

Doing More, TOGETHER.



Dear Friends of West Marin

There is something enduring about this region. Not only in the landscape, but in the ways we take care of each other through times of change and challenge.

This year has tested that endurance in new ways. As ranching operations that have defined our region for generations come to an end, as families face displacement, as our rural communities navigate an increasingly troubled and complex world, we've witnessed both profound loss and remarkable resilience. The character of our landscape may be shifting, but the heart of West Marin — our people, our commitment to one another, our deep sense of place — endures.

West Marin Fund, our coastal community foundation, excels in moments like this. When the familiar structures change, when uncertainty clouds the horizon, when our communities face challenges too large to tackle alone, we step into the space between. We hold together what might otherwise fragment. We ensure that as West Marin evolves, it does so without losing the qualities that make this place irreplaceable.

Over the past year, your support has enabled us to respond swiftly to displacement crises, strengthen the nonprofits serving our most impacted neighbors, bring more resources to the region, and facilitate new partnerships between our communities and the County. We've seen how quickly we can mobilize when we work together, how much we can accomplish when we refuse to let anyone face hardship alone.

This year-end, we're asking you to invest in what endures. Not just the programs we fund and the support we coordinate, but the vision of West Marin as a place where community is the core of who we are — where the threads that bind us together are stronger than the forces that pull us apart.

The future of West Marin may look different than its past. But with your partnership, it will remain a place where people look out for one another, where diverse communities thrive, and where the values of stewardship, equity, and collaboration guide us forward.

With gratitude for all you help us hold together,



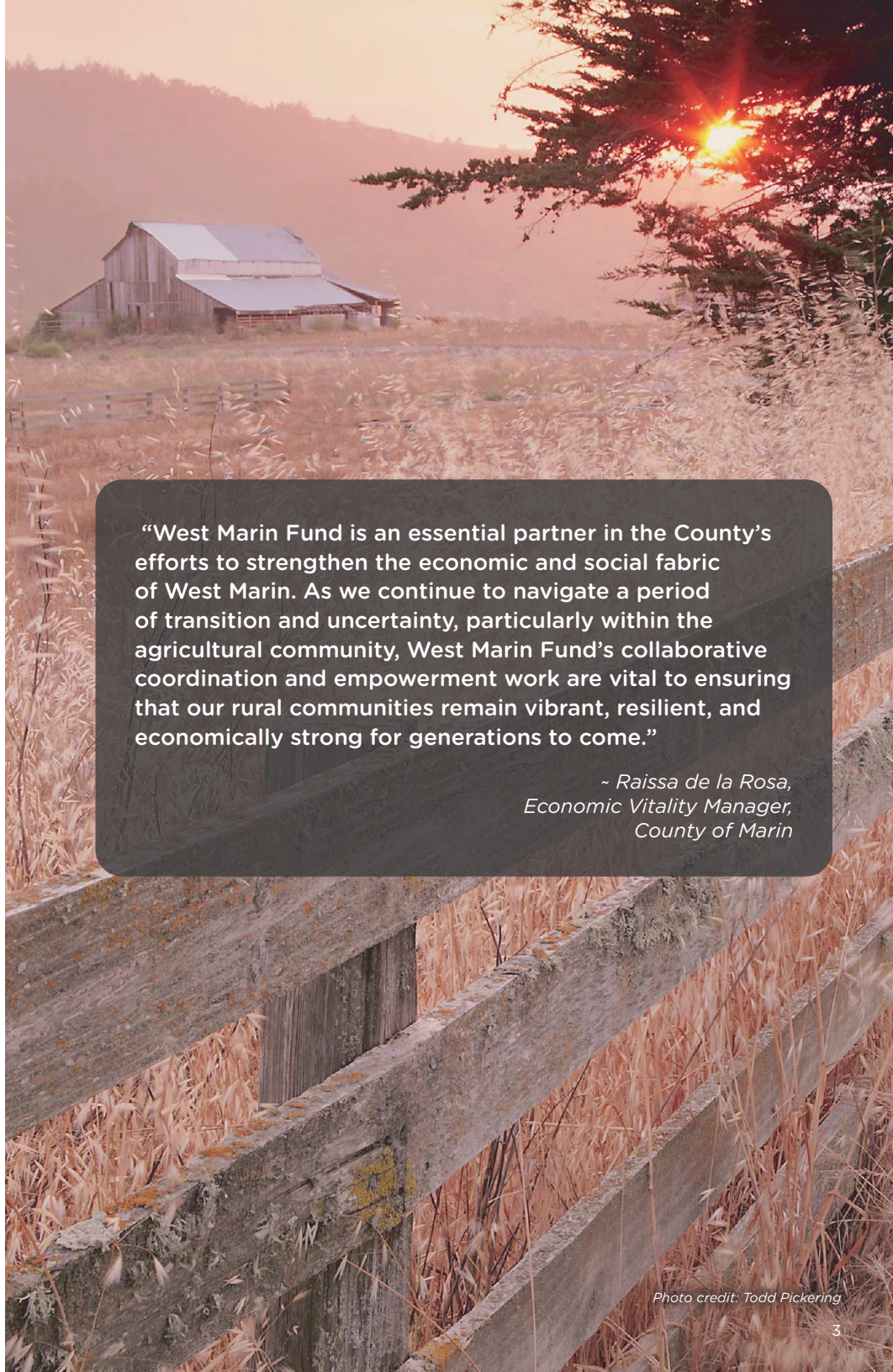
Sarah Hobson

Executive Director



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"West Marin Fund is an essential partner in the County's efforts to strengthen the economic and social fabric of West Marin. As we continue to navigate a period of transition and uncertainty, particularly within the agricultural community, West Marin Fund's collaborative coordination and empowerment work are vital to ensuring that our rural communities remain vibrant, resilient, and economically strong for generations to come."

*~ Raissa de la Rosa,
Economic Vitality Manager,
County of Marin*

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West Marin Fund touches nearly every aspect of community life in our region. From helping families find stable housing and supporting local nonprofits, to strengthening our economy and bringing people together to find solutions, our work reaches people and places across West Marin.



Community Enrichment

Fostering a vibrant and inclusive community and empowering residents to take action on local challenges.



Early Childhood Equity

Ensuring all families and children have access to high-quality early care and education for a lifetime of health and success.



Economic Opportunity

Offering career pathways, training, and small business development to foster a thriving local economy.



Equity & Justice

Supporting local organizing so people can come together to shape their lives and community.



Organizational Effectiveness

Strengthening the sustainability and impact of nonprofits serving our region.



Collaborative Impact

Promoting collaboration among organizations to address gaps and improve services in West Marin.



Housing Action

Accelerating the development and improvement of safe, stable, and affordable housing in West Marin.



Transportation

Improving mobility for rural West Marin residents to ensure access to essential services and opportunities.



Rapid Response

Building disaster preparedness so communities can withstand, respond to, and emerge stronger from crises.

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Working TOGETHER for HOUSING ACTION

This year was marked by heavy news about the closure of ranches in the Point Reyes National Seashore that have defined the landscape and life of West Marin for decades. The situation highlighted the substandard living conditions that many working families across rural West Marin have endured for decades and added urgency to the need for safe, affordable, and dignified housing.

More than 150 residents face displacement. They need support that addresses their immediate housing and work needs while building toward long-term stability. West Marin Fund has stepped up work with an extraordinary coalition of partners to provide significant resources and develop solutions.

- Our **Neighbors for Neighbors** program invites homeowners to offer bridge housing while families search for more permanent solutions. We've placed several families and are expanding this network of community support. Reach out to loretta@westmarinfund.org if you have a home to offer.
- The **Sacred Heart Rectory** project in Olema represents a remarkable collaboration. Working alongside the local Parish, the Archdiocese of San Francisco, Catholic Charities, and multiple community partners, we're helping renovate the historic 1911 rectory to house several families.
- The **Transition and Stability Work Group**, which West Marin Fund leads together with Marin County and the Coalition for Housing All Workers and their Families, is providing assistance to families in all the ways they may need support during this time. In close communication with the community, the group coordinates case management, facilitates assistance payments, and addresses legal aid needs to ensure comprehensive support for every displaced family.



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Solving REGIONAL CHALLENGES TOGETHER

No single organization can solve West Marin's complex challenges alone. When partners collaborate, they can address needs, build connections, and deliver meaningful outcomes that wouldn't be possible working in isolation. West Marin Fund's collaborative impact work brings organizations together to coordinate efforts that help to bridge service gaps and solve local challenges.

At the heart of this work is the **West Marin Collaborative**, a community forum where people and organizations serving West Marin can collaborate across issue areas and across the region. Community members contribute information, learn from one another, and take an active role in reviewing and selecting grant proposals for collaborative projects that respond to community-identified needs. This year's grants supported four innovative partnerships:

- **Petaluma Health Center & Botanical Bus** launched the Collaborative Health Project, engaging 123 individuals and providing 114 culturally centered healthcare services to build health equity.
- **Point Reyes National Seashore Association** led the West Marin Environmental Learning Alliance, coordinating schools and conservation groups to develop a teacher-informed guide for outdoor education.
- The **West Marin Housing Collaborative** — made up of all the community land trusts serving West Marin — pooled their efforts and rolled out a regional fundraising plan to bring in larger dollars.
- **West Marin Food Systems Group** launched Growing School Food Together, establishing \$35,000 in produce purchase agreements and introducing organic seasonal meal programs in West Marin schools.



Photo credit: Conscious Kitchen



Gathering TOGETHER for COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

In a world that seems more divided than ever, there is real power in creating shared experiences that strengthen community bonds, celebrate diverse cultures, and give people a greater sense of belonging.

West Marin Fund's community enrichment grants support programs that bring people together across generations, languages, and abilities to enhance the well-being and creative expression of our shared community. Here are a few of the offerings that these grants supported:

- **California 4-H Foundation** launched the 2025 West Marin Country Fair, providing youth a platform to showcase their talents while celebrating West Marin's agricultural heritage and community spirit.
- **Bolinas Film Festival** celebrated its 3rd season this year, drawing high levels of participation from all over West Marin and the Bay Area with film selections that spotlight local artists, international films, female-driven stories, LGBTQ, and youth.



Photo credit: Kayla Gullick



Photo credit: Bolinas Film Festival

"West Marin Fund has been with us from the very beginning, supporting the Bolinas Film Festival's commitment to community engagement at every stage. We have now shared over 100 films with the community, many with the filmmakers in attendance, and we are thrilled to continue to bring art, experiences, cinema, and the overall community together to inspire new visions, honor the storyteller, and deepen our cultural dialogue."

~ Enzo Resta, President and Founder
Bolinas Film Festival

"Because of my child's complex social and health needs, they are often not invited to birthday parties or other events. These offerings allow my child to feel welcome and like they belong for the first time."

~ Parent of participant in
Halleck Creek Ranch events.



Photo credit: Maya Alpert

- **Halleck Creek Ranch** offered inclusive educational and recreational events to reduce isolation and strengthen community among individuals with disabilities. Their "Beyond Riding" program served hundreds of participants by hosting open houses, a horse show, talent show, birthday parties, and moving nights.
- **EAH Housing Programs** offered twice-weekly yoga classes at Walnut Place and the Point Reyes Affordable Housing communities to promote physical health, stress reduction, and social connection for seniors.
- **West Marin-Inverness School Community** upgraded the West Marin School library collection to improve access to books and literacy resources for local students.
- **Nicasio Historical Society** organized a Day of the Dead Fiesta with decorated alters in the museum, live music, Aztec dancers, and a catered meal.



Photo credit: Nicasio Historical Society

Building **ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES** TOGETHER

Economic opportunity means more than just jobs — it means pathways for people to build stable, fulfilling lives and for local businesses to grow and thrive. In West Marin, where geographic isolation and limited resources can bring unique challenges, creating these pathways requires intentional investment in people at every stage of their economic lives.

West Marin Fund and our partners are working collaboratively to make economic opportunity a reality for youth exploring future careers, adults seeking employment or building businesses, and entrepreneurs needing support to turn their small business ideas into reality:

- **Youth Opportunities and Career Pipeline:** We're investing in the next generation through partnerships that expose young people to career possibilities. A grant to the Magnolia Project brought their career exploration model to all six West Marin schools, connecting students with internships and training opportunities that help them envision and prepare for their futures.
- **Job Placement and Creation:** In collaboration with Marin County and the Workforce Alliance of the North Bay, we're working to enhance job placement and creation in the region. Strategies include bringing CareerPoint services directly to West Marin to match job seekers with job placement, encourage local employers to hire locally, and develop a job repository that links local opportunities and talent across West Marin.

“West Marin Fund has been instrumental in the Workforce Alliance of the North Bay’s and CareerPoint Marin’s efforts to strengthen workforce and business support efforts in West Marin. They are an amazing partner and bring so much value and positivity to the West Marin community!”

*~ Zachary Koblick de León,
Senior Workforce Development Analyst,
Workforce Alliance of the North Bay*

- **Entrepreneurship and Small Business Support:** This year, we launched **Emprende West Marin**, an exciting entrepreneurship program created in partnership with the Small Business Development Center and the County of Marin. The program has enrolled nearly 50 participants — primarily Spanish speakers and displaced workers — who are receiving training, technical assistance, and grants to start or strengthen their businesses.

“Our newly launched program Emprende West Marin would not have been possible to achieve without our partnership with West Marin Fund. In the 13 years in my role, it’s one of the fastest programs we have developed and launched with such a high successful community interest.”

*~ Miriam Hope Karell, Executive Director,
Small Business Development Center of Northern California*



Photo credit: Rosa Rodriguez

“Emprende West Marin is an incredible opportunity that provides unparalleled support. It’s a beautiful program that offers opportunities for both the present and the future. Even if our business doesn’t take off right away, what we learn here will surely be useful later on. As a program promoter, my goal is to encourage people not to give up — to believe in their abilities and commit to improving their lives. I’m here to inspire and motivate everyone who wants to move toward a better future.”

*~ Rosa Rodriguez, a participant and promoter of Emprende West Marin.
Rosa is exploring opportunities to expand her catering business
and potentially open a new restaurant.*



Strengthening **ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS** TOGETHER

In rural West Marin, where resources are stretched thin and needs are complex, nonprofits are essential. They fill service gaps, respond to challenges with local knowledge and community connections, and provide specialized support that larger institutions often can't deliver as effectively.

West Marin Fund has been working to strengthen our nonprofit sector through grants that enable them to build their organizational "muscle" in fundraising, governance, strategic planning, infrastructure, and other core operations so they can better fulfill their missions and sustain their impact over time. Recent grantees, like the few mentioned below, have used the support to enhance the effectiveness of their organization so they can serve their communities even better.

- **San Geronimo Valley Community Center** led a comprehensive strategic planning effort involving community focus groups, stakeholder interviews, and board retreats to clarify their mission, vision, and future direction, building a plan that reflects the true needs and aspirations of those they serve.
- **KWMR** created an internal dashboard to better understand their listeners' digital listening behaviors for both live and archived programs, enabling more informed programming decisions and fundraising strategies. They're using a subsequent grant they received from us to build out a text messaging service that can alert locals in case of an emergency.
- **Mesa Refuge** undertook a comprehensive website redesign that evolved into a complete refresh of their organizational identity, photography, and design, bringing their communications into alignment with their diverse community of writers and activists.



Photo credit: Natura Institute

Natura Institute for Ecology and Medicine provides scholarships for its Heart of Vitality healing program, supported by West Marin Fund.

GIVING NOW is **MORE IMPORTANT** Than Ever

As a trusted community foundation, West Marin Fund plays an increasingly critical role in supporting the backbone of our region - the nonprofits and service providers that deliver essential services to residents who need them most. Through our grants, organizing efforts and advocacy, we help ensure that the nonprofits serving our region remain strong, adaptive, and deeply responsive to community needs. We bring people and organizations together so that we can do more together for the people of West Marin.



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With major shifts in federal and state funding, many nonprofits and service providers that have historically relied on government support for a significant portion of their work are facing uncertain futures. Now, they must rethink how they are funded, staffed, and sustained to continue delivering these essential services.

THAT'S WHERE WEST MARIN FUND COMES IN.



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Your donation fuels our vital work and the work of our partners. When you give to West Marin Fund, you're not just supporting a single organization — you're investing in the long-term health and resilience of West Marin's full network of community services. You're helping ensure that when challenges arise, our community has the capacity to respond, together.

WAYS TO GIVE

Our goal is to increase resources to local nonprofits and at the same time offer you the opportunity to enhance your reach in West Marin. We encourage you to continue giving to the nonprofits you already support and include West Marin Fund in your giving.

Checks

Make check payable to West Marin Fund and mail to:
West Marin Fund, P.O. Box 1496 Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Online Donations and Wire Transfers

Make online donations at westmarinfund.org/give using a credit card or Stripe. Monthly donations are a great way to provide ongoing support. To make a wire transfer, contact admin@westmarinfund.org for wiring account details.

Stock Transfer

Make gifts of stock and securities through our brokerage account at Fidelity Investments. Donors are eligible for a tax deduction for the fair market value of the appreciated stock. By donating appreciated stock to the Fund, you can avoid capital gains taxes that would otherwise occur at the sale of the stock.

IRA Charitable Rollover

If you are over 70 1/2 years old, you can directly transfer up to \$100,000 per year from an IRA account to one or more charities. If you are age 72 or older, this transfer counts toward the minimum required distribution rule for IRA accounts. Such distributions are exempt from both income and estate taxes.

Bequests

Adding West Marin Fund as a beneficiary in your will (called a "bequest") is easy to arrange. The bequest remains in your control: you can structure it to leave a specific item/amount, leave a percentage of your estate to West Marin Fund, or even make the gift contingent on certain events.

Learn about ways to give by visiting westmarinfund.org/giving or contact kristi@westmarinfund.org to discuss your interests and support for West Marin Fund.

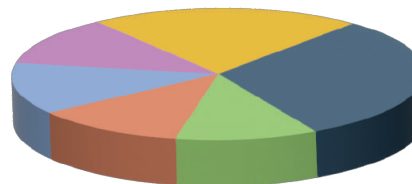
FINANCIALS Fiscal Year 24-25

"West Marin Fund's finances remain strong with solid revenues, well-managed expenses, and healthy asset growth. Investment returns have been positive and in line with market returns."

~ David Lawrence,
West Marin Fund Treasurer

FY 24-25 Grants \$1,700,521

COLLABORATIVE IMPACT	\$525,000
COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT	\$200,021
EARLY CHILDHOOD EQUITY	\$218,000
HOUSING ACTION	\$205,000
ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS	\$192,000
DONOR ADVISED FUNDS	\$360,500



	TOTAL INCOME	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	GRANTS AWARDED	NET ASSETS*
FY 24-25	\$3,280,438	\$2,855,052	\$1,700,521	\$5,975,195
FY 23-24	\$3,959,320	\$3,178,391	\$1,682,122	\$5,555,136

* Includes endowment funds, board designated funds, donor advised funds, and pooled program funds.

All of our financial statements are available online at
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