasing fundraising “shares” to complete the Next Key Center. Renowned investor Warren Buffett buys the first share.

**2024**

Plans a Grand Opening for veterans housing and starts work on two more buildings. (see p. 6 for details.)

**2023**

Construction begins for 24 apartments for veterans at the Hamilton site.



**2022**

Opens former motel as La Casa Buena for 18 adults and finishes rebuilding Mill Street shelter as Jonathan's Place, adding 32 rooms for permanent supportive housing.



**2016-2019**

Opens Oma Village in Novato for 14 families and King Street Senior Housing in Larkspur for 12 seniors.

**2011**

Hosts first guests for a culinary experience with Fresh Starts Chef Events.



**2008**

Opens The Key Room, Next Key Apartments and a bigger kitchen for training and catering.



## BOB PUETT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

**Bob Puett, who heads our Board of Directors, has seen much of our 50-year history. He joined Homeward Bound of Marin as manager of a seasonal winter shelter in 1987. He retired as Deputy Director in 2010 and joined our board soon afterward.**



### How did you get that first job?

I became involved with the Red Cross during the floods in Marin in 1982. Someone referred me to Homeward Bound. I also managed shelters after the Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989 and the Oakland fire in 1991.

### How did the vision for our campus develop?

We got the idea early to create a year-round, multi-service center with job training and opportunities. It just took a long time to get there, but the vision never left us.

### What detours did you see?

The winter shelter had to rotate sites. We went from the Marin County Armory to the old World College West on a hill in Novato, then to a big tent at Hamilton and later a warehouse. After the Hamilton base closed, the city awarded us a lease for New Beginnings Center.

### Will our campus match the initial vision?

Yes, and more. With our supporters, we have been able to create housing for the lowest income levels. And do more than ‘two hots and a cot.’ We can ‘teach people to fish,’ not just feed them a fish, and offer lots of jobs in our social enterprises.

### What keeps you here?

I grew up in the Mission District and my parents didn't have much. My father was on the brink of homelessness many times. I meet people all the time who have been at Homeward Bound. To know they're still in their housing, that touches my heart.



## Programs add health supports to boost success

**A major effort to add support for Medi-Cal patients has put Homeward Bound of Marin at the forefront in a statewide push to create health equity for California's most vulnerable residents.**

Starting in 2022, Homeward Bound began writing enhanced care plans for at-risk participants in shelter and housing programs. A \$1.3 million grant from the state's CalAIM initiative added staff, training and tools to engage with health care providers.

"We see increasing needs with our clients," says Anna Hurtado, Chief Program Officer. "With more access to medical information,

we have taken our support to another level."

The goal is responding to issues in the most beneficial way possible. For example, our staff can now learn quickly if a missing client has been hospitalized. That means they could hold their place in our programs instead of marking them absent.

"They can return to the shelter rather than having to start over. That person is not falling off the path to housing," Anna says. More than 350 people have been enrolled so far in enhanced care.

Insights from medical history help our team evaluate housing options, she adds.

"You cannot separate medical need from housing. Our goal is to minimize the barrier that health issues pose for someone to find housing."

People entering our shelters now receive a depression screening and a blood pressure check. Hanna McCarthy, Program Director for the 80-bed New Beginnings Center, says it's a critical change.

"It was a new model for staff because we're not medical professionals. We're social workers," she says. "It felt like an over-step at first but it was eye-opening for us and for the clients."

More than once, our staff called health care providers about a high blood pressure reading and were advised to send someone straight to the emergency room. Many participants now schedule a weekly check, Hanna says.

Homeward Bound last year received national recognition in the "Supporting the Safety Net Awards." Our nomination by Partnership HealthPlan, the state's Medi-Cal provider, cited Homeward Bound "as a forward-thinking partner in caring for our Medi-Cal members and other populations at risk."

"Having a seat at the table of medical partnership has allowed our team to be more effective," Hanna says. "It has taken a lot of work to implement but everyone knows it's making a difference."

## SHELLY REBUILDS HEALTH AND HOPE IN NEW HOME

**Walking through the doors of our San Rafael shelter marked a turning point for Shelly G. after years of chaos. She committed to sobriety and began to look to the future.**

"What a gift has been given to me," says Shelly, who now has a home in our supportive housing program at Jonathan's Place with her dog, Bailey. "I'm so thankful for a room to get messy, so thankful to clean it up."

The nightly meal delivered for residents is "five-star," she says. After three years of separation, she has reconnected with two adult sons and a 12-year-old daughter.

"If you saw me when I walked in, you'd see a scared, skinny woman who needed help," she says. "I've had a chance to meet myself, know myself and heal my body."

Drug use started in her teens, Shelly says, but

life "really became sour" after her mother died and she was evicted from their home. She ended up on the streets.

Eventually she moved to a friend's camper on Binford Road in Novato, but the relationship got rocky and Shelly moved outside to a tent. That's where an outreach team told her about Homeward Bound of Marin.

"I was afraid to go to a shelter, but they kept coming back," she says. Shelly believes the move probably saved her life.

During her time on the streets, Shelly suffered two strokes and five small heart attacks. Her arrival at Jonathan's Place took a detour when our staff asked to measure her blood pressure and found it dangerously high.

"I went to the hospital and decided that I didn't want my kids to get a call that I was dead on the street," Shelly says. Her sobriety



began that day in May 2023.

Now she works part-time for Downtown Streets Team, visiting Binford Road to help people clean up. She's exploring the path to become a peer counselor.

"My life here is so amazing," Shelly says. "I love the people and the whole idea of creating a place like this."

## AMBER EXTENDS CAREER PATH WITH TRAINING

**A year ago, Amber S. says she was “desperately in need of a better job.” She stumbled across Fresh Starts Culinary Academy online and enrolled for training in August 2023.**

Amber now works as Café Manager for Vivalon’s Healthy Aging Campus in San Rafael. She supervises lunch service, which is open to the public for up to 70 diners, and supports in-house events with food or beverage needs.

“I never would have gotten this position without Fresh Starts,” she says. “It was the extra bit of what I needed.”

A San Anselmo resident, Amber had worked several jobs in food service and bartending. She realized that cooking skills would round out her resume, along with the chance to earn a ServSafe Manager certificate.

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For much of her training, she left class at 3 p.m. to work an eight-hour restaurant shift. Also the mother of a busy teenage son, she recalls days when it was hard to stay awake for classroom portions of the Fresh Starts course.

“It was totally worth it. Without Fresh Starts, I would still be a server or bartender,” she says. “I wanted a change and Fresh

Starts gives you the skills to work anywhere in the building.”

Her job entails receiving lunch dishes prepared by Community Action Marin, setting up the kitchen, and making sure things are ready to serve hot or chilled from 11:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. She does cleanup and manages volunteer servers in the dining room.

“My kitchen assistant works the cold side of



the food line and I work the hot side,” Amber says. While she doesn’t plan the weekly menus, she works with the chef to adjust the plan and make suggestions.

She recommends Fresh Starts to anyone who feels their opportunities need a boost. “If you want to get out of the kitchen, you get better service skills. If you’ve always been a cook, you can step up to something better,” Amber says.



## JAMES TUNES UP HIS FUTURE WITH FAMILY IN MIND

**Staying busy and tinkering with things have been long-lasting themes for James J., a U.S. Marine Corps veteran.**

As a maintenance technician, he spends his overnight hours tuning up machines that sort packages for Amazon. He arrives home about 6:30 a.m. to work on a different project: reuniting with his wife and three children, ages 4, 8 and 10, who are in the Philippines.

He came to Homeward Bound after staying for months in a hotel, sapping his efforts to build savings and find stable housing.

Now at our Next Key Apartments, James says support from our staff has opened a viable path for the future.

“I’ve been making payments on time, really started to save. Normally you don’t know where to find resources that can help and the networking here has been a benefit,” he says.

James joined the Marine Corps after high school, signing up to become an aviation technician. “I’ve been tinkering with model cars and everything else since I was 7,” he says.

When he ended up in aviation supply “counting nuts and bolts,” James chose a track to exit early from the service with an honorable discharge. “I felt I was not developing my skills,” he says.

Instead, his career has taken him around the world installing telephones, alarm systems and computer networks, sailing as a radio technician with a civilian contractor for the U.S. Navy, and working

as chief engineer on an oil rig supply vessel.

He met his wife in Thailand in 2011, where they lived until she suffered a miscarriage. They decided she would live with her mother in the Philippines as they planned a move to the United States. That could happen this year.

“It’s been a long time coming and difficult to build a base here while I am supporting my family there,” James says. He previously lived in a Mill Valley apartment until property owners leased the site to a university and the complex became student housing.

Having an affordable home has allowed him to make further career plans, he says. In time, James wants to purchase a home and launch his own company servicing electric car charging stations.

“Finding the stability and the positive connections at Homeward Bound was a big plus,” he says. “In five years, I think I’ll be able to move beyond what I’m doing now and start saving for college!”



# A Welcome Wagon is Rolling for Veterans

THANKS TO YOU, VETERANS ARE COMING HOME!

**With your help, we're busy arranging a bountiful homecoming for the 24 veterans who will settle into our newest housing program.**

These homes for heroes will open with full convenience kitchens, beds, sofas, wall-mounted television screens and a small dining table with chairs. Thanks to the Rotary Clubs of Marin County, residents will find beds made, towels hung in bathrooms and dishes ready.

"Each person will have a really comfortable space to relax and start getting to know their neighbors," says Bailey Tiura, who will oversee the program with David Brown, Veterans Housing Coordinator.

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The new tenants will retain affordable rents with vouchers that allow them to pay 30% of their income. It typically takes several weeks to complete paperwork and make all the move-in arrangements, Bailey says.

During that time, she enjoys meeting each person and learning what kind of activities or outings they would like to see, along with how the program can support them.

"They already have the shared experience of being veterans and a shared experience of being unhoused," David adds. "That's a lot in common even if they haven't gotten to know each other yet."

With this program, Marin County will become the second in California to end veteran homelessness!

"In collaboration with many partners, we have focused intently on ending veteran homelessness in Marin. When we achieve this,

it will speak volumes about the collective determination of our community," says Co-Chief Executive Officer Mary Kay Sweeney.

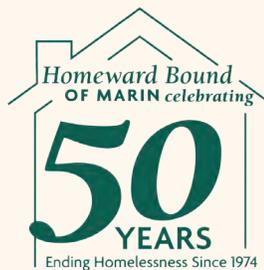
Key funding for the project includes a \$4 million allocation in the California state budget;

\$3 million from the state's Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program; \$2 million from the County of Marin, and \$2.2 million from Marin Community Foundation.

The program also received a \$750,000 federal budget allocation and a \$400,000 grant from The Home Depot Foundation, along with support from many generous community partners.

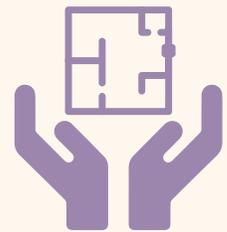
## Join the 50 Homes for 50 Years celebration.

Your support makes a difference as we raise the final funds needed to complete our campus with 50 apartments and a job-training center. **You can give securely online at [hbofm.org/donate](http://hbofm.org/donate) or by check to Homeward Bound of Marin, 1385 N. Hamilton Parkway, Novato, CA 94949, with "50 Homes" in the memo. Every gift helps!**



## Name a room for your family or business

With a gift of \$25,000, we welcome you to name one of 26 apartments or a space in our social enterprise hub for your family, business, community group or loved one. **Please contact Corry Kanzenberg with questions or arrange a hard-hat tour at [ckanzenberg@hbofm.org](mailto:ckanzenberg@hbofm.org) or 415-382-3363 x216.**



<p><b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b></p> <p>Includes a total of 50 supportive housing units, a manufacturing bakery and space to expand social enterprises that employ homeless and low-income adults.</p> <p><b>\$36 million</b></p>	<p><b>RAISED TO DATE</b></p> <p><b>\$34 million</b></p> <p><b># of Apartments</b></p> <p><b>24 – Veterans Housing</b></p> <p><b>26 – Workforce Housing</b></p>	<p><b>COMPLETION DATES</b></p> <p><b>Veterans Housing</b> June 2024</p> <p><b>Workforce Housing</b> Winter 2024</p> <p><b>Social Enterprise Hub</b> Spring 2025</p>
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# We're Building a Place for New Futures!



WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN EXPAND HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YEARS TO COME.

**As the dust settles around new veterans housing, crews are digging to install plumbing for the last two buildings to complete our Novato campus.**

Thanks to your support, we're already moving to construct **26 more apartments** for people transitioning out of homelessness and a **hub for our mission-driven businesses and culinary job training**.

We'll see teams pouring concrete and framing the buildings in the coming weeks as we move toward a goal of completing both buildings before the year ends.

"Creating 50 units to celebrate our 50th – there's no better way to celebrate our anniversary than to honor this vision," says Mary Kay Sweeney, our Co-Chief Executive Officer.

As we reflect on our history, we're inspired by the future accomplishments of residents settling into new housing and Fresh Starts Culinary Academy graduates stepping into new careers.

Tenants in the additional apartments will be families and individuals moving back into the workforce. "This is a place where people can re-establish a rent history and continue rebuilding their lives," Mary Kay says.

The new center for on-the-job learning and expanded training will open just a few steps away. This hub will enlarge the horizon for our culinary trainees as social enterprises expand and employment grows.

Building a manufacturing bakery, a small teaching kitchen and two smaller event rooms will let our team develop career ladders in inventory management, sales, production baking and shipping, Mary Kay adds.



**OUR TEAM REVIEWS ITEMS NEEDED FOR MOVE-IN DAY.**

All the revenue from our mission-driven businesses – The Key Room event venue, Wagster Treats and Fresh Starts Chef Events – gets reinvested in training and services at Homeward Bound of Marin.

**With your amazing generosity, we have raised \$34 million – 94% of funds needed – to complete the campus. Thank you for investing in solutions to homelessness!**

HOMeward BOUND PROGRAM MAP – 2024

Adult Services

Family Services

**King Street Senior Housing**  
Larkspur  
12 beds

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

**Fireside Apartments**  
Mill Valley  
Partnership with Eden Housing  
8 senior units (8 beds)

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

**Oma Village**  
Novato  
14 houses (35 beds)

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

**Fireside Apartments**  
Mill Valley  
Partnership with Eden Housing. 10 houses (35 beds)

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

**Housing at Last**  
Multiple Locations  
27 beds

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

**Warner Creek Senior Housing**  
Novato  
Partnership with Eden Housing. Support services provided for 60 residents

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

**Family Place**  
Multiple Locations  
8 units (33 beds)

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

**Families First**  
Multiple Locations  
10 houses (29 beds)

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

**Fourth Street Center**  
San Rafael  
20 rooms (20 beds)

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

**Jonathan's Place Housing**  
San Rafael  
(32 beds)

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

**Workforce Housing**  
Permanent Supportive Housing  
(6 apartments)

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

**Nuestra Casa**  
Multiple Locations  
10 houses (29 beds)

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

**Workforce Housing**  
Permanent Supportive Housing (20 apartments)

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

OPENING SOON

**Veterans Housing**  
Permanent Supportive Housing (24 apartments)

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

**Next Key Apartments**  
Novato  
4 studio units (8 beds)

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

**Family Center**  
San Rafael  
9 rooms (25 beds)

EMERGENCY SHELTER

**La Casa Buena**  
Corte Madera  
18 studio rooms (18 beds)

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

**Next Key Apartments**  
Novato  
25 studio units (25 beds)

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

**New Beginnings Center**  
Novato  
80 beds (including 12 beds for veterans)

SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

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

EMERGENCY SHELTER

**Jonathan's Place Shelter**  
San Rafael  
(40+ beds)

EMERGENCY SHELTER

Job-Training Programs

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

JOB-TRAINING PROGRAMS

Mental Health Services

**Palm Court**  
Multiple Locations  
25 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

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

**Social Enterprise & Training Hub**  
Production bakery and teaching kitchen

JOB-TRAINING PROGRAMS

**Apprenticeships**  
Offers paid apprenticeships in Janitorial & Building Maintenance and Landscaping & Gardening.

JOB-TRAINING PROGRAMS

 **Community Partner Spotlight: Salvation Army**

**Arriving in Marin two years ago, Mark and Dora Stearns did not expect their latest posting as captains in the Salvation Army to create a new kind of partnership for that 155-year-old organization.**

Their work with Homeward Bound of Marin developed after training arranged in our kitchen for their canteen volunteers, who would be called upon to provide meals in case of a natural disaster or other emergency.

“We realized that Homeward Bound is working with many of the people we want to serve in the community,” Mark says. “No one nonprofit can do it all – it’s imperative that we pull together.”

With enthusiastic support from his 14-member advisory board, Mark proposed a plan to fulfill back-to-school needs for children in our family programs. Andrea Rey, our Community Engagement Coordinator, supplied sizes and details for clothing. The Salvation Army did the shopping and delivered in time for the first day of class.



MARK AND DORA STEARNS

“That was a big success, so we springboarded into Christmas,” he says. “It was such a joy to see things come together like Santa’s workshop.” Their ambitious effort to fulfill holiday wishes in all our programs delivered 600 gifts ready for wrapping by community volunteers.

They realized there was no other partnership quite like it in the Salvation Army, which operates in 132 countries.

“We think a partnership like this could have potential to work in other places,” says Mark, who already has started working on the back-to-school project for this year. “We feel like we got the most value for the investment of our donors by working with Homeward Bound.”

The icing on the cake came at a recent gathering for canteen teams, who competed in a practice drill to plan and execute a menu. The San Rafael team won first place for taste and budget, serving a chicken entrée with a

side dish of rice noodles and vegetables.

“It was at the Homeward Bound kitchen that we learned how to make a beautiful dish like that. So it all came full circle,” he says.

 **Volunteer Spotlight: Brianna Dagnino**

**Childhood birthday parties in The Key Room left Brianna Dagnino with fond memories of making pizza with friends and getting manicures as part of a kiddie “spa day” in our event venue. Those days were her introduction to Homeward Bound.**

“My family is just very community-minded,” says Brianna, a Novato resident who estimates she has spent 600+ hours volunteering with Homeward Bound in the past five years. She’s a junior this year at Marin Catholic.

She started in 2018 by organizing a holiday meal at Warner Creek Senior Housing, where our staff coordinates services for 60 residents. That effort became an annual project with friends and family.

During the pandemic, Brianna delivered sandwiches every Monday and brought meals from our kitchen for people sheltering at home around Novato. With her family, she organized holiday gifts for our families and helped assemble furniture for an interim shelter.

Over the past year, she has served dinner once a month at Jonathan’s Place, our adult shelter in San Rafael.

“I feel like it’s not something I do for recognition. I just like giving to others, it’s my way of loving. I want to keep volunteering until I leave for college,” she says.



BRIANNA DAGNINO

Brianna also serves on the Marin County Youth Court and is part of the cheer team at Marin Catholic, which keeps her busy from July to February.

Her mother and father, who founded the Ayawaska restaurants in Petaluma and Novato, have always been involved, Brianna says. Ayawaska makes the monthly dinner for Jonathan’s Place shelter that Brianna delivers and serves.

“My parents immigrated to the States from Peru. My Dad always said that if we have the ability to provide help to our community, we should. It’s now our time to help others, since at one point my parents were the ones that needed help,” she says.

Brianna has made an impression at Warner Creek, where residents greet her by name and have sent personal letters of thanks.

Eden Housing, the property manager for Warner Creek, will honor her this spring as Community Volunteer of the Year. She was chosen among volunteers nominated by each of its 163 affordable housing communities.

“Brianna is a humble and giving human being,” says Monina Hamilton, our Service Coordinator at Warner Creek. “Our seniors simply adore Brianna’s spirit of giving and creating positivity.”

## WAYS TO GIVE

### *Invest in solutions to homelessness*

You can help families and adults taking steps to rebuild their futures. Every gift for shelter, housing and training programs supports a journey toward home, health and resilience.

Honor friends and family members with a donation in their name or give monthly to invest in solutions all year. You also can extend your generosity to the future with a gift in your will. Please contact 415-382-3363 x216 or email ckanzenberg@hbofm.org for details.

**Make a gift online at [hbofm.org/donate](http://hbofm.org/donate) or by check to Homeward Bound of Marin, 1385 N. Hamilton Pkwy., Novato, CA 94949.**

**Thank you for your partnership!**



### *Host a rewarding event in The Key Room*

Make your next event memorable, rewarding and full of flavor in The Key Room! Our full-service venue with onsite catering hosts business meetings, special occasions or all-day events.

The Key Room team offers seasonal menus, professional set-up and service, and a big screen for hybrid meetings or screening your videos. You can host team-building events in the kitchen! All proceeds are re-invested in our training and housing programs.

**Call us at 415-382-3363 x214 or visit online for more details at [thekeyroom.com](http://thekeyroom.com).**



### *Spoil Your Pets with Wagster Treats*

You want the best for your pets, so we make Wagster Treats with just a few real ingredients and lots of love. Our wholesome cookies come in four flavors, all made from stuff like apples, oats and peanut butter.

Every purchase from Wagster Treats helps our hard-working team build employment skills to strengthen their talents and create new futures. All proceeds support our shelter, housing and training programs.

**Find Wagster Treats at Pet Food Express, Whole Foods Market and independent pet retailers or buy online at [WagsterTreats.com](http://WagsterTreats.com).**



### *Gather friends at Fresh Starts Chef Events*

Enjoy a unique culinary experience when you join us at Fresh Starts Chef Events. We're building a fall season to showcase some local stars and treat your palates – stay tuned for details!

Make reservations at a community table or come with a group to see recipe demonstrations and enjoy a delicious dinner. All proceeds support shelter, housing and training programs while providing hands-on experience for graduates of Fresh Starts Culinary Academy.

Subscribe to our monthly email list about the events and learn more at [thekeyroom.com/chef-events](http://thekeyroom.com/chef-events) or call 415-382-3363 x214 with questions.



# Gifts of Time and Resources

## CONGREGATIONS

### Thank you to:

- **Peace Lutheran Church** for donating Safeway gift cards and delivering groceries at Fireside Apartments.
- **Congregation Kol Shofar, Congregation Rodef Sholom, Cornerstone Community Church, Hillside Community Church, Korean Presbyterian Church of San Rafael, Marin Lutheran Church, Nativity of Christ Greek Orthodox Church, Novato Presbyterian Church, St. Isabella's Catholic Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church**, for providing meals and serving dinner monthly at Jonathan's Place shelter.
- **Westminster Presbyterian Church** for bringing Sunday dinners to Voyager Carmel Center.
- **Congregation Kol Shofar** for bringing brunch monthly to the La Casa Buena housing program.
- **Congregation Rodef Sholom** for presenting a monthly brunch at Jonathan's Place.
- **Marin Lutheran Church** for breakfast burritos delivered to Voyager Carmel Center and Family Center, along with supporting La Casa Buena residents during the holidays.

## SCHOOLS

### Thank you to:

- **St. Patrick School** students and **Christy Mohan** for providing "Sandwich Saturday" lunches at King Street Senior Housing.
- **Marin Country Day School** for donating Halloween costumes for our families, organizing a gingerbread house party at Oma Village and providing new books to Jonathan's Place residents.
- **Ross School students** for providing bag lunches at Jonathan's Place shelter, Voyager Carmel Center and La Casa Buena.

## BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS

### Thank you to:

- **StoneSoup, Outdoor Art Club** and **Southern Marin Mothers Club** for providing meals and serving dinner monthly at Jonathan's Place shelter.
- **Madrona Bakery** for donating sandwiches, pastries and bread to Jonathan's Place shelter.
- **Bank of America** for helping in our produce garden at New Beginnings Center.
- **Salvation Army** for donating holiday gifts for residents in all Homeward Bound programs.
- **Children for Change** for decorating shipping boxes for Wagster Treats.
- **Studio 39 artists** for providing art sessions with Jonathan's Place residents.
- **Whippoorwill Arts** and **Bread and Roses** for providing free concerts at our programs.
- **SusieCakes** and **Lotus restaurant** for deliveries at Warner Creek Senior Housing.
- **Southern Marin Mothers Club** for providing Thanksgiving meals to all Homeward Bound families, donations for new mothers and Halloween decorations at the Family Center.
- **National Charity League Southern Marin** for providing Easter baskets for children in in our programs.
- **National Charity League Northern Marin** for providing toiletries and move-in baskets.
- **Bright Horizons School** for providing Halloween costumes and toiletry kits.
- **Mt. Tam Quilt Guild** for providing holiday gift cards.
- **Catholic Daughters** for providing toiletry kits.
- **Cakes 4 Kids** for delivering birthday cakes for children at the Family Center.
- **Kiosk** for ongoing support with websites and digital marketing.
- **Welcoming Home** for donating furniture, housewares and apartment makeover services for residents moving into new housing.
- **ExtraFood** for supporting our programs with food deliveries.

## INDIVIDUALS

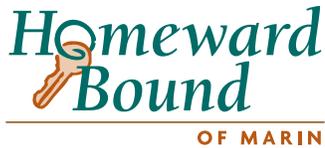
### Thank you to:

- **Brianna and Romina Dagnino** for providing dinner monthly at Jonathan's Place shelter.
- **Gail Schreuder** and **Jennie Gill** for donating move-out baskets to residents.
- **Linda Varonin** and friends for monthly Saturday activities with residents at La Casa Buena.
- **Elizabeth Breitner** and family for providing families with move-in baskets.
- **Anne Marie Guglielmo** and family for providing Thanksgiving meals to the family Center.



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- **Cheryl Longinotti** of **Cycling Without Age** for providing trishaw rides at King Street Senior Housing and La Casa Buena.
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- **Anna Harp** for helping organize the donation storage area.
- **Ariel Marin** and bandmates for performing live music at Warner Creek Senior Housing.
- **Kay Jones** for donating potholders for our programs.
- **Sherry Rogers** and **Pat Chelini** for ongoing help with the landscaping and gardens at New Beginnings Center.
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- **Betty Pagett** for organizing a Halloween event at Oma village and for providing Easter baskets.

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