



Year End Report 2016

Dear Friend and Fan of West Marin,

You may be seeking a bright spot amid the uncertainties of current events. You'll find it here. The West Marin Fund supported many heartening efforts this past year through grants, community convenings, trainings & celebrations.

A sign at a Bolinas farm stand: "We still have each other!" Indeed, taking care of one another here in this place that we love is as important as ever. The needs prevail: housing, seniors, youth. Addressing them locally is what we do.

Please know that your support at the local level is meaningful. You strengthen West Marin's non-profits through your memberships, your donations and through the **West Marin Fund** – the organization focused on the wellbeing of all of coastal West Marin.

OVERVIEW BY THE NUMBERS:

In 2016 the West Marin Fund accomplished the following:

- Made capacity-building **grants** and other gifts to local nonprofits, getting \$132,000 where it was needed most.
- Convened 2 **ConFabs**, drawing a full house of nonprofit leaders to our free **skill-building workshops**.
- Hosted quarterly **Executive Director breakfasts** for discussions of shared interests and best practices.
- Sponsored our **Giving Through Youth** program that taught West Marin classes to become philanthropists ...and future community leaders. They gave away \$6000!
- Hosted **community house parties** in four towns.
- And among our directors and advisors, we participated in and/or sponsored dozens of **community events** from Muir Beach to Dillon Beach and all points in between.



Abriendo Caminos – West Marin's Latino Empowerment project

GRANTS:

Our recent Autumn round brought our West Marin Fund **grants total to \$475,000** to more than 50 organizations over the past 4 years. These 240 grants have made a big difference to the groups receiving them.

"The West Marin Fund supports projects that others wouldn't even know to consider. This is invaluable funding so we can spend time on services, not on paperwork."

-Wendy Friefeld, West Marin Community Services



Coastal Health Alliance used a WMF grant to purchase an inter-oral camera for their new dental van. It will help educate patients about oral health awareness and prevention.

CONFABS:

Our workshop on *Board Roles and Responsibilities* attracted 45 West Marin nonprofit staff and board members who came to hear Carol Friedman, original ED of the Dance Palace. A record 85 attendees filled our *Fundraising and Legacy Gifts* workshop, a primer in raising money by the nationally-known fundraising expert, Kim Klein.

These free skill-building workshops – our "ConFabs" – are one of the valuable services the WMF offers to our non-profit community.



Happy participants at the September ConFab

The following organizations received grants from the West Marin Fund this past year:

- Abriendo Caminos (West Marin Comm. Svcs.)
- Art Contemporary Marin
- Audubon Canyon Ranch
- Bolinas Child's Center
- Bolinas Community Center
- Bolinas Community Land Trust
- Bolinas Museum
- Bolinas Stinson Summer Camp
- Bolinas Stinson Youth Group
- Community Land Trust Association of West Marin (CLAM)
- Coastal Health Alliance
- Commonweal
- Commonweal | Power of Hope Camp
- Dance Palace Community Center
- Environmental Action Committee
- Gallery Route One
- Halleck Creek Ranch
- Inverness Almanac
- Inverness Foundation
- Inverness/West Marin PTSA
- KWMR
- Marin Agricultural Land Trust (MALT)
- Mesa Refuge
- Nicasio Historical Society
- Point Reyes Farmers Market
- Point Reyes National Seashore Association
- San Geronimo Valley Community Center
- Sound Orchard
- Stinson Beach Preschool
- Tomales Bay Watershed Council Foundation
- Tomales Bay Youth Center
- Tomales Town Hall
- Turtle Island Restoration Network
- West Marin Community Services (WMCS)
- West Marin Field Committee
- West Marin Review
- West Marin School Student Council
- West Marin Senior Services
- West Marin Workshop for the Arts



Power of Hope Camp at Commonweal in Bolinas

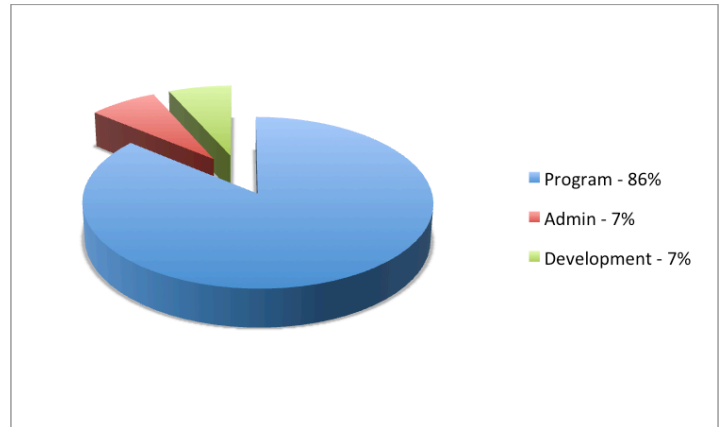
“Our youth want access to more opportunities in West Marin – not necessarily over the hill. The West Marin Fund helps us do our work by connecting our regional Youth Centers and providing paid internships locally.”

*-Sadja Greenwood and Madeline Hope,
Bolinas and Point Reyes Youth Center coordinators*

OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE:

Since our inception we've raised over \$1.6 million towards our goal of a \$5M corpus and we've distributed 240 small grants (representing over 25% of our revenue, compared to the traditional 5% of other foundations.)

We are pleased to have so many renewing donors. They see the ease of giving to all of coastal West Marin with one gift.



West Marin Fund Expenses, FY '15-'16

“I want to support the needs of West Marin, but as a second homeowner, I don't always know what those needs are or who can address them. The West Marin Fund does that work for me. It's a very special organization.”

-Ann Shulman, Stinson Beach

OUR WORK DEPENDS ON YOUR GENEROSITY:

Giving Local Feels Great!

The West Marin Fund welcomes gifts of \$1000 and up that we promise will reach needed, vetted, and monitored non-profit organizations doing the “essential but invisible” work in our communities.

If you are not yet a funding partner, won't you join us? Contributing to the West Marin Fund is one of the best investments you can make in this community. All donations are tax-deductible.

To donate online, go to <http://westmarinfund.org/donate>

To donate by check, our mailing address is:

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To discuss a non-cash gift or a legacy gift, please contact Catherine Porter, Executive Director: 415-663-9733 or catherine@westmarinfund.org

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