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Diverse abilities and needs

Matrix Parent Network and Resource Center is a parent-founded, parent-operated nonprofit organization. More than 50% of its Board of Directors are parents of children with diverse abilities and needs. All of its services are free, supported through grants, contracts, donations and fundraising activities. Matrix provides both direct services to families and technical support services to other federally-funded parent centers. A "Transition to Adult" resource guide is available at matrixparents.org/resource-guide-home. If you'd like to volunteer, go to matrixparents.org.

Foster a dog

Copper's Dream Animal Rescue is an all-breed rescue headquartered in San Rafael. Dogs live in foster homes until they're adopted. Volunteer foster homes are needed to fill out an application at coppersdream.org. An effort is made to match the needs of the dog with the foster people and their home.

Support the community

Your donation to North Marin Community Services will help provide emergency food, rental assistance, mental health counseling services, and other forms of support to vulnerable youth, families, adults and seniors in our community. Donate online at northmarinc.org/get-involved/donate or mail a check to North Marin Community Services, 680 Wilson Ave., Novato, CA, 94947.

VIRTUAL EVENTS

Sharpening literary skills

ForWords Fall 2020 virtual learning programs, including writing projects and academic support, are underway for both groups and one to one sessions. English language learners at San Rafael and Terra Linda high schools meet online with the organization during classroom time. Additional after school programs for students at both high schools as well as Davidson Middle School meet four days a week. For information about the different programs, visit forwords.org.

Job search help

Marin Professionals is a networking and job search center for experienced professionals. The organization continues to offer its 5-Day Re-Employment Workshop online via Zoom throughout the fall. It's also continuing to hold virtual meetings every Monday morning when both current participants and newcomers are able to get assistance from employment experts, recruiters and career coaches. Find additional information at marinprofessionals.org.

Learn about lavash

Homeward Bound of Marin will present a Zoom virtual happy hour with Kate Leahy and Ara Zada, authors of "Lavash: The Bread that Launched 1,000 Meals," on Oct. 22, 5-6 p.m. They'll demonstrate how to make two Armenian dishes and Marin IJ Barfly columnist Jeff Burkhardt will mix special cocktails. Reservations are \$65 and include the cookbook and tea from Republic of Tea. Register by Oct. 14 to guarantee delivery of the book by the event date. Go to bit.ly/FSchevents for information.

Virtual holiday event

Guide Dogs for the Blind will host a virtual holiday celebration on Dec. 6, 5-7:30 p.m. with a pre-show at 4:30 p.m. The event is free and will feature inspiring stories, lots of puppies and opportunities to fund the organization's mission. Register at guidedogs.com/events/virtual-holiday-celebration.



YOUTH GETTING INVOLVED: The 7th annual Youth for Justice Summer Academy took place July 27 to Aug. 7. Due to COVID-19, the event was staged mostly virtually with 22 participants from the Canal neighborhood of San Rafael participating in daily sessions via Zoom. Topics and activities included healing, art, developing conscious rap, nutrition, climate change and the negative consequences of using alcohol and other drugs. Support for the Academy was received from the Marin County Juvenile Probation Department, the San Rafael Alcohol and Drug Coalition, Youth for Justice and Alcohol Justice. Pictured are members of Youth for Justice.

-Photo by Eunice Iglesias

Youth academy and classes



SWEET SOUNDS FOR SUCCESS: Enriching Lives Through Music (ELM) provides young people with an immersive music education that empowers them to pursue their dreams and access resources they need to be successful in school and life. ELM is a full scholarship, multi-year, intensive program that provides music education, ensemble and performance opportunities to youth to develop social, emotional and academic skills. Programs include chorus, orchestra, chamber music and parent music groups. In addition to school-year classes, ELM runs a summer camp, concert series and provides scholarships for private lessons for exceptionally motivated students. There are no financial barriers to participation. Pictured are an instructor and student at ELM's Saturday morning Parking Lot Conservatory.

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GIVING MARIN PARTNER IS HONORED: The College of Marin, a Giving Marin Founding Partner, was honored on Sept. 30 with the prestigious Dr. John W. Rice Diversity and Equity award through the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. College of Marin was recognized for the greatest improvement in three areas over the most recent three years: improvement in completion and transfer outcomes of its students of color relative to white students as well as improvement of the representation of faculty of color relative to its student population. Programs and initiatives like College of Marin Providing Access and Supporting Success (COMPASS), Summer Bridge, Humanities 101, Learning Communities and Summer Career Academies most certainly contributed to improving outcomes and moving the equity needle.

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