



notes from Make it Home

May 2022

188

**Households
Furnished
in 2022**

139

**Children
Supported
in 2022**

34

**Foster
Youth
assisted in
2022**

410

**Humans
Bolstered
in 2022**

207

**Tons saved
from
Landfill
in 2022**

We celebrated Earth Day with a Spring Warehouse Round Up Sale. Our volunteers worked overtime and our space was cleaned, inventoried and merchandised! The two-day sale generated almost \$13K and will allow us to purchase much-needed new pillows, linens and cleaning supplies for our families. We are grateful!



**THE SPRING
ROUND UP
WAREHOUSE
SALE**

*Thank
you!*



**With your
donations...**



**Bring us
the "good stuff"!**

Right here in Marin, in April, Make it Home was honored to be able to help furnish five living spaces for multiple Ukrainian families and children. We got the call on a Wednesday, and by Saturday the families were able to move in together to fully furnished, and carefully curated safe and comfortable living spaces. After a traumatic journey through Mexico, the families were beyond grateful for the warmth and safety of "home."

We can help!



Because of YOU!



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Announcing the Make it Home Blue Tape Foundation



MIH's amazing Nick Cotter and Marin Children & Family Services' incredible Joe Devine

With the support, generosity and hospitality of Make it Home donor Mark Valentine, we held our first ever Furnish Hope fundraiser. We set a goal of \$60K with hopes to serve an additional 100 families. It was so special to gather in a space and hear from visionary and founder Carolyn Flannery about the origins of Make it Home. Nick Cotter, a working partner of MIH, shared how home furnishings get from donors' homes, into the warehouse, and back out again into our families' dwellings. He spoke about the relief and gratitude of those who are the recipients of your donations.

Social worker, foster parent and agency partner Joe Devine shared his family's personal story of utilizing MIH services to outfit his emergency foster home; this enabled him to provide foster care for 21 children in the last calendar year alone.

Board Member Ellen Nystrom, of Nystrom Design shared the environmental impact that MIH is having; the facts that we are diverting hundreds of tons of materials from local landfills and are serving families across six Bay Area Counties. Sustainability is a guiding principle of Make it Home and all of the chairs guests were sitting on were re-purposed and up-cycled dining chairs that had been transformed at the hands of our many hard working volunteers.

Board Member, Susan Brennan shared the numbers: 553 households furnished since inception eighteen months ago and the organizational costs for MIH to fully curate and furnish a family home. It costs \$600 for Make it Home to furnish a household, \$1200 for two families, etc.

OUR
Costs

**\$600 =
ONE
FAMILY**

**\$1200 =
TWO
FAMILIES**

**\$1800 =
THREE
FAMILIES**



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Why the **Blue Tape Foundation**? When we put together a set of furnishings for a new home, we label each piece of furniture, and box with the clients name on a piece of blue tape. The tape is literally the "glue" that holds the household together in the warehouse. Your financial donations are the "glue" that holds our organization together, enabling us to react to immediate needs, purchase essential items and clean pillows and linens.

We **DID** make our goal at the event and are so grateful for the support! Consider joining our **Blue Tape Foundation** and help us help others to Make it Home!



Deena Berger, Katie Sears, Judy Webster, Carolyn Flannery



Wilson Chen, Sherene Chen, Luis Luciano



Emma Jesberg, Seema Krish, Eugenia Jesberg



We were so excited to partner with Dignity Moves in San Francisco. Dignity Moves is building "interim supportive housing" as a stop-over between tents and permanent housing, where clients can be safe and receive the critical support services necessary to rebuild their lives and exit homelessness. Make it Home provided the decorative furnishings including decorative pillows, a throw blanket and a piece of art for 29 Tiny Homes. We love reimagining housing together with Dignity Moves!

REIMAGINING HOUSING

