

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

FOSTERING HOPE
CREATING SOLUTIONS
EMPOWERING COMMUNITY



2025

2025 was a year of significant growth and impact for Marin Foster Care Association (MFCA). Anchored in our mission, we broadened our reach and strengthened the network of care surrounding foster children and caregivers across Marin. These achievements are the result of a committed community—donors, partners, volunteers, and supporters whose belief in our work continues to drive lasting change. We are profoundly grateful for your partnership and trust.

In 2025, we proudly:

- Supported more than 175 children within Marin's foster care system, with an expanded team creating meaningful opportunities for connection, stability, and joy—ensuring every child is seen, heard, and valued.
- Increased investment in our Opportunity Project, expanding access to academic support and enrichment activities so even more foster youth could learn, grow, and thrive within a supportive community.
- Expanded engagement at our Community Resource Center, a welcoming, no-cost hub where foster children and caregivers can access essential items and resources with dignity and ease.
- Maintained our therapy program, Fostering Interconnection Through Therapy (FITT), a program designed exclusively to provide therapeutic support for families who open their homes to foster children. We are serving over 20 families weekly with a dedicated, supportive wellness space in our building.
- Extended our Caregiver Support program, responding to increased needs, and making sure over 110 foster families had what they needed to continue to provide quality care for their foster children.
- Increased our impact, thanks to the incredible success of our two-night annual fundraiser, Blues & Brews, which raised over \$565,000 through auctions, raffles, donations, and sponsorships, as well as our inaugural fundraising event, Glitter & Groove, which raised over \$170,000 in its first year.
- Moved four young adults into our second apartment building in San Rafael for aging-out foster youth to support their path to successful independence (already filling 66% of these new units!). This additional building continues to offer stable, affordable housing for youth aging out of the foster care system, who - without MFCA - face substantial difficulties in renting apartments from landlords.

While 2025 brought meaningful progress, the need for compassionate, consistent support within the foster care community remains great. There is still important work ahead and many lives yet to be strengthened. As we continue expanding access to vital resources and services, we do so with deep appreciation for the commitment and trust of our supporters. We look forward to advancing our shared mission in 2026 and the years to come.

Sincerely,



Ashley Hurd
Executive Director

2025 FINANCIALS

BY THE NUMBERS

\$59,290

Opportunity Grants Awarded

\$15,820

Spent on Summer Adventures for 40 Youth

131

Foster Youth Received **122** Opportunity Grants- **DOUBLE** from 2024!

\$57,000+

Spent on Supporting Resource Parents and Caregivers throughout the year

645+

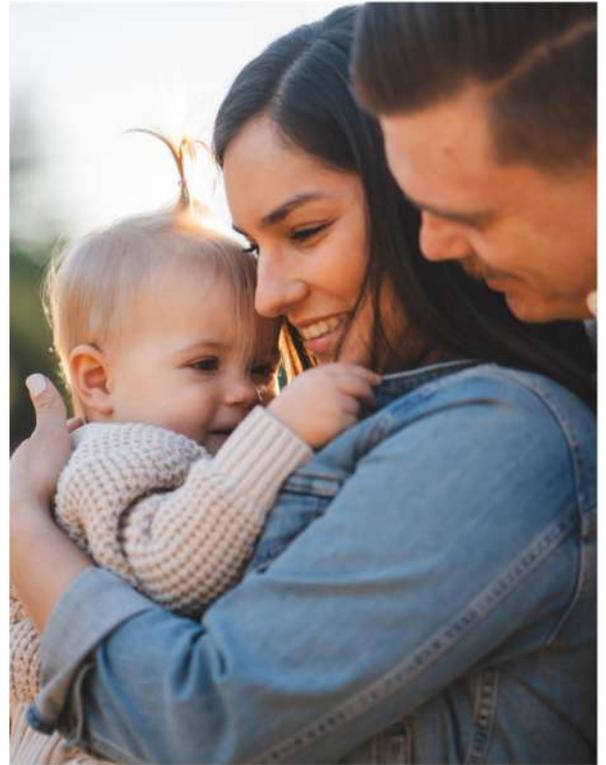
Foster Parent/Social Worker Visits to the Community Resource Center

\$14,349

in Funds to Help 6 Families say "YES!" to Fostering and Maintain 24/7 Emergency Homes

9

Aging Out Foster Youth Received **\$2,000** towards the Purchase of a Car



WAYS TO GIVE AND GET INVOLVED

Your generosity directly strengthens the lives of children and families involved in Marin's foster care system. Your support connects you to a compassionate community that is committed to stability, dignity, and opportunities for foster children and their caregivers. Together, we are creating lasting impact and brighter futures—one child, one family, and one moment of care at a time.

Sign up to **attend a foster care orientation.**

Contact
Leslie.Fields@marincounty.gov

Learn about becoming a **Friend of the Family volunteer.**

Contact
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Donate in-kind items or host a drive in your community to help stock our Resource Center.

Contact
donations@marinfostercare.org

Enlist your company to underwrite Opportunity Project grants for foster youth.

Contact
ashley@marinfostercare.org

Switch to monthly giving to MFCA via credit card so we can count on your consistent support.

Contact
ashley@marinfostercare.org

Enhance foster care awareness by **inviting MFCA to speak at your organization's next gathering.**

Contact
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JANUARY

Heart of Marin Award

We were honored to receive a 2024 Heart of Marin Award for Excellence in Innovation. This award recognizes our creative approach to supporting transition-age foster youth through our acquisition of apartment buildings as a housing solution. Prior to our involvement, a thoughtful solution to housing transition-age youth did not exist in Marin County. We found buildings that are situated within walking distance of public transportation, close to shops and College of Marin, and we secured an array of funding, grants, and interest-free loans to complete the purchases.

New Apartment Building in San Rafael

Upon seeing how lives were changed from our first apartment building in Novato, we decided to move forward with the purchase of a second building for transition-age youth. These six units in San Rafael provide safe, affordable housing and a foundation for independence, growth, and a brighter future.



FEBRUARY

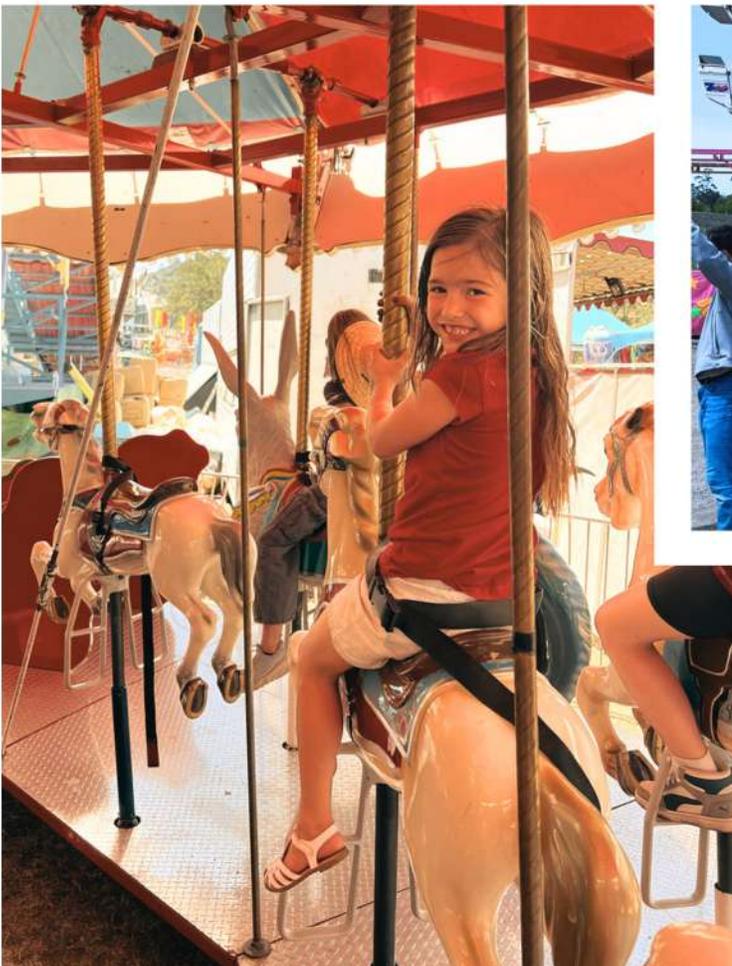
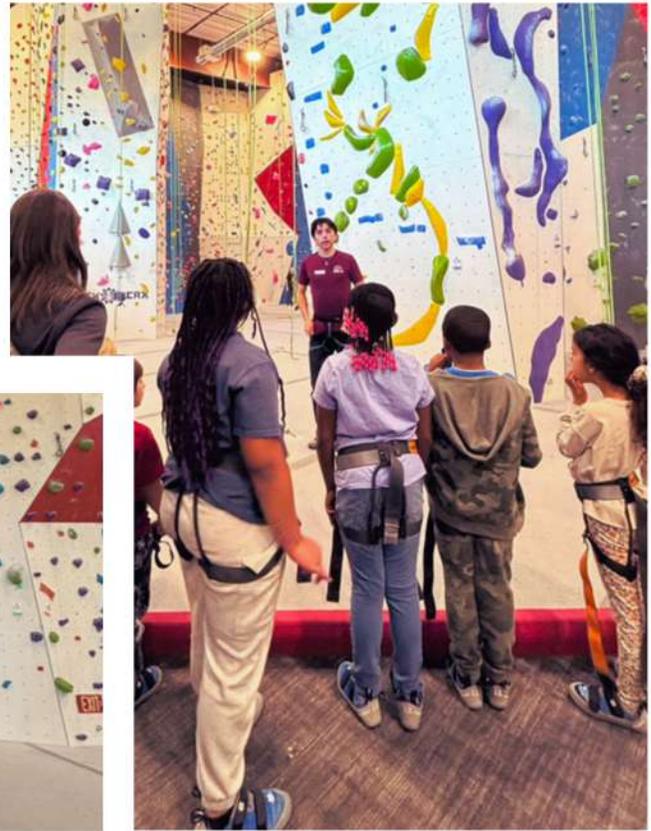
Foster Love for Valentine's Day

Spread the love! We distributed Valentine's Day goodie bags to foster kids, assembled by a special first grade class, complete with treats, crafts, candy, age-specific books, stuffies, and handmade friendship bracelets from an active high school volunteer...plus, as an additional sweet act of kindness, floral bouquets for caregivers were donated by a volunteer and her family.

MARCH

Scaling New Heights at our Quarterly Gathering

To create connections, try new things, and have some fun, we brought families together for an indoor rock climbing adventure. Watching kids challenge their strength and conquer the climbing walls was truly inspiring!



APRIL

Fun at the Fair

We had the pleasure of hosting some of our resource families at the Spring Fair near the Civic Center. From laughter and treats to carnival rides, the experiences were filled with moments of joy and delight.

MAY



Adoptive Family Gathering

We loved bringing our adoptive families together for a special gathering at the park. With pizza and sweet treats, it was a wonderful opportunity for families who share similar journeys to connect, swap stories, and build community. Watching the kids play while parents shared experiences and encouragement was truly heartwarming.

Dance-a-thon

In conjunction with Foster Care Awareness Month, we got our groove on with the community, enjoyed pizza and ice cream, and other fun surprises, while raffling off exciting prizes and raising awareness at this family-friendly event.



Glitter & Groove

We kicked off our first Glitter & Groove fundraiser with waterfront views, delectable bites, a live auction, and inspiring messages from foster youth and an extra-special foster dad...not to mention a rockin' dance party! We were thrilled to raise over \$170,000 in support of Marin's foster kids.



JUNE

Bicycle Safety Classes

In collaboration with Cory's Ride, interested youth received bike helmets, bike locks, lights, and brand new bikes! We also had three bike safety classes to empower our riders with riding skills, traffic safety, and bike maintenance tips. Learning to ride a bike isn't just about balance — it's about courage, resilience, freedom, independence, and discovering you're capable of more than you thought.



Annual Family Picnic

We brought our resource families together, along with Children & Family Services, to connect and kick off the summer season at our annual picnic in the park. Bounce houses, face painting, a treat-filled pinata, and delicious food and ice cream led to many smiles and warm memories.



JULY

Marin County Fair and Summer Adventures

In addition to hosting families at the Marin County Fair, we awarded grants for foster children to participate in popular summer activities, including summer camps, ziplining, camping trips, the beach, theme parks, and more! Thanks to your support, foster kids could be like other kids - making summer memories while exploring the outdoors and experiencing new things.



AUGUST

Quarterly Gathering at the Bowling Alley

We hosted a community bowling party that brought resource families together for an afternoon of connection and laughs. Over pizza and bowling, caregivers and children had the opportunity to build relationships, share experiences, and enjoy a sense of belonging in a relaxed, welcoming environment. Events like this strengthen the support networks that are essential for families navigating foster care.

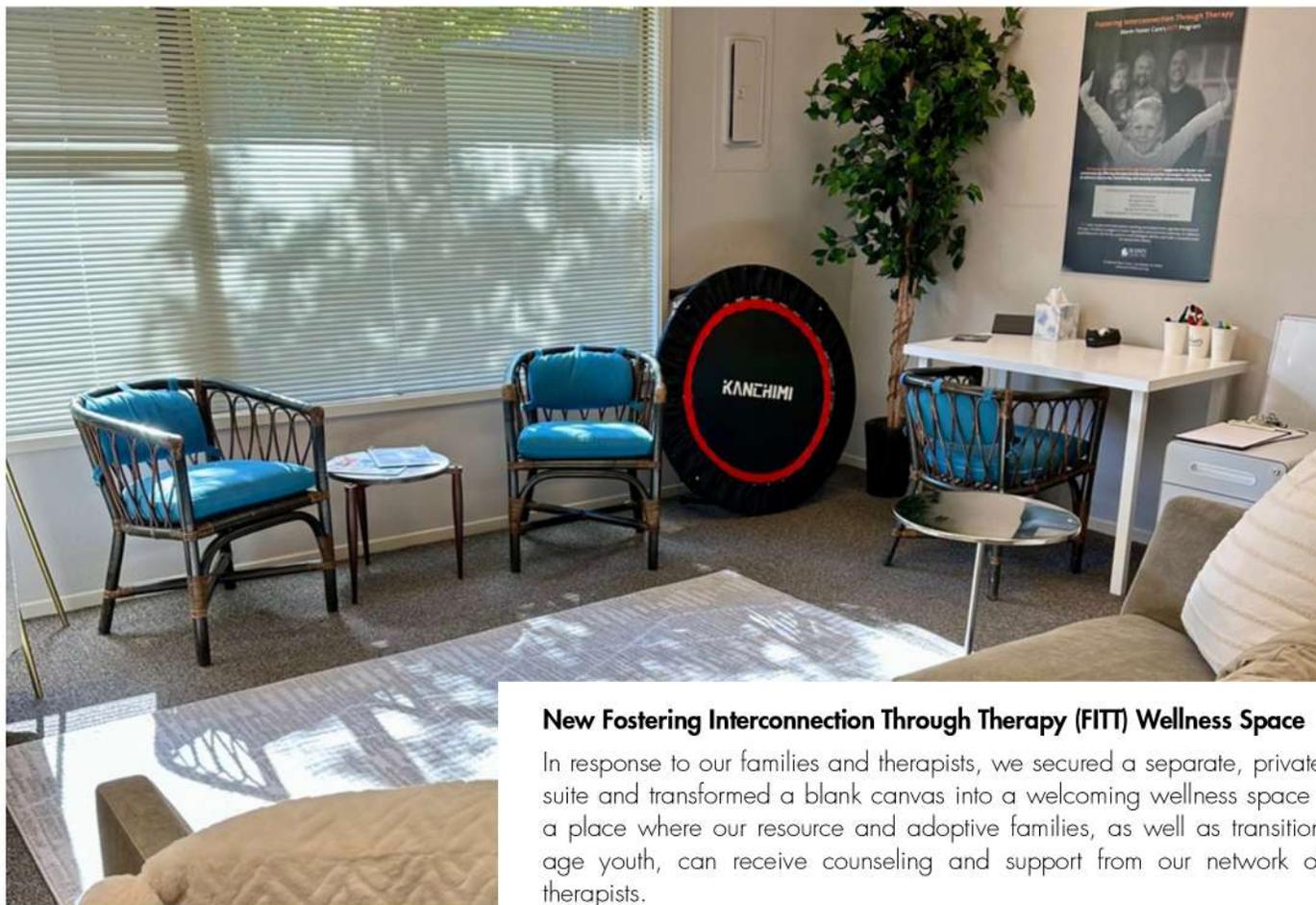


SEPTEMBER



Back to School

Thanks to support from the community, over 250 foster children in Marin, Sonoma, Solano and San Francisco had the opportunity to receive a new pair of shoes, backpack, and school supplies to kick off the school year. Starting a new year with a boost of confidence can help kids who are navigating a traumatic period in their lives.



New Fostering Interconnection Through Therapy (FITT) Wellness Space

In response to our families and therapists, we secured a separate, private suite and transformed a blank canvas into a welcoming wellness space - a place where our resource and adoptive families, as well as transition age youth, can receive counseling and support from our network of therapists.

OCTOBER



Blues & Brews

Our biggest fundraiser has become one of Marin's sought-after special events - we sold out both nights! With support from former foster youth, our eloquent speakers highlighted the impact of MFCA, resource parents and friends of the family, while raising over \$565,000 to continue providing critical services to the foster care community.



Save the Date for this year: October 2nd & 3rd at Pacheco Ranch Winery in Novato!

100MARIN Award

We were honored to be voted this year's recipient of the 100MARIN Fall 2025 Philanthropy Award. We were recognized for our unwavering commitment to supporting foster children and families in crisis. Giving a moving, impactful speech, a resource parent detailed the support she receives from MFCA...which ultimately gives her the ability to continue saying "YES" to foster placements.



NOVEMBER

Food Drive

With generous donations from the community and a partnership with United Markets, we filled over 60 boxes and nearly 100 bags of food for transition-age foster youth, resource families, and families in reunification. In partnership with Mollie Stone's, we were able to deliver warm, chef-prepared holiday meals to some of our families as well. Thank you to everyone who donated food, hosted drives at schools, businesses, and places of worship, and volunteered to sort and stuff boxes and bags. It takes a village!



DECEMBER

Holiday Gifts

With drives at schools, places of worship, local businesses, gyms, and Equator Coffee cafes, as well as dozens of Angel Donors, we proudly fulfilled all of our kids' wish lists, bringing joy to 175 Marin children, while easing the burden for their caregivers this holiday season.

- 175 foster children received at least three gifts from their personal wish lists, in large part to commitments from 2K Games, Marin Covenant Church, and Hillside Church of Marin.
- Single parents received holiday gifts to ensure they felt seen and celebrated.
- We were able to share extra toys from our drives with our partners in other counties.
- Our Community Resource Center is now fully stocked with inventory for birthdays and new-to-foster-care items.



Holiday Party

Resource families enjoyed time connecting, laughing, eating, and playing at our annual holiday party. The fun-filled event featured something for everyone - entertainment, crafts, cookie decorating, lunch catered by Chick-fil-A, photo booth, graffiti art, carnival games, and prizes.

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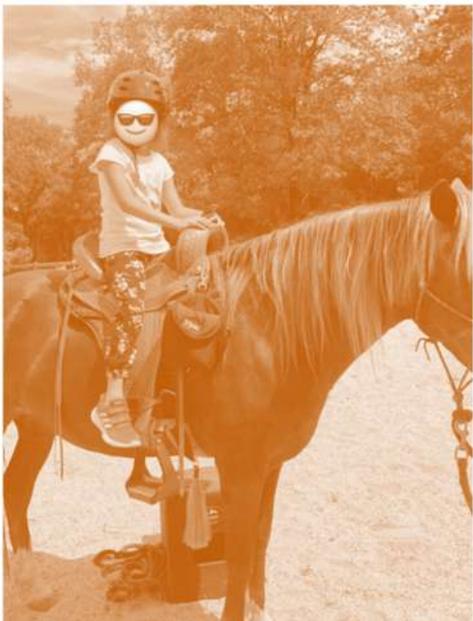
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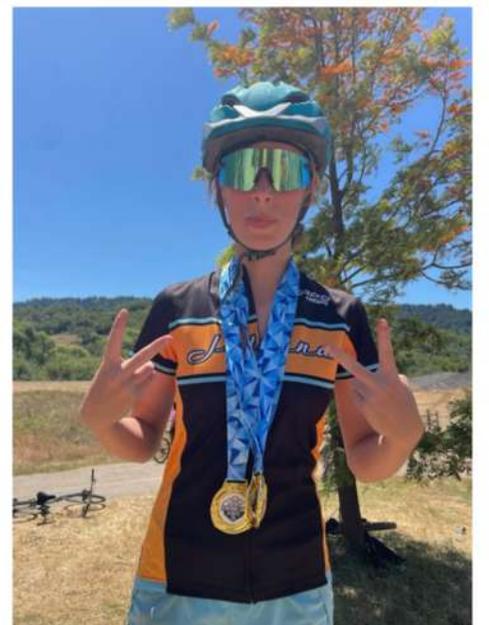


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– Scott S., Resource Parent



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