community, or corporate groups. We can host groups of up to 15 people and recommend shifts of 1.5 to 2 hours. Most volunteer events take place at our office/warehouse at 1 Davis Drive, Belmont, CA.

To join our volunteer list and receive newsletters with upcoming opportunities, please send an email to: childrensfund@smcgov.org with the Subject Line: Add me to your volunteer list!

Host a Collection Drive!
Collect backpacks and school supplies, or new toys and gifts for the holidays with your friends, neighbors, co-workers, classmates, church/synagogue, or girl scout troop.
We’ll provide the flyers and information on how to host a successful drive. Just contact us!
Children’s Fund History

The Children’s Fund Program, founded in 1973, as a grassroots effort by social workers to assist foster and low-income children in San Mateo County access goods and service that are not available through public funds. Every year over 4,500 children and youth, newborn to age 18, receive resources from our program.

The Children’s Fund relies on the kindness of businesses and individuals to provide for the children of our county. Our programs offer children items such as backpacks filled with school supplies, holiday gifts, and so much more.

What kinds of services does the Children’s Fund provide?

The Children’s Fund provides goods and services to foster and low-income children, in San Mateo County, that are not available through public funds. Some of our programs are:

- Backpack and School Supply Drive
- Holiday Gift Program
- Dental and orthodontia care
- And much more!

With the tools they need to succeed and with a little extra gift that our program provides, we hope to boost the confidence and help children receive essentials and other items that make them feel safe, warm, valued, and ready to learn and succeed.

Who Do We Serve

The Children’s Fund serves foster and low-income children, newborn to age 18, in San Mateo County. The children we serve must be referred by their County case manager. This year, we expect to serve more than 4,500 children and teens.

Who is eligible for Children’s Fund services?

Our eligibility requirements for all our programs are the same:

- Must reside in San Mateo County
- Must be low income or in foster care
- Must be referred by a social worker, case worker, public health nurse, probation officer, other San Mateo County staff.
- Must be an infant, child or teen ages newborn to 18 years old or AB12

If you are interested in referring a child to the Children’s Fund program, contact your case worker.

We need your help! Donate!

The Children’s Fund program depends on generous contributions from our community to provide every one of the goods and services that the 4,500 children receive each year.

The San Mateo County Human Services Agency funds all the operational and administrative costs associated with the program. Therefore 100% of every dollar of your donation goes directly to serving the children in our community. Every donation makes a huge difference to the children we serve. Contributions are tax-deductible. Our tax ID # is 94-6000532.

Get Involved with the Children’s Fund!

The Children’s Fund depends on the efforts of more than 500 volunteers each year! We need your help!

We love hosting volunteers of all ages (children 12 and up). The Children’s Fund welcomes individuals,