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John M. stands outside Puett Place, the 24-unit veterans building opened in June with community support. Read story on page 4. Photo by Paige Green.



DEAR FRIENDS TO THE END OF HOMELESSNESS...



What's 50 years among friends?

Well, it's a milestone, an achievement and a cause for celebration. And we've been celebrating the best way we know how — building and opening housing — 50 units to be precise. The campus at Hamilton is nearing completion with housing first, and an event space soon to follow. The decommissioned military base is serving the public in the best way possible — housing veterans as well as some of our most vulnerable community members.

Along with the celebrations comes enormous gratitude. To you who are

reading this right now, to you who have partnered with us in so many varied and creative ways — pledging and matching our campaigns, cooking and serving meals, making beds in our newest homes, weeding our productive vegetable and flower gardens, creating pathways out of homelessness for families and individuals — to each of you, to all of you: THANK YOU! You are the vibrant heartbeat of Homeward Bound and we are so grateful.

I am grateful for the incredible opportunity to have realized my own purpose and meaning by working at Homeward Bound for these past 31 plus years! This amazing organization has been a literal home for me and for my calling to be of service. The team with whom I have conspired over the years has been the most committed, creative and compassionate group of people ever. The work itself is demanding of the best imagination and effort we have to give. Equally, it is completely fulfilling to witness the homecoming of so many people whose journeys we have been privileged to share.

And, speaking of journeys, Paul Fordham has been on his leadership voyage at Homeward Bound for 20 years! He is one of the most creative, intelligent, kind, savvy, and wonderful people I know. As solo CEO, he will continue to lead this incredible organization and influence the community with innovation, entrepreneurship, and sustainability. Cause for continued celebration! Thank you!

Mary Kay



After 31 years of smiles and hard work, Mary Kay is retiring in December.

Full Campus Set to Shine in 2025

Each day, crews set another piece in place as our Novato campus heads toward completion. Thanks to your support, the vision of 50 new homes to mark our 50 years of partnership is close to reality!

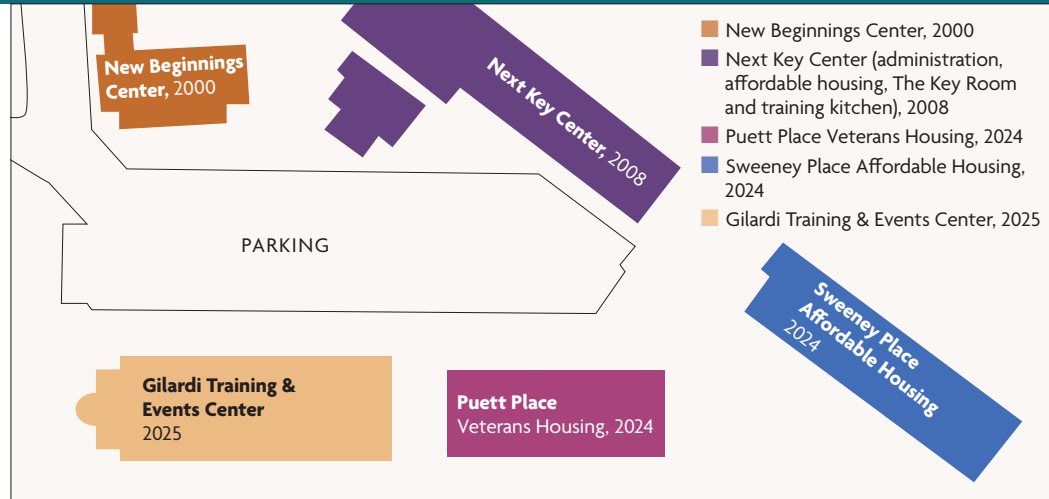
Through your generous investments, more veterans settle each week into spacious apartments where dilapidated warehouses once stood. Soon we'll show prospective residents around the 26 new apartments of Sweeney Place rising just across the parking lot.

As the Gilardi Training & Events Center also takes shape, our campus sets course to open programs that will expand our housing ecosystem and help create an economy that works for everyone.

"When completed, our campus will be unique. To have shelter, affordable housing, training and supportive employment in one central hub will be life-changing for many people," says Paul Fordham, Co-Chief Executive Officer. "We are meeting people where they are and helping them map their pathway home."

Less than two years have passed since the first bulldozer moved onto the 2.8-acre site. Alongside work to level the ground, frame the rooms and raise the roof, our staff has been designing programs to help residents find health, resilience and a sense of belonging.

Our community seized the chance to make history with our first building in Novato, the New Beginnings Center, which opened in 2000 as the first shelter in the country on a decommissioned military base. We're close to making more history together by ending veteran homelessness in Marin County when our new building is fully occupied!



With your help, we've raised more than 98% of funds needed to finish this model campus. Your gift to help close the \$530,000 funding gap will pave the way to brighter futures for years to come.

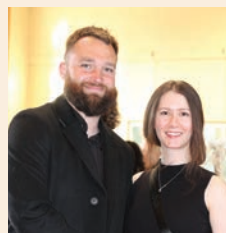
Give online at hbofm.org/donate or by check to Homeward Bound of Marin, 1385 N. Hamilton Parkway, Novato, CA 94949, with "Sweeney Place" in the memo.

Total Project Cost \$38 million	Raised to Date \$37.4 million
Puett Place 24 apartments to end veteran homelessness	Sweeney Place 26 apartments for people returning to the workforce
Gilardi Training & Events Center Supportive employment in mission-driven businesses	

A Golden Evening to Toast 50 Years of Partnership



Thank you to the 250 honored guests who gathered Sunday, Sept. 22, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our shared efforts to solve homelessness. Our exciting auction, delicious meal and the touching stories from people we serve left warm memories. All funds raised at the event will launch programs for our 50 new homes through the first year.





NEW BUILDING OFFERS SAFE HARBOR FOR NAVY VETERAN

After his first night in Puett Place, our new veterans community, John M. agrees with the adage that home is where you sleep best. “It’s just nice to get a good night’s rest,” he says.

His childhood in a military family and six years of Navy service taught him how to adapt wherever he went, John says. Now he looks forward to opening a fresh chapter in his own home.

“I’ll have friends here when everyone

moves in,” John says. “I like the small-town atmosphere of Novato.”

His Navy training in missile fire systems took him all over the world, including Vietnam in 1967-68. After leaving the service, he pursued a technical career with IBM in the Washington, D.C., area and earned a bachelor’s degree in New York.

A visit with his parents in San Francisco left a good impression, so he moved west in 1993 as Silicon Valley and technology experienced enormous growth.

John started his own company, training sales teams about equipment operations, and consulted with businesses on how to automate their workflow. The temporary contracts eventually became fewer and his savings began to run low.

Living with a friend worked well until John returned home one day to find him unresponsive on the sofa. “After he died, I lived on his 65-foot boat in San Rafael. It

was a beautiful boat but I couldn’t afford to maintain it,” he says.

Unable to find an affordable option, John got a referral in 2022 to New Beginnings Center, where we offer specialized services to veterans in partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Work on the 24-unit veterans building got under way soon afterward.

He credits our staff for their caring support and regular updates about the construction, application process and services available in the new program. Puett Place has onsite staff and residents receive an evening meal made by our Fresh Starts team.

“It was a gradual slowdown from working,” says John, who began using a walker this year and celebrated his 81st birthday in his new home. “Now I can get settled and see what it’s like to be really retired.”



CORBIN BUILDS HOPE AND SKILL IN KITCHEN

Training at Fresh Starts Culinary Academy became a circuitous path for Corbin M., but a voice in his head kept him going after he dropped out of the training twice.

“My mom said, ‘please don’t ever give up on yourself.’ When I started class the third time, I dedicated it to her,” he says. Corbin graduated in March 2023, three years after his mom passed away.

Hands-on training in the kitchen clicked for him because he’s a visual learner, Corbin says. He now works in a transitional position, teaming up with Chef Luis Realpozo to make meals at the New Beginnings Center shelter.

“I’m learning a lot with him. Slowing down, paying attention to my cuts, watching everything he does,” he says.

Life has changed since he came to Homeward Bound of Marin in 2022, after months of living in his car and in local encampments. He had lived in Novato with

his father and siblings, but a period of drinking after a rough breakup ended his stay.

Since leaving San Marin High School, he tried community college and worked at jobs like highway cleanup or helping a friend with home maintenance projects. He had some savings but saw no path to get ahead.

“I had no job, no education and I was afraid I could lose my car,” Corbin says. “I didn’t want to come (to the shelter.) I didn’t want the rules. I cussed out everyone, counselors included.”

Now he embraces the routine, which he says has helped him cope with tough experiences outside of work. “I try to stay in the moment. I’m grateful for this job. Knowing I’m needed here is a reason to get up,” he says.

Corbin appreciates how teammates in the kitchen support each other. “We work well together, get along, get the job done. We try to make each other safe and respected,” he says.

Chef Matt Shapiro, our Director of Training & Culinary Operations, sees a bright path for Corbin. “His transformation has been amazing to watch. I can see he’s calmer, more focused, and it’s directly related to his skill development,” Matt says. “He has the potential to make a great career in the culinary industry.”

Early this year, Corbin moved to a supportive housing program in Larkspur. He has set his sights on moving again next year and hopes to find a place of his own.

“Without coming in (to Homeward Bound), I’d still be drinking. I’d still be out there,” Corbin says. “I’m grateful for everything that’s happened here. Now I have a plan to do something.”

HOME LIGHTS BRIGHT FUTURE FOR MARTA AND FAMILY



Gazing around her home, Marta clearly recalls moving there after living in a single room with her brother and daughter. “We moved in with one bed and one table, not even a chair,” she says.

Marta received approval to come to the United States in 2007 and left Guatemala with hopes of a new future for her daughter Maria, then 6 years old.

“Learning to communicate and not being able to use my education...it was frustrating. I thought about going back,” says Marta, who earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology in

Guatemala. Her \$9 hourly wage at a Marin bagel shop left her little hope of finding a real home.

An opening at Fireside Apartments in Mill Valley fired her determination, Marta says, though she knew even the low rent would stretch her budget.

“Sometimes I had to decide: pay the rent or buy the food,” Marta says. “I went to the food pantry to have things to eat.”

Today her family has a decade of history at Fireside Apartments, a permanent supportive housing program where we serve families and seniors in partnership with Eden Housing.

“I don’t know how I could have made progress without this opportunity of housing,” says Marta, who works as Senior Registry Specialist with Marin’s Public Authority for In-Home Support Services.

Six years of study improved her English to a point where her opportunities grew. Marta became field manager for a cleaning company and, after her mother arrived, she got acquainted with senior services at Vivalon.

“They needed a coordinator for Hispanic programs. That opened my professional life again,” Marta says. At one point, she even led a prep class for the U.S. citizenship test.

She currently works with 400 caregivers to review their qualifications. Marta also coaches many of them, along with the recipients of care, about creating happy partnerships.

This year, Marta began home buyer seminars with Habitat for Humanity. She also has become an advocate for affordable housing, speaking at meetings and participating in interviews with local candidates.

She credits Homeward Bound of Marin’s support staff for helping the family thrive. Her daughter graduated from Tamalpais High School and now has a part-time job.

“They helped me find jobs, find an English tutor, make a resume, find a food pantry. They never stop helping,” she says. “Having affordable rent made it possible to change jobs and go through some financial hardships without losing our home.”

Family Center prepares for more years of welcome

Imagine a home after five decades of young children and you will envision the well-loved Family Center, where Homeward Bound of Marin opened its first program in 1974. Today it still operates as Marin County’s only year-round shelter for unhoused families.

The three-story home with nine family rooms has aged since its construction around 1925, but faces the future refreshed for the modern era.

“Everything is going electric,” says Trinetta Gray, our Operations Manager. Recent additions include heat pumps to replace a gas-powered furnace, an induction stove and LED lighting. After a roof replacement expected next year, the building will get solar panels. Fourteen windows have been replaced and a portion of the house has been repiped.

Most of those improvements came with

help from the Association for Energy Affordability, a national nonprofit organization that helps managers of affordable properties secure rebates to cover their costs.

In May, the Family Center celebrated another addition to the property: a long-awaited playground installed with generous support from community partners.

“The families have been super flexible to accommodate all the work,” says Joseph Jackson, the Family Center Program Coordinator. “And the occasional emergency. My first week of work, a pipe burst and we had to shut off water. We had a couple of days with a portable toilet.”

He finds the age of Family Center also imparts a certain charm that helps create a welcoming, comfortable atmosphere for families in transition. Many residents say their children love it.



Volunteers at Family Center in early years.

“The kids loved it there with the park in the backyard. I for sure did too,” says Miheaven M., who now has her own apartment in San Rafael.

Edith B., a one-time resident who lives in Mill Valley, wrote in a 2014 letter to the Marin IJ: “The beloved Brown House, if it could speak, would speak of infinite real-life stories. My life and that of my children has been wonderful since we found a space there.”



COMMUNITY REPORT | 2023-2024

We kicked off our jubilee year more committed than ever to realizing the vision that “everybody deserves a place to call home.” Because of your support, we’re close to the goal of completing 50 new affordable homes this year to mark our 50th anniversary! Thanks to your help, the year brought us to the brink of ending veteran homelessness in our community and completing 26 apartments for families and adults returning to the workforce.

Seeing people settle into new homes offered many exuberant moments. We served **981 people** in shelter and housing programs in the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2024, up 2.8% from a year earlier. The number grew by 5% for adult programs, which saw 736 participants.

Despite the end of pandemic-era rental subsidies, 63% of adults leaving our programs last year moved to stable housing, up from 60% a year earlier. The efforts of staff members to help participants navigate the housing search plays a vital role in their success.

Families continued to seek our support as we served **115 parents and 130 children**, similar to the previous year. Many faced challenges beyond housing, including domestic violence, chronic health conditions and mental health needs.

Noting the struggles particular to young parents, we launched a program tailored to the needs of people aged 18 to 26 who head a household with children. Families engaged in this program already have offered strong positive feedback, giving us hope that they will build lasting resilience to break the cycle of homelessness.

Though some health risks faded with the pandemic, we saw strong demand last year for the innovative program for adults who leave hospital care without stable housing. A total of **99 people received medical respite services**, up almost 14% from the previous year.

Improving health for adults with the highest risks remained a beacon for the past year. With support from the state’s CalAIM initiative, **224 adults received enhanced care plans** developed by our staff. Their work now coordinates more closely with medical providers, using blood pressure checks, nutrition check-ins and other strategies.

Sponsored by Cigna Health, a researcher last year found participants enrolled in enhanced care plans reached their health and personal goals at a higher rate and had a greater likelihood of taking further steps toward stable housing.

After years of planning, this year set the stage to complete our Novato campus with key support from a **landmark grant of \$14.4 million** by the state’s Project Homekey initiative. In June, local leaders, supporters and community partners cut the ribbon at Puett Place, the **24-unit veterans building** that could end veteran homelessness in Marin County! Daily progress also continued for **26 additional apartments** for people working in our community.

A third building, the Gilardi Training & Events Center, will **extend employment and career opportunities** for graduates of Fresh Starts Culinary Academy. A bakery, warehouse space, teaching kitchen and two small event rooms have transformed from blueprints to a physical structure over the past few months! Stay tuned for an opening date in 2025.

Over the past year, the core culinary training enrolled 41 students and **engaged 40 committed graduates in paid positions** in our kitchen. In the year that ended June 30, we offered supportive employment through our mission-driven businesses: The Key Room event venue, production of Wagster Treats dog biscuits and preparation of 15,000 monthly meals for individuals in our shelter and housing programs.

As social events returned to a pre-Covid pace, our team **hosted 182 events** in The Key Room for companies, individuals, government agencies and fellow nonprofits. Everyone who hosted “an event that makes a difference” in our space helped raise social enterprise revenue last year by almost 30% to an incredible \$831,000, with all proceeds re-invested in our programs!

Fresh avenues to market Wagster Treats opened through partners at Procure Impact, a national organization that works with large employers to provide socially conscious products. Our tail-wagging cookies have been shipped to important new vendors like dog-friendly hotels and corporate gift specialists.

Throughout our programs, Homeward Bound seeks to advance the contributions of people from diverse backgrounds. A full **56% of our staff has lived experience** of homelessness.

We also seek to improve our programs by hearing from those we serve. Homeward Bound this year engaged Listen4Good, a national consulting practice that coaches nonprofits in gathering input from clients and using it to make change.

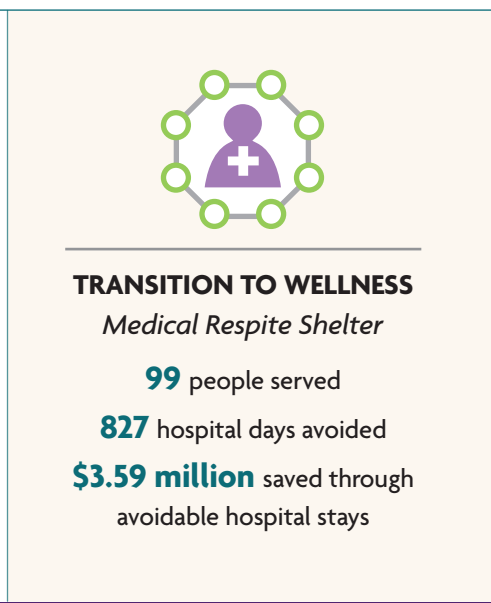
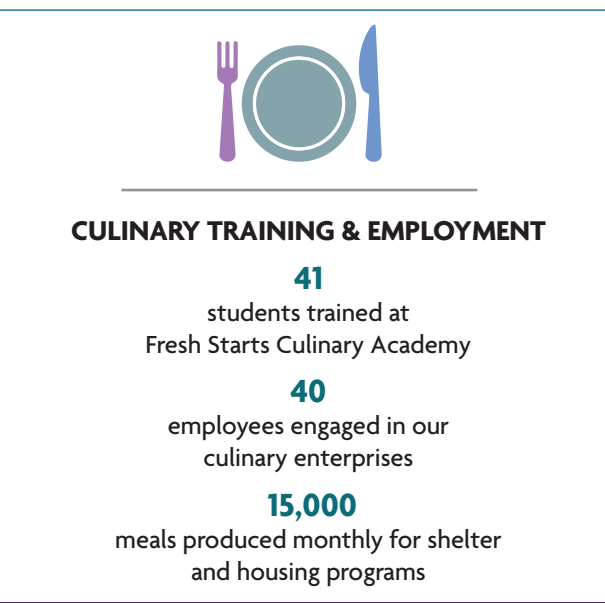
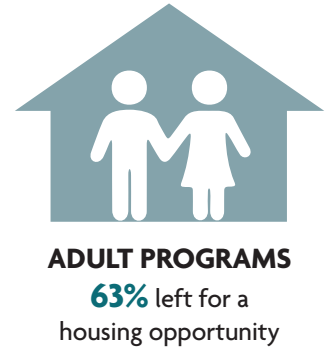
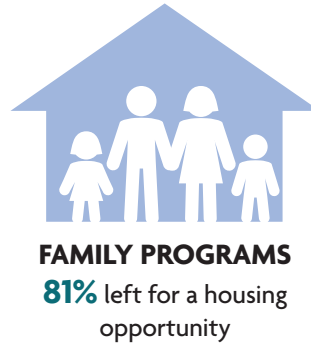
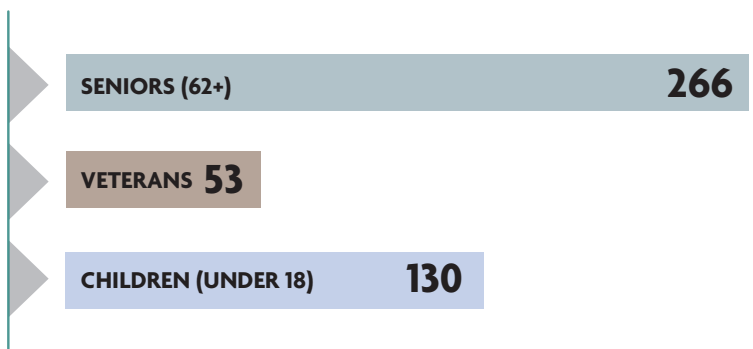
So far, our team has received survey results from 71 adults in shelter who told us about their experience. The gratifying results showed a **strong majority felt safe, respected and able to communicate** openly with staff. Asked what they appreciate, one shelter resident wrote: “Help a person in need with everything they need. Taking the time to work with each one of us. Utmost respect.”

Their feedback showed frustration with a lack of housing choices in the Marin community and the complex applications facing them in their journey to regain stability and independence. Thanks to people like you, our community is expanding the paths to housing and creating new programs to bring people home!



YOUR PARTNERSHIP HAS MADE AN INDELIBLE DIFFERENCE AND PUT THE SPARKLE IN OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR. TOGETHER WE CAN REALIZE THE VISION THAT “EVERYONE DESERVES A PLACE TO CALL HOME.”

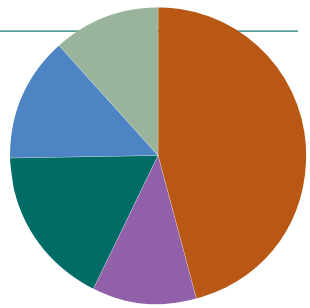
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OPERATING BUDGET / TOTAL AGENCY EXPENSES AND REVENUES • 2023-2024

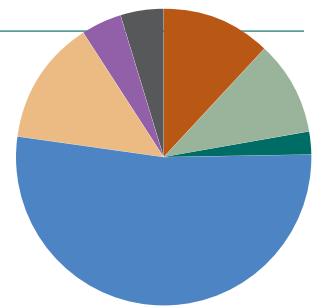
EXPENSES

Adult Services	48%
Mental Health Services	12%
Family Services	13%
Job Training & Social Enterprise	19%
Administration / Development	8%



REVENUES

Gifts/Bequests	12%
Foundation Grants	10%
Corporate Grants	2%
Government Grants	53%
Program Revenues	13%
Social Enterprise	5%
Other Income	5%



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

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

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

Jonathan's Place Housing
San Rafael
(32 beds)
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

OPENING SOON
Sweeney Place
Workforce Housing
(20 apartments)
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Puett Place
Veterans Housing
(24 apartments)
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

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)
SHELTER SERVICES

Jonathan's Place Shelter
San Rafael
(38 beds)
SHELTER SERVICES

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)
SHELTER SERVICES

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

Family Place
Multiple Locations
8 units (33 beds)
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Families First
Multiple Locations
10 houses (29 beds)
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

OPENING SOON
Sweeney Place
Workforce Housing
(6 apartments)
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Nuestra Casa
Multiple Locations
10 houses (29 beds)
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

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

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

Job-Training Programs

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

OPENING 2025
Gilardi Training & Events Center
Production bakery and teaching kitchen
JOB-TRAINING PROGRAMS

Supportive Employment
Offers paid training in Culinary, Janitorial, Building Maintenance & Gardening.
JOB-TRAINING PROGRAMS

Community Partner Spotlight: Rotary Clubs of Marin

In 20 years, Sylvia Barry says she's rarely found a project adopted with such enthusiasm by fellow Marin Rotarians as new homes for unhoused veterans.

"The goal with our larger projects is for every club to participate," says Sylvia, who was one of four assistant district governors for the Rotary Clubs in Marin. When she proposed the idea to the 17 Rotary Club presidents, "Everyone just immediately said yes."

Initially, the goal was raising \$25,000 to sponsor one of the 24 new apartments that opened in June. The groundswell of support eventually let them double that commitment, but they didn't stop there.

"Rotarians really like to do hands-on projects," Sylvia says. Working with our staff, she realized that furnishing the new apartments could be a perfect opportunity to invite participation from members across Marin.

She met with Community Engagement Coordinator Andrea Rey to identify all the tasks that needed to



be accomplished. The original two-day plan grew to four as they reviewed the items to be sorted and placed in all 24 units.

As it unfolded, the project grew to involve people outside Rotary. Summer Cassel of state Senate President Pro-Tem Mike McGuire's office joined the crew, as did Rick Saber and Rick Hanley of Novato's Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

First they unboxed everything from flat-packed furniture to silverware, then put things together and set them in place. They sorted packaging to be recycled or disposed. "For 24 units, there was a lot of packaging!" she adds.

Finally the team filled kitchen drawers, hung shower curtains and

towels, made beds, added decorative pillows and set out plants to provide a homey welcome for each veteran moving to a new home.

"It's rare to find a project where every single club steps up," she says. "We enjoyed it so much that people are asking what's next."

Volunteer Spotlight: Walt Holleran

Serving lunch at New Beginnings Center lets Walt Holleran experience a kind of chemistry not included in his resume: the person-to-person connections that happen even in the few moments needed to dish up a meal.

"Food is always something to bring people together but it's more about the people," says Walt, a retired research professor who focused on pharmaceutical biochemistry at University of California San Francisco.

The San Rafael resident knew little about Homeward Bound of Marin until his wife attended an event in The Key Room, where our culinary team provides catering. They decided to reserve our venue for a special 90th birthday celebration for his mother.

"She loved it and I really got to see the spirit of the organization," Walt says. He signed up to help with a yard cleanup day at our King Street Senior Housing in Larkspur and soon took a weekly shift serving lunch at our 80-bed shelter.



Outside of the kitchen, he has participated in other volunteer projects like packing holiday gifts for delivery in our programs and building a stone pathway leading from our produce garden.

As a longtime staff member at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in San Francisco, Walt says he's especially pleased to contribute to an organization that supports former service members.

"I have a soft spot in my heart for veterans. They served our country and a lot of them have struggled healthwise or other ways after their service," he says.

Some of them are participants at New Beginnings Center, where Walt spends four hours every Wednesday helping our chefs prepare and serve lunch. Our shelter hosts an onsite office for a Veterans Affairs social worker.

"I really enjoy serving and having that moment to connect with people, greet them by name if I can. Somehow it always feels good to do that and just be able to help," he says.



WAYS TO GIVE

Spread holiday cheer as a gift sponsor

Add sparkle to the season for veterans, seniors and other vulnerable adults in our shelter and housing programs! You or your business can become a Reindeer (\$100), Elf (\$250), or Angel (\$500+) to help provide gifts for 350 people working to overcome challenges and regain independence.

Being a sponsor lets people know their community cares and supports their journey toward positive change. Sponsors will be invited to join a fun day of volunteering (with cookies!) at our Holiday Wrapping Celebration on Monday, Dec. 16. **See the giving link at bit.ly/HBholidaygifts.**

Thank you for making the holidays bright for everyone in our community!

Open more paths to housing

You can help bring people home after the struggle of homelessness. Every investment in shelter, housing and training programs unlocks new futures and builds a healthier community.

At the holidays, embrace the giving spirit with contributions that honor friends and family members. You can give monthly to invest all year as we complete new housing and training programs.

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 partnership!



Make a legacy gift for the future

A gift through your estate plan ensures families and adults in crisis can access safe and supportive shelter for years to come.

We are ready to help you develop a personal strategy to sustain the work that we've begun together: vital aid for unhoused neighbors and award-winning programs to open paths toward home.

Learn how you can create hope as your legacy. Your compassion can be a gift for future generations.



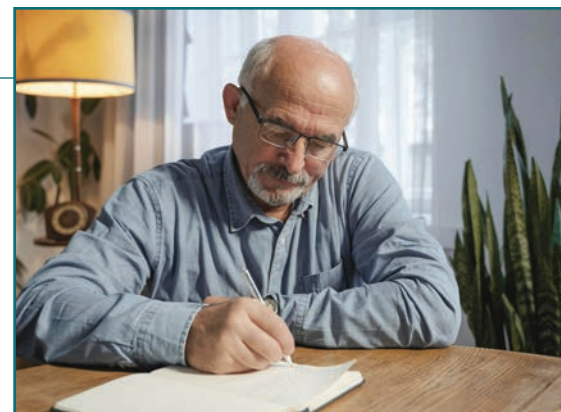
Contribute from a retirement account

Using your retirement account to invest in solutions when you send a gift directly to Homeward Bound of Marin. This can be a tax-savvy way to help vulnerable seniors, families and veterans transform their futures.

A Qualified Charitable Distribution does not count as income and can be made as part of a required minimum distribution from your account. You also can set up a gift for the future by listing Homeward Bound of Marin as a beneficiary

Find out more about giving from appreciated assets. Your gift from a retirement account can be made anytime during the year.

Please contact Corry Kanzenberg 415-382-3363 x216 or email ckanzenberg@hbofm.org to learn more about any of these ways to give.





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 support for La Casa Buena residents during the holidays.
- **Trinity Lutheran Church** youth for providing gift bags and diapers for the Family Center Families.
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- **Southern Marin Mothers Club** for donating items to the Family Center.
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- **Summerhawks students from RISE Scholars** for donating care packages for veterans moving into housing.
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- **Cakes4Kids** for delivering birthday cakes for children at the Family Center.
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- **ExtraFood** for supporting our programs with food deliveries.

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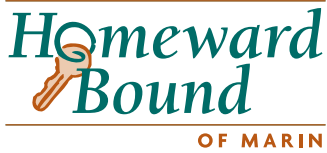
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