



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Human Services Agency



Date: January 20, 2015
Board Meeting Date: February 24, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Iliana Rodriguez, Director, Human Services Agency

Subject: Acceptance of Donations to the San Mateo County Children's Fund

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the acceptance of donations in the amount of \$31,008 to the San Mateo County Children's Fund.

BACKGROUND:

The San Mateo County Children's Fund (CF) accepts cash and in-kind donations as well as raises funds for foster children and low-income children in San Mateo County. CF serves more than 4,000 children annually providing essentials such as donated health related services, clothing, backpacks, school supplies, computers, baby clothes, Halloween costumes, prom attire, teddy bears and holiday gifts.

Administrative costs to operate CF are funded through the County of San Mateo. All services and goods provided to the children of San Mateo County through CF are based solely on private and community donations. One hundred percent (100%) of all donations go to children in need. Also, except for basic administration costs, the majority of the services provided are by volunteers. CF manages an average of 200 plus volunteers annually.

DISCUSSION:

CF aims to serve 4,500 children in FY 2014-2015 and anticipates receiving services from up to 250 volunteers. The majority of donations received by CF are under \$2,500 per donor. All donations presented to CF are reviewed by the Human Services Agency Director to ensure that they are appropriate and in compliance with County policies. Recently CF has received several donations in excess of \$2,500. Per Administrative Memo B-3, all donations, gifts or bequests exceeding \$2,500 must be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

CF is presenting donations totaling \$31,008 for approval and acceptance as shown in the table below. Your Board's acceptance of these donations will allow CF to meet the needs of foster and low-income children in San Mateo County.

DONATIONS:

From	Purpose	Amount
National Alliance for the Mentally Ill	proceeds from a golf tournament that benefitted the Fund	\$3,508
Gilead Sciences	to provide backpack and school supplies to children	\$5,000
Morris Stulsaft Foundation	to provide computers for foster children	\$5,000
Suzanne Smith	orthodontic treatment for children	\$5,000
Sammut Foundation	holiday gifts to children	\$5,000
Genentech	to provide backpacks and school supplies to children	\$7,500
Total Donations for Acceptance:		\$31,008

County Counsel has approved the Memo and Resolution as to form. Acceptance of these donations contributes to Shared Vision 2025 of a prosperous community by allowing CF to provide services to meet the needs of foster and low-income children in San Mateo County improving their well-being and quality of life.

FISCAL IMPACT:

In FY 2013-14 the Children's Fund accepted up to \$65,000 in cash donations of which 100% were used towards goods or services for foster and low-income children in San Mateo County. Annual administrative costs to operate the Children's Fund total approximately \$170,000 for 1 FTE, ancillary costs and Agency overhead. Funding to operate the Children's Fund is Net County Cost and is included in the FY 2014-15 Adopted Budget.