

Our (Living) Report from Home



Notes from Make it Home

Serving Marin, San Francisco, Contra Costa, Alameda, Solano,
Napa and Sonoma Counties

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Our Mission

Make It Home's mission is to help Bay Area families and individuals transitioning out of crisis. We recycle, repurpose, and curate gently-used, donated furnishings to transform empty spaces into homes. Our vision is to end furniture poverty while protecting the environment.

Make It Home was started by former interior designer Carolyn Rebuffel Flannery, who was inspired to start a nonprofit furniture bank that combined her concern for sustainability in the design industry and her desire to help kids coming out of foster care. In 2020, she decided to wind down her interior design business in order to focus on building a local nonprofit that diverts furniture away from the landfill and helps families and individuals in need.

"For those transitioning out of homelessness or aging out of the foster care system, even basic household goods are unaffordable. Even when people gain access to subsidized housing, there's typically zero furniture and no money to get any after groceries and bills. More than just a table to study at or a bed to sleep in, we offer people pride of place." ~Carolyn Rebuffel Flannery

Make It Home solves multiple problems at once by partnering with local Bay Area social service agencies to furnish the homes of families and young adults who are experiencing furniture poverty as they transition out of crisis. Our team of volunteers helps receive, sort, repair, refurbish, and then disperse gently used furniture to those in need. Now, with warehouses in San Rafael and Walnut Creek, we are more accessible to help clients across the region. This report highlights our work over the last year and is updated often. This current report highlights our work through September of 2022.

We welcome you to our Make it Home Family!

With gratitude,

Carolyn Rebuffel Flannery, Founder



CARING FOR ...

...the places we call home

Make it Home transforms empty houses into welcoming homes so the most marginalized families in our community will have beds to sleep in and tables to gather around.



...the planet we ALL call home

With a little TLC, Make it Home refurbishes gently-used and donated furnishings, literally keeping tons of material from landfills. In 2022, Make it Home proudly became a Certified California Green Business.



Fostering New Beginnings



At Make It Home, we love when we can partner with other nonprofits to extend the impact of their amazing work.

Founded in 1945, Hanna Center is a teen residential treatment center in Sonoma, California. Most of Hanna's residents have experienced high levels of adversity, including abuse, neglect, family strife and community violence.

Starting in fall of 2022, Hanna Center is broadening their efforts and opening their new Transitional Age Housing Program for youth ages 18-21 who are aging out of the traditional foster care system. This much needed new program will provide a safe and supportive environment during what can be a challenging time.

Make It Home is excited to help the Hanna Center launch their new project by curating and creating their transitional housing. In August 2022, a crackerjack team of Make It Home volunteers traveled with our incredible movers and installed the first 12 of 58 planned studios. The next phase of 10 additional studios and 3 common rooms is set to be installed in October of 2022.

"We are thrilled with the rooms! What an incredible operation! Everyone was so organized and focused. Thank you!" – Marisa, Hanna Center's Vice President of Development

Make It Home is privileged to partner with Hanna Center and to be a small part of helping these youth as they prepare to begin their journey into adulthood.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US GROW!

In September, we opened MIH Walnut Creek. With this second warehouse, we can more easily help East Bay families!



Hanna Before



Hanna After



Community Support

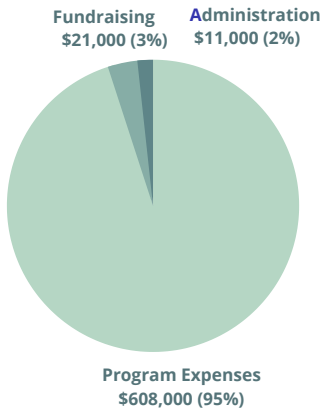
With community support, in two years, Make It Home has grown the average number of households we serve from 21 to 43 per month. We rely on both in-kind donations of furniture and monetary contributions so we can provide basic household essentials for our neighbors transitioning out of crisis.

THIS PAST YEAR...

95% of our spending went directly to program expenses!

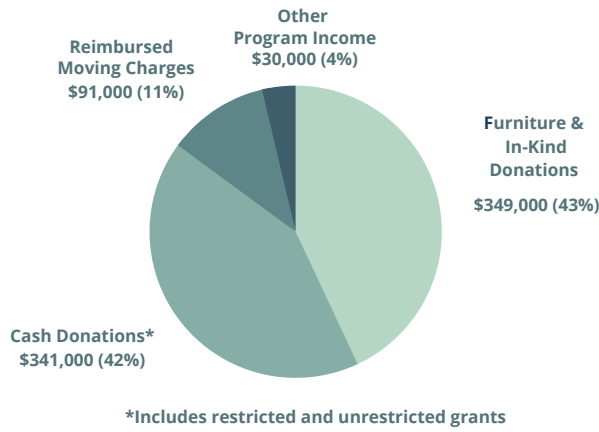
Fiscal 2022 Expenses

Total \$640,000



Fiscal 2022 Funding Sources

Total \$811,000



SUPPORTING WITH TIME AND PASSION

110
AWESOME
VOLUNTEERS

3,800
VOLUNTEER
HRS/YR

Our talented and dedicated community of volunteers are the heart of Make It Home. With a little TLC and a lot of hard work, they create magic in the warehouse and allow our operations to run smoothly day after day.



CUMMULATIVE IMPACT

From the beginning, your support has transformed empty houses into welcoming homes and changed lives.



1,762

INDIVIDUAL
RECIPIENTS



770

CHILDREN
SERVED



776

HOUSEHOLDS



73

REFERRING
AGENCIES



854

TONS DIVERTED
FROM LANDFILL

Partnering for Greatest Impact

When you share a financial gift with Make it Home you are supporting a network of dozens of local agencies working together to provide resources to make a house a home for:

FOSTER KIDS & FOSTER FAMILIES
 AGED-OUT FOSTER YOUTH
 SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE
 REFUGEES
 INDIVIDUALS TRANSITIONING OUT OF HOMELESSNESS
 VETERANS
 VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS
 SHELTERS & YOUTH CENTERS

Our partner agencies include:



Adopt A Family
OF MARIN



NEXT STEPS
LIAISON PROJECT



Ritter Center



Episcopal
Community Services
San Francisco



Youth Homes Inc

Hanna



Gilead House



SF HSA
Supportive Transitions Unit

Welcoming
Home



Help us to Make it Home

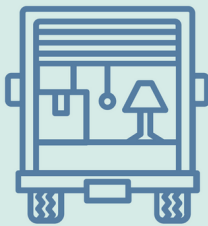
We invite you to partner with us as a financial supporter to help others make it home and grow our success...there is room for all of us at the table!

Our 2023 Goal
\$350,000



Donation List

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



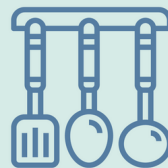
moving truck
\$475



cleaning kit
\$25



bedding set
\$100



kitchen essentials
\$75



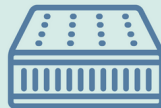
admin day \$150



refinishing supplies
\$50



move a family in with everything they need
\$750



queen mattress set
\$250

“Writing checks is easy. Finding great people and nonprofits that are making an impact is much more difficult. I am happy to play a part in a very small way.”

—A Valued Donor



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