Our Mission

We believe that every child deserves the opportunity to have a happy and fulfilling childhood. Marin Charitable provides grants to organizations that offer critical support, education and enrichment for school-aged children in Marin County who have limited opportunities.
A Record Setting Year in 2018

Marin Charitable broke many records this year. Here are just a few of the inspiring results accomplished by our all volunteer board, membership and, of course, our supportive community!

We distributed $174,000 in Grants
53 Marin County non-profits were awarded checks from Marin Charitable at our January 24th, Grant Ceremony based on our fundraising efforts this year. These organizations have proven results serving at-risk youth in our community and will use their grants to fund critical programs for the year to come.

Those funds will reach at least 16,173 children in Marin
Through the programs that these grants fund, we are able to say that we directly touch the lives of over sixteen thousand Marin county youth. These youth, with either low family incomes, mental health, or other challenges, would have been at risk in our community.

We grew our support base by 18%
With two sold out fundraisers, one in Spring and one in the Fall, Marin Charitable was able to reach more people in the local area and grew our base of supporters by 18%. While Marin Charitable has been working in our community for 58 years now, many of 2018 supporters are completely new to our cause!

We do this because we believe passionately that every child in our community deserves the right to a happy and fulfilling childhood. Thank you for being a part of our success in 2018 and onward to continued success in 2019!

Sincerely,

Liz Harrell & Barbara Cancilla
2018 Co-Presidents

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Our Work Throughout Marin County

Fundraising Efforts Are Year Round

While our events contributed to over 60% of our funds, we continue to expand our fundraising efforts. The chart below shows all the ways in which Marin Charitable accesses the funds that we grant at the end of the year. Our 2018 net fundraising was the most we’ve ever raised. We are very proud of our volunteers and the commitment to our community’s youth.

Help From Our Friends in the Community

Kent Middle School’s “Enterprise” is a product design course with an entrepreneurial focus. In this course, students develop a product and set up a business to promote and sell their product. For the fourth year, these kids have chosen Marin Charitable to receive the profits of their work, generating over $5,000.

Host Parties continue to be a great success. Mamacita Margarita, an annual favorite featuring bottomless margaritas and a Mexican dinner, hosted by Jenny Kelly & Jessica Berry, brought 50 women together. The Tennis Whites & Woods Party, given by Brittany Olsen, Carol Price, Liz Harrell & Cindy Weaver was new this year. Guests tried old fashioned tennis rackets, enjoyed some shopping and feasted on a post match luncheon! The Murder Mystery Party hosted by Jane Hartman & Cindy Weaver, was also a hit. 20 guests enjoyed dinner and a thrilling mystery game! Susan Friedman partnered with Gold West Vintage to host a Gold & Silver Party. Finally, Barbara Cancilla hosted a Bridge Luncheon for 16 women! Together, these parties provide another platform for us to share our mission with the community, and raised over $10K.

Junior Giving Circle. This year is the 10 year anniversary of the Juniors, which is a group of women who joined Marin Charitable to help get more families with young children involved in what we do. The group pooled resources to contribute $5,200 in 2019!
All About Marin Charitable’s Granting Process

“Our unique granting process is what sets Marin Charitable apart.”

Starting in September every year, the Grants Committee conducts onsite visits, meeting individually with each Grant Applicant. During those visits we review their financials, their program and results to ensure that the grants are being put to the best use.

The 2018 Grants Committee, led by Grants Chair, Jennifer Forbeck, was a dynamic group, with both long-time and new members bringing a range of perspectives and insights to our review process!

All this work culminates at our Grant Ceremony. This year, on January 24th, 2019 over 200 representatives from the very best Marin County non-profits filled Unity in Marin to receive their grants. This year 53 agencies received a grant, totaling $174,000 in funds distributed.

This map shows the locations of all the organizations we work with, most of which serve kids all over the county. We are proud to help at-risk children in all parts of our community.

In 2018, each of these Marin County agencies received a Marin Charitable grant.

Art from the Heart
Being Adept
Big Brothers Big Sisters Bay Area
BioTech Partners
Bloom Marin
Boy Scouts of America, Troop 2000
Bridge the Gap College Prep
CA Poets in Schools
California Film Institute
Canal Alliance
Cazadero Performing Arts Camp
Center 4 Domestic Peace
Community Institute for Psychotherapy
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ForWords Literacy Lab
Gilead House Global Book Exchange
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Golden Gate Opera
Halleck Creek Ranch
Hip Hop For Change
Homeward Bound
Huckleberry Youth Programs
Jessica’s Haven & Rescue
Kids Cooking for Life
Lifehouse
Marin Casa
Marin Foster Care Association
Marin Growth Circles
Marin Symphony
Marin Theater Company
New Media Learning Center
Next Steps Liaison Project
North Marin Community Services
Novato Spirit
Okizu
Performing Stars of Marin
Project Avary
Ritter Center
Safe & Sound
San Geronimo Valley Community Center
Side by Side
St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
Teamworks Art Mentoring Program
Trips for Kids
Ubiquitous Vision
Warm Wishes
Youth in Arts
Youth Leadership Institute
Youth on the Move
Business Sponsors and Supporters

It takes a village to provide grants that support at-risk kids in our community. Our business sponsors provide year-round support by offering sponsorships or by donating a portion of sales. They are critical to the work we do. Many of our corporate sponsors have supported us for more than five years. We encourage all of our members and community to patronize these wonderful businesses!

If you are interested in supporting our charity as a sponsor or supporter, please contact us at fundraising@marincharitable.org.

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Our Membership

We currently have over 100 members working hard all year to raise these valuable funds, and having fun while we do it! If you or someone you know would like to become a member, please email us at membership@marincharitable.org. We are always looking for enthusiastic new members.
Our Heartfelt Thanks to Our Generous Donors!

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Marin Charitable in the News

Marin IJ, Nov. 5, 2018 - Marin Charitable held a fundraiser on Nov. 3 at Sweetwater Music Hall in Mill Valley that raised more than $80,000 for local groups that offer critical support, education and enrichment for Marin youth of middle and high school age who have limited opportunities. Approximately 250 people danced and rocked the night away to Neil Diamond tribute band Super Diamond. The band posed with event co-chairs Liz Harrell (left) and Jessica Berry. Photo by Jarett Skeffington

Marin IJ, Apr. 20, 2018 - Marin Charitable’s annual “Floral Fling” was held at the Marin Country Club in Novato on March 13, raising more than $70,000 for at-risk youth in Marin. Jane Hartman, co-chair of the Floral Fling enjoys the springtime in Paris themed festivities. Photo by Glen Graves

(More Press Highlights on our website)

What People Are Saying About Us …

“I’ve never known a charity to demonstrate such integrity and to be so hands-on. Marin Charitable goes above and beyond to ensure funds provide critical support, education and enrichment for school-aged children with limited opportunities, like the 1st Generation students served by ForWords’ literacy programs. Marin Charitable’s role is now more vital than ever in helping kids achieve their full potential into adulthood. They are an invaluable force for good in our community, for which we should all be grateful.”

Gail Siegel, executive director, ForWords Literacy Lab, San Rafael (From the Marin IJ, Feb. 12, 2018)
Marin Charitable: A Brief History

Marin Charitable was originally formed in 1961 by 10 pioneering women who launched the organization in an effort to support Marin General Hospital. After just three years, the group broadened its focus and began helping children and teens across Marin. By 1968 it had grown to over 100 members and had put in place a standard process for review of grant applications. This unique process of meeting with each grant applicant remains the foundation from which Marin Charitable continues to work today.

Still comprised entirely of volunteers, Marin Charitable donates 100% of its fundraising proceeds to grantees. Annual dues cover operating expenses allowing them to focus on raising money for the hard working non-profits of Marin county.

Over the last 58 years Marin Charitable has provided hope and support to thousands of children with limited opportunities. The tireless work of its volunteers has raised & distributed more than $4.0M in grants to some of the finest non-profits in Marin county.

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Save the Date & Join Us!

Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019: Marin Charitable Floral Fling, “English Garden Party”
Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019: Fall Fundraiser, Wonderbread 5 at the Sweetwater Music Hall