



# MENDOCINO COAST CHILDREN'S FUND

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Dear Community,

Mendocino Coast Children's Fund is your advocate on behalf of our community's low-income children. From diapers to diplomas, our goals mirror yours. We want to give little ones a healthy start and to ensure that children discover their own talents and potential. We want to maximize their opportunities in the classroom and on the playing field.

The Mendocino Coast is one of the most beautiful places in the world, but seasonal patterns can be hard on young families. Parents who live here work hard in an uneven economy to provide for their children. For many, good jobs are hard to come by. A family emergency can quickly spiral downward into a crisis.

Families living paycheck to paycheck can be overwhelmed by a divorce, a drug-addicted parent, a disabled spouse, a chronic illness, nieces and nephews who need housing, a premature baby, an undeserved eviction, or an elderly car that needs repairs. The courage of our neighbors—young parents and older grandparents who are guardians for their grandchildren—constantly leaves us in awe.

We get letters attesting to the difference your compassion makes. These thank-you notes come to us, but they are really meant for *you*, our amazing, generous community that supports our efforts.

Dear MCCF,

*"When our baby came six weeks premature and needing heart surgery, you reached out to us at UCSF. We were overwhelmed and frightened. You stepped in and paid our rent, and made sure we had money for groceries and gas. You kept checking on us. When we finally got home, you met us with baby clothes and diapers. A year later, when I was hospitalized with a brain tumor, you were there."*

Dear MCCF,

*"I have been raising my grandkids since they were tiny, and thanks to you, they have had diapers, shoes, clothes, sleeping bags, and camp. When we needed help with the utilities and firewood, you were there. I may be raising them, but MCCF has given them a childhood."*

Dear MCCF,

*"You helped our students with backpacks, sleeping bags, warm clothes, hygiene items, emergency food certificates, after school scholarships to CCM, and a grant to pay for unique needs and dreams. Thanks to you, MUSD will be getting a washer and dryer for our children who do not have access to laundry facilities. Any time I have a question, MCCF has a resource and a positive response."*

Dear MCCF,

*"We want to thank you for refurbishing our forty-year-old Coast Clinic's pediatric clinic so that coast children can be seen in safe, modern exam rooms, and for funding essential furnishings and equipment for our new Family Connections clinic. Year after year, you are there to help us support healthy childhoods."*

Dear MCCF,

*"Last October when the fires happened, you stepped up and provided technical help, encouragement, resources, security cameras, gas cards, and raised thousand of dollars to help people get back on their feet. For months, you stood by our side, checked in on us, and encouraged us to keep our Recovery Center open by providing funding. Thanks to you, our doors were open to Lake and Mendocino fire evacuees when the July fires happened this summer. You paid our rent and guaranteed we could keep going."*

Please help today! These stories can only happen with your help. United as a community, all of us together, for 26 years—this is the MCCF way. One hundred percent of your donation goes to the children we serve. Generous benefactors pay our modest overhead. You can donate by check, PayPal, credit card, or cash. Instructions are on the enclosed envelopes, one to use now and one to share or tuck away for later. Please see some of our projects and partners on the reverse side of this letter.

Warmest wishes from our board and volunteers,

*Annie Liner, Luchresha Renteria, Margaret Fox, Miranda Ramos,  
Suzan Garcia-Wells, Tracey Coddington, and Zida Boreich*

## Mendocino Coast Children's Fund Programs

For 26 years, thanks to you, the Mendocino Coast Children's Fund has been the first responders to coast children in need!

- Underwriting tickets to the holiday Nutcracker Ballet performances at Cotton Auditorium
- Back-to-School shoes, backpacks, jackets, clothing, and school supplies.
- Summer internships for teens with the City of Fort Bragg.
- Scholarship adventures for over 100 kids to summer camps at Camp Mendocino, Nature Day Camp, CV Starr Center, Flynn Creek Circus Camp, and Mendocino Center for Circus Arts (CircusMecca).
- Field trip aid for kids to visit museums, colleges, ropes courses, and historical sites.
- Diapers for families with babies who need a helping hand.
- Baby carriers so new parents can keep their infants close and snuggly.
- Food for children during the summer and holidays when schools are closed.
- Healthy after-school snacks for all too many kids in dire situations.
- Emergency pre-school and daycare assistance so parents didn't lose their jobs.
- Travel expenses for families with children hospitalized in San Francisco.
- Dance, art, sports, and recreation scholarships for dozens of kids.
- Rent and utility assistance to keep children from being homeless or cold.
- Gas cards for a variety of family emergencies.
- MTA bus passes so teens do not have to hitchhike to school and back.
- Sleeping bags for kids so they don't have to sleep cold when families can't afford heat.
- Rainbow boxes of crayons for little artists.
- Snuggly cotton pajamas to keep little kids warm at night.
- Emergency SOS funds for counselors and teachers serving kids with urgent needs.
- Toys for when a teddy bear is the best medicine.
- Bus transportation for MUSD second graders to take swim lessons at CV Starr Center.
- Transportation costs to reunite children with family members.
- Scholarships for youth soccer, Little League, dance and swimming.
- Hygiene items and shower passes for homeless teens
- Caring solutions 365 days a year.

## Our Community Partners

The Children's Fund is proud to partner with many agencies and schools who work with at-risk kids who need help. MCCF provides the funds so our community professionals who work with kids can address children's needs quickly and accountably. When you support MCCF, you support requests for kids from:

- Albion Elementary School
- Arena Union Elementary
- AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)
- Camp Mendocino (Boys and Girls Clubs of San Francisco)
- CASA
- Caspar Children's Garden
- City of Fort Bragg
- Community Center of Mendocino
- Comptche Elementary
- Dana Gray Elementary
- Early Start
- FIRST 5 Mendocino Commission of Mendocino County
- FLOCKworks
- Fort Bragg Food Bank
- Fort Bragg High School
- Fort Bragg Library
- Fort Bragg Middle School
- Fort Bragg Unified School District
- Fort Bragg Playing Fields Association
- Grassroots disaster planning
- Head Start Preschool
- Healthy Mendocino
- Hospitality House
- Jug Handle Nature Day Camp
- Law Enforcement and Local Fire Departments
- Manchester K-6 Grammar School
- Mendocino Coast Clinics
- Mendocino Coast District Hospital
- Mendocino Coast Youth Soccer
- Mendocino County Health & Human Services
- Mendocino County Youth Project
- Mendocino High Schools
- Mendocino K-8 Grammar School
- Mendocino Mamas
- Montessori Sprouts Day Care
- North Coast Opportunities
- Noyo High School
- Noyo Marine Center
- Point Arena High School
- Project Sanctuary
- Redwood Community Services
- Redwood Special Ed State Pre-School
- Safe Passage Family Resource Center
- Second Story Dance Studios
- Three Rivers School