



notes from Make it Home

October 2022

779

**Households
Furnished
to Date**

765

**Children
Supported
to Date**

223

**Foster Youth
assisted
to Date**

1760

**Humans
Bolstered
to Date**

857

**Tons saved
from Landfill
to Date**

And...just like that... we are TWO! From 800 hundred square feet of space in the San Francisco Design Center to a reimagined mall space of over 10,000, we are celebrating our second anniversary. We are so grateful to the hundreds of donors, volunteers, social workers and partners who have been on this incredible journey with us. Building together and making it all work we will be able to do MORE!



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS
**SAN RAFAEL
CHAMBER**
WE ARE ONE COMMUNITY

We are pleased to be new members of The San Rafael Chamber of Commerce. We loved participating for the first time in the San Rafael Business Showcase and connected with over 150 of our fellow merchants in the San Rafael area. We won BEST BOOTH at the Business Showcase!



*Morning Coffee with
San Rafael Vice Mayor Rachel Kertz
November 4th
9:00 at the MIH Warehouse*



*Board Members Luis Luciano
and Bitsa Freeman in our
BEST BOOTH!*

We are also looking forward to hosting Rachel Kertz, the Vice Mayor of San Rafael at her Morning Coffee for San Rafael. Vice Mayor Kertz will be here in our warehouse on Friday, November 4th from 9:00-10:00 am. Come listen in!



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SHOP THE WAREHOUSE SALE!

ROUND UP FUNRAISER



Friday, October 21

12:00-7:00

&

Saturday, October 22

9:00-12:00

COME SHOP FOR GOOD AND ROUND UP YOUR TOTAL PURCHASE TO BENEFIT MIH!



It's our SECOND Anniversary - Join Us and celebrate at our sale!!

WHERE DOES YOUR \$ GO? WHEN YOU ROUND UP YOUR PURCHASE PRICE?

Donation List
Where does your money go when you donate to Make It Home?

- moving truck \$475
- bedding set \$100
- cleaning kit \$25
- admin day \$150
- kitchen essentials \$75
- refinishing supplies \$50
- move a family in with everything they need \$750
- queen mattress set \$250





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Make it Home and

The Guardian Scholars Program



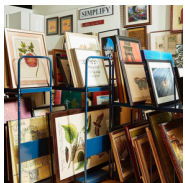
May and Andrea are enjoying their first year at SF State in the tight-knit Guardian Scholars community. Photo by Eric Millette

"Goodbye" used to be the message that California Foster Care had for the kids it served when they reached the age of 18. "Alana" should know, she was in the system for five years. Though foster children now qualify for services in California until the age of 21, many youth find themselves alone and lost after they turn 18. A University of Chicago study found that nearly a quarter of former foster care youth eventually experience homelessness while only 6 percent earn a college degree. Helping kids beat the odds is the Guardian Scholar Program. Since launching ten years ago at San Francisco State University, the GSP has helped close to 200 foster children graduate with a degree from college.

Moving into a dormitory, with all the preparations, purchases and planning can be daunting for the most supported students. Parents hauling in all the "must have's" and taking endless trips from the car to the dorm space are common sights on "Move In Day". For the foster children who continue their education at the post secondary level, this has the potential to be a highly traumatic day. Enter the Guardian Scholars Program.

Make it Home was thrilled to partner with this outstanding program supporting students seeking to further their educations and opportunities for success. Providing college freshman moving into their dorm rooms with new bedding, new sleeping pillows, throw blankets, art for the walls, basic dorm life kitchen essentials, cleaning kits and bath kits was a project near and dear to the hearts of many of our volunteers who have dropped their own children off for the next steps of growing.

First housing experiences can shape how a young person progresses through the next phase of their lives and we were delighted to help these incredible young people meet their challenge and play a small part in helping them curate their new spaces and Make them Home.



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We're Growing! Welcome to the Family MIH Walnut Creek!



We are growing our Make it Home Family! Our East Bay location has opened its doors in Walnut Creek! A crackerjack team of volunteers and staff are now accepting donations in Walnut Creek, and are serving families and individuals in Solano, Contra Costa and Alameda Counties more easily.

This was a herculean task and the East Bay community has come out in force to whip the warehouse into shape, lock in Agency Partners and staff the warehouse with volunteers. MIH is so thrilled to be able to extend our reach into these counties and help more people and divert landfill from Contra Costa County and beyond.



A crackerack crew of MIH Walnut Creek Staff! Sherri, Chris, Donna and Nancy. What a team!

Board Member Kristine White and Manny and Chris of Fresh Hauling loading up the first move-in out supported by MIH Walnut Creek



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We have a new Partner!

WHY IT MATTERS



resupply



ReSupply is a Veteran-founded organization on a mission to revolutionize charitable giving and physical-goods donation to combat climate change. A perfect match for Make it Home! 80% of furniture and home goods are only used once. By providing pickup and donation logistics, ReSupply keeps items out of landfill while keeping Make it Home fully stocked and allowing for us to continue furnishing homes for families and individuals across all nine counties of the Bay Area!



note to self

