

**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO** Inter-Departmental Correspondence Human Services Agency



Date:May 13, 2016Board Meeting Date:June 21, 2016Special Notice / Hearing:NoneVote 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 cash and in-kind donations totaling \$90,173.42 to the San Mateo County Children's Fund.

## BACKGROUND:

San Mateo County Children's Fund (CF) serves more than 4,000 foster and low-income children in San Mateo County annually providing items such as clothing, backpacks, school supplies, holiday gifts, computers and Halloween costumes. In serving these foster and low-income children, CF accepts cash and in-kind donations as well as raises funds.

All services and goods provided to the children of San Mateo County through CF are based solely on private and community donations and one hundred percent (100%) of all donations go to children in need. Administrative costs to operate the CF are funded solely by the County of San Mateo. With the exception of basic administrative services, the majority of the services provided by CF are performed by volunteers. CF manages an average of 250 volunteers annually.

## DISCUSSION:

The Children's Fund aims to serve 4,500 children in FY 2015-16 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 Director of the Human Services Agency to ensure that they are appropriate and in compliance with County Policy. Recently, CF has received three donations in excess of \$2,500. Per Administrative Memo-B3, all donations, gifts or bequests exceeding \$2,500 must be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

CF is presenting three donations for acceptance. The first is an in-kind donation of new clothing with professional sports logos, valued at \$77,173.42. The second is a monetary

donation of \$7,000 to support the Backpack and School Supply program. The third is a monetary donation of \$6,000 to also support the Backpack and School Supply program. Taken together, the donations total \$90,173.42. The Children's Fund asks for approval and acceptance of these donations 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.

DONOR	AMOUNT
Farah Champsi	Goods valued at \$77,173.42
Genentech	\$7,000 for the Backpack Program
Gilead Sciences	\$6,000 for the Backpack Program

County Counsel has approved the resolution as to form.

Acceptance of this donation contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 of a Prosperous Community by allowing CF to provide services to meet the needs of foster and lowincome children in San Mateo County and improve their well-being and quality of life.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

This action accepts donations totaling \$90,173.42 for the Children's Fund Trust Fund. 100 percent of all donations received by the Children's Fund go toward services and needs of foster and low-income children in San Mateo County.