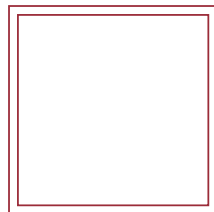




The Children's Fund supports educational programs.

Steven, age 10, a child being raised by his grandmother, had financial limitations due to his grandmother's fixed income. Steven would otherwise not be able to attend the Close-Up Program, which sends classes to Washington, D.C. to observe our Government up close and personal. The Children's Fund was able to fund the trip for Steven to join his classmates in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

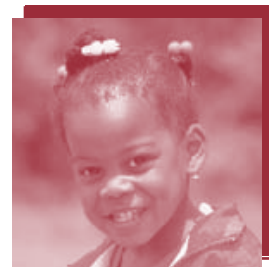
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The Children's Fund began in 1973 as a "grass roots" effort by social workers to assist foster children. They wanted to provide goods and services that were not available through public funds. Since that time, the Children's Fund has grown to benefit children and teens being served by the San Mateo County Human Services Agency, Probation Department, San Mateo County Mental Health, as well as any children living in poverty throughout San Mateo County.



In San Mateo County, there are approximately 500 children who live in foster homes due to child abuse or neglect.

Public funds provide for only the basic necessities of clothing, food and shelter. These funds do not provide for enrichment activities that would help to heal a child's broken spirit or improve his/her self-esteem.

The Children's Fund offers an opportunity for community members to donate their skills for children. Attorneys donate their time to process one Guardianship per year. Mental Health Professionals donate their skills to give abused children short-term crisis counseling, and teachers lend their expertise to tutor a child.

Volunteers are especially needed during the holiday season to assist with our holiday toys and clothing drive.

The Children's Fund is involved in a variety of programs designed to help disadvantaged children. Some of these programs include:

- ◆ Christmas toys and clothing drive
- ◆ Special needs for disadvantaged children
- ◆ Orthodontia Program
- ◆ Scholarships for summer camp
- ◆ Distribution of bicycle helmets
- ◆ Distribution of "Special Occasion" clothing, e.g. Graduation
- ◆ Year-round-collection and distribution of children's clothing

The Children's Fund needs goods as well as services:

- ◆ Teddy Bears
- ◆ Books
- ◆ Bicycles
- ◆ New Toys
- ◆ New Infant Clothing
- ◆ Baby Blankets

Gift Certificates for

- ◆ Tickets to Sporting Events
- ◆ Amusement Parks
- ◆ Music
- ◆ Clothing

The Children's Fund has no overhead costs. The Fund is staffed by many generous volunteers.

EVERY DOLLAR DONATED GOES DIRECTLY TO ASSIST A CHILD IN NEED.

The County of San Mateo Human Service Agency pays all costs associated with the Fund.

Contributions are tax deductible. Our tax ID # is 94-6000532.

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