



notes from Make it Home

November 2022

861

**Households
Furnished
to Date**

806

**Children
Supported
to Date**

240

**Foster Youth
assisted
to Date**

1,858

**Humans
Bolstered
to Date**

947

**Tons saved
from Landfill
to Date**

ANNIVERSARY
ROUND UP
SALE



We celebrated our second birthday with many of our donors on the eve of the Make it Home Anniversary Sale. The Friday and Saturday weekend sale found the MIH warehouse filled with treasure hunters. Our shoppers found tchotchkes and trinkets, art, pillows, headboards and everything in between! Because of you and your generosity, our ability to help and serve communities across the Bay Area continues to grow. We are excited to be entering our third year, and celebrated the opening of our Walnut Creek Make it Home. We have big plans for the future and continue to dream big on behalf of the those beginning to dream again!

*Thank
you!*

We continue to grow and develop partnerships with other non-profit agencies who share our vision for reimagining home; particularly for those who are seeking to create a space of safety, comfort, dignity and pride while recovering from trauma or crisis. We partnered with Dignity Moves on the Labath Landing Project in Rohnert Park. We helped set up tiny homes for 35 new residents with items like bedding, small area rugs, cleaning supplies and wall art.

Central to DignityMoves' vision is that everyone receives a private room with a door that locks. Many experiencing homelessness are reluctant to accept beds in shelters so offering this sense of security helps clients feel more willing to engage in the critical supportive services. One resident shared, "When I was living in my tent, I felt like I was constantly in survival mode, worried about my safety and where I might find my next meal. Now I am warm and dry and can lock my door at night." We are so delighted to help these residents feel comfortable and safe in their spaces.





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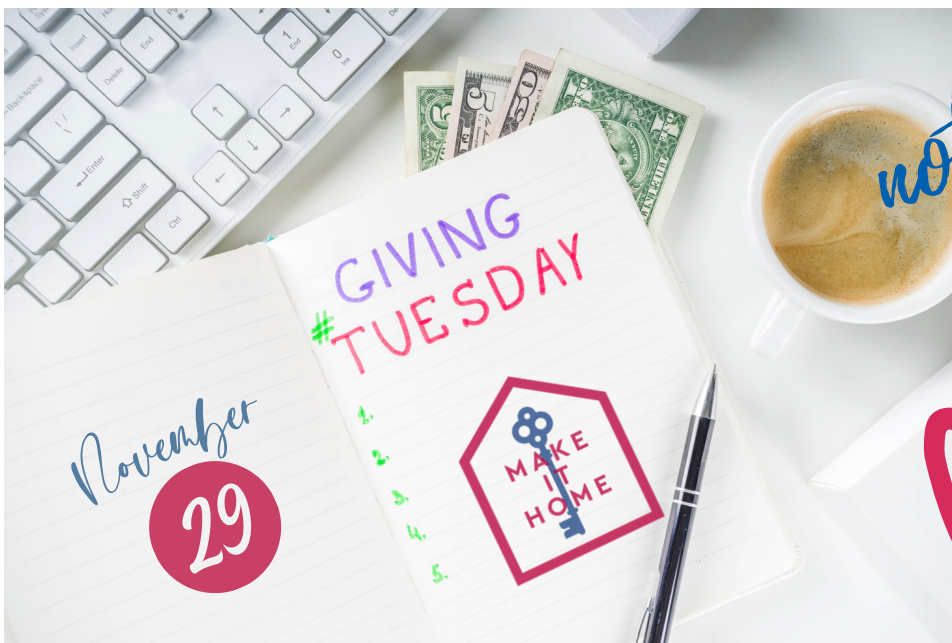
GIVING TUESDAY

We know you have choices when it comes to the non-profits and organizations you support on Giving Tuesday...and we hope you choose us!

We are working hard to end furniture poverty and believe that individuals and families that are recovering from crisis or trauma should not have to choose between buying a couch, or buying groceries. We know children thrive when they eat their meals at a table instead of off a cardboard box. People's clothes belong in dressers, not in plastic garbage bags. Everyone should be able to sleep in a clean, new bed and not on the floor.

Many people who finally receive housing, often return to shelters because sleeping on the floor and sitting on crates does not feel like a home, and the shelters have beds, blankets, dining rooms and common living spaces.

Your financial support allows us to help individuals and families #makeithome.



note to self

 follow us on Instagram @makeithomebayarea

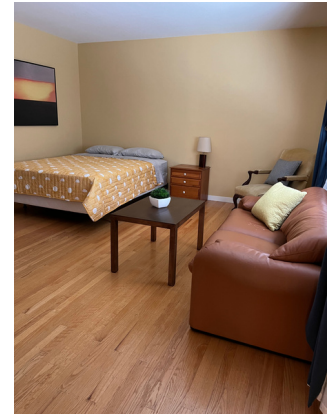


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Hanna



For nearly 75 years, Hanna Center has helped some of the most vulnerable youth create better futures for themselves. The Hanna Center has launched a new Transitional Age Housing Program designed to provide a safe and supportive environment for former foster youth, ages 18-21, who have aged-out of the traditional foster care system. Hanna Center's Transitional Age Housing Program offers individual, family and group therapy, rehabilitation, comprehensive clinical case management and medication support to youth who need support the most. Participants will also work with staff to access resources and services to assist them in obtaining and sustaining permanent housing. Make it Home and a Crew of volunteers and created 24 cozy studio apartments, study rooms, living rooms and dining rooms, complete with art and plants and brand new beds. We also set up a home for some of the young adults who are parents. We are honored to be a part of helping these young people navigate pending adulthood in their safe and stylish new spaces.





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Make it Home & MFCA Our Village Closet, Sonoma The Foster Village, Contra Costa

Children deserve to live in stable, loving homes; yet they often enter into the child welfare system through no fault of their own. The positive impact resource families can have on foster youth, and on society at large, is immeasurable. We are devoted partners of the Marin Foster Care Association and are honored to be a part of MFCA's plans to help neighboring counties duplicate Marin's Community Resource and Support Center for those caregivers and kids.

We worked last year with MFCA in Sonoma County to completely furnish and open Our Village Closet and this month we were so happy to fully furnish and help open The Foster Village of Contra Costa County.



These Community Centers equip foster youth and caregivers with support and resource connections, essential supplies, and materials that can help fortify a safe, consistent, and nurturing home environment for those impacted by the welfare system. They provide the needed, extra layers of support that strengthen connections and help the youth and caregivers of foster care feel seen, feel heard, and feel a sense of belonging. We love to make it easier to say, "YES!" to fostering CARE to youth in need, and helping people who are #makingithome for children.



We were honored to be able to host the San Rafael Chamber of Commerce Morning Meeting with the City of San Rafael's Vice Mayor Rachel Kertz. Terra Linda, and our current location is soon to undergo some big changes and people turned out to hear the updates.

The warehouse was in ship shape for residents of San Rafael and Terra Linda to hear about the state of local affairs. We toured all the guests through the warehouse space and folks were blown away; both by our mission, our vision and the operational magnitude of Make it Home.



GIVING TUESDAY

Tuesday, November 29th, 2022

