

December 3, 2019

Dear <salutation>,

Our doors are open.

We are here for those who need us — in times of dire straits and unthinkable hardships, and in times of celebration and success. North Marin Community Services is a constant in this community.

Now in our 47th year of service, we remain committed to meeting the needs of those living in North Marin. “North Marin Community Services cares” is what we hear again and again from our clients. And care we do!

We care not only about the health and well-being of every single child, teen, adult and senior who walks through our doors — we also care about the health and well-being of our community as a whole.

We’re here to create a strong community, with opportunities for all. We know you care too, and we sincerely appreciate your generous financial support of our mission.

This holiday season we ask you to renew your support.

We won’t be sending you coupons, calendars, coins, address labels, shopping bags or other thank you gifts. We will dedicate every dollar of your thoughtful donation to support our life-changing programs that directly impact the youth, families, adults and seniors living in our community.

Every person that we’ve helped has their own story to tell:



Our Holiday Share and Toy Drive Campaign brings a big smile and joy to a young boy.



Sol: “They (North Marin Community Services) are a family who can help you.”



Jordan: “Their childcare scholarship is a lifeline to us — as a single parent, it’s what enables me to work and support my family.”

These stories and many, many more add up to 6,008 people served by North Marin Community Services over the past year!

Your continued support this giving season is very important to us. Will you please make a donation today and help us continue this important work? If this letter has crossed paths with a recent donation, we thank you.

Your gift will be used to support our Holiday Share and Toy Drive Campaign, which will **bring the magic of the holidays, including toys, stuffed animals, books, bikes, and holiday meals to 440 vulnerable children on December 14, 2019.**

Your donation will also be used to provide emergency food and support to those in need, help fund youth enrichment programs, teen health services, mental health counseling sessions for children, adults and families — and **support in-demand, critical programs that people in our community need right now.**



Our doors are open! Even when the power is out, our dedicated food pantry volunteers are there to provide fresh food, essential supplies and support to those in need.

But North Marin Community Services is more than a provider of life-changing support for people in need. We're also a treasured place where kids play soccer, parents celebrate school graduations and adults volunteer. We're where people can be active and take free Zumba classes, find recovery and support groups, meet and connect.

. . . In short, North Marin Community Services is *Where Our Community Connects*.

We're grateful for your investment in this work. It's not an exaggeration to say that your generosity changes people's lives and shapes the very community we live in! Thank you for your generous donation today.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Paddack *Karen Dillon Gifford*

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Chief Executive Officer

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P.S. — Amplify your impact in 2020 — **Your gift will qualify for a match from an anonymous donor. As a trusted nonprofit, North Marin Community Services has earned Charity Navigator's highest rating — Four Stars. Please give thoughtfully today and improve the lives of others! Thank you.**

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