

# 2013 Annual Report



Opening Doors in Our Community The Housing Endowment and Regional Trust of San Mateo County



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"HEART is a big reason that working families can own a home in our county. With HEART, there's hope. Thank you for a job well done."

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# Letter from the Board Chair and Executive Director

We are creating jobs in San Mateo County again! However we are not building housing at the same rate. What we do have is too expensive for most middle-income families to afford to live here even though they work here. The mission of HEART is to meet critical county housing needs by raising funds from both public and private sources and to meet this challenge.

## What is HEART?

HEART is a public-private partnership that operates as a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) and a non-profit 501(c)(3). Nineteen cities in San Mateo County, as well as the County, belong to HEART and pay dues to support administrative costs. HEART brings together all voices in our community: cities, employers, the private sector and the nonprofit sector, to create and fund more affordable homes.

## **HEART** Loan Programs

HEART funds multi-family rental housing through short- and long-term loans for pre-development, construction or bridge loans, as well as permanent financing. HEART is currently requesting proposals for affordable ownership housing. To date, HEART has invested \$9.5 million in affordable rental housing construction to create 906 homes.

HEART is proud to report that in 2013 we loaned \$1.7 million in funds from Prop 1C to help finance pre-development work for 122 affordable apartments for veterans, low-income seniors and people with special needs in Menlo Park, East Palo Alto and North Fair Oaks. These loans provided a rare and critical source of early funds for pre-development or land acquisition costs, and will enable the developers to secure longer-term financing and apply for tax credit awards.

HEART also launched a new, competitive rapid small grants program for developers, thanks to a \$25,000 grant from Facebook. Pilot funds awarded by HEART helped rehabilitate apartments for low-income college students and female heads of households in East Palo Alto and funded environmental studies that will enable the expansion of an existing apartment complex for working families in Menlo Park.

HEART continues to offer one of the few programs for downpayment assistance loans in the County for first time homebuyers, where in 2013 the median home price of a single family house was \$935,000 and the median condo price was \$558,000. Working with Meriwest Mortgage, a subsidiary of Meriwest Credit Union, HEART makes loans of up to \$75,000 to families making up to \$150,000 with good credit who live or work in the County. By requiring only 5% down and not charging private mortgage insurance HEART and Meriwest help homebuyers make competitive offers. Even in this challenging market, HEART helped twelve families buy their first home in 2013.

## What's next?

The rental market for families with modest incomes is even more difficult. People who are key to our local economy cannot afford to live here. Recently, when MidPen Housing advertised 60 units of affordable family housing at the new Delaware Pacific apartments in San Mateo over 2,000 qualified families applied.

HEART sees our need for more affordable housing as an opportunity, not an impossible challenge, and believes that by working together as a county we can entitle, support and fund more homes. In 2014 HEART will explore new ways for foundations, donors, and other community leadership organizations to donate and invest funds to create the homes that we need. HEART continues to work with statewide coalitions to support legislation that seeks to provide a dedicated source of revenue from both state and local sources.

Our commitment to meeting the critical housing needs of our community remains strong at HEART. We are grateful to the many community members, partners, and donors who make our work possible.

Sincerely,

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# **Buying Their First Home**

"Opening Doors in Our Community" downpayment assistance program helps qualified, moderate-income families buy their first home in San Mateo County

- Together with a conforming mortgage from Meriwest Mortgage, HEART loans up to 75% of the downpayment, allowing the borrower to put 5% down with no private mortgage insurance (PMI) costs.
- Families may purchase a home up to \$521,250, with an income limit of \$150,000.
- Work or live in San Mateo County. FICO score of 680 or better.
- Find out more and apply online at www.heartofsmc.org



# Sustainability Engineer and Nonprofit employee in East Palo Alto

Walker K., a self-employed mechanical engineer and sustainability consultant, and Casey S., a nonprofit philanthropic advisor knew they wanted to stay in San Mateo County when they got married and become part of their community. However, the need to save over \$100,000 for a downpayment for their first home was daunting. They were grateful to find the HEART downpayment program - a community response to escalating home prices.

Both are from the Bay Area and are well aware of the distorting influence on housing costs by high-tech salaries, and the problems of displacement and lack of affordable housing options. They bought their home from an owner/occupier and hope to get involved in neighborhood organizations to contribute to ongoing community development.



# Police Officer in Pacifica

Chris Wallace grew up in Daly City and comes from a family tradition of law enforcement, so dedicated that he joined the Pacifica Police Explorers program when he was just 14. He has served as a full-time police officer in the City of Pacifica for the past three and a half years.

While many of his fellow officers live in the North, East or South Bay, he wanted to buy a condo and stay on the coast near family and work. He found out about the HEART program through an email that was sent to Pacifica city employees and realized that he could qualify, and that the 5% down and no PMI requirement made it financially possible. He made a successful offer on a condo in Half Moon Bay during the hyper-competitive real estate market because his Meriwest Mortgage loan officer John Souza was dedicated to helping him close the deal in 21 days.



# High School Art Teacher in Pacifica

Julie Stock is one of HEART's first homeowners. She never thought she could own her own home as a teacher and single parent, but thanks to the additional purchasing power she had through the HEART Meriwest program she found a starter home in Pacifica to fix up. With the money she saved she has been able to remodel her kitchen, replace the floors and, with the help of friends and neighbors, build a raised garden and playhouse in the back yard. Her greatest joy is to be able to give back to her community both as a teacher and as a neighbor.

# **HEART Member Cities and County**

- Town of Atherton
- City of Belmont
- City of Brisbane
- City of Burlingame
- Town of Colma
- City of East Palo Alto
- City of Foster City

- City of Half Moon Bay
- Town of Hillsborough
- City of Menlo Park
- City of Millbrae
- City of Pacifica
- Town of Portola Valley

- City of Redwood City
- City of San Bruno
- City of San Carlos
- City of San Mateo
- City of South San Francisco
- Town of Woodside
- County of San Mateo

### HEART HOMEBUYER LOANS TO DATE:

**Homes in:** Brisbane, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Pacifica, Redwood City, San Bruno, San Carlos, San Mateo, South San Francisco

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# **HEART** loans to date

The Village at the Crossing – Opened May 2007

Jurisdiction: San Bruno Developer: Citizens Housing Corporation/KDF Communities People: 228 rental units for seniors HEART investment: \$1,730,000

Hillcrest Senior Housing – Opened November 2008 Jurisdiction: Daly City Developer: American Baptist Homes of the West People: 40 rental units for seniors HEART investment: \$510,000

Trestle Glen – Opened May 2010 Jurisdiction: County of San Mateo (Colma) Developer: BRIDGE Housing People: 119 rental units for working families HEART investment: \$2.51 million

Ocean View – Occupied, renovations complete Jurisdiction: City of Pacifica Developer: National Church Residences People: 100 rental units for seniors HEART investment: \$500,000

Peninsula Station – Opened Nov. 2010 Jurisdiction: City of San Mateo Developer: MidPen Housing People: 68 units for working families HEART investment: \$1,000,000 636 El Camino – Opened Fall 2012 Jurisdiction: South San Francisco Developer: MidPen Housing People: 109 rental units for working families HEART investment: \$1,000,000

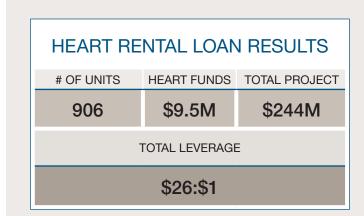
Delaware Pacific – Predevelopment Jurisdiction: City of San Mateo Developer: Palo Alto Partners in partnership with MidPen Housing People: 120 units for working families HEART investment: \$200,000

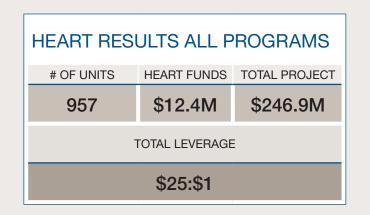
University Avenue Senior Housing – Predevelopment Jurisdiction: City of East Palo Alto Developers: EPA CAN DO and MidPen Housing People: 46 units of senior housing HEART investment: \$744,565

Waverly Place – Predevelopment Jurisdiction: North Fair Oaks Developer: Mental Health Association of San Mateo County People: 16 units for special needs individuals HEART investment: \$700,000

Willow Veterans Housing – Predevelopment Jurisdiction: Menlo Park VA Campus Developer: CORE Affordable Housing People: 60 units for veterans HEART investment: \$700,000

## **HEART Results**





Responding to community needs and investing in 906 homes for working families, special needs families, college students, veterans and seniors



# \$700K to Mental Health Association for land in North Fair Oaks

HEART made a \$700K loan to Mental Health Association (MHA) of San Mateo County for land acquisition in North Fair Oaks to construct 16 units of special needs housing for mentally disabled individuals. Waverly Place will feature studio apartments for adults living with serious mental illness. Not only will residents enjoy a community room with full kitchen, a landscaped courtyard, and laundry room but on-site services will include case management, wellness activities, nursing, occupational therapy, and medication assistance.



Tyree, a college student with his academic mentor at the Able Works grand opening



Erica and her daughter were able to move closer to her job in the Peninsula, and she will be able to continue attending college at night.

# Facebook \$25K grant funds projects in East Palo Alto and Menlo Park

When HEART launched a new rapid small grants program with a \$25K grant from Facebook over 20 organizations applied for \$200,000 worth of projects. This shows both the dire need for early-stage development funds and the number of projects currently in the pipeline. Two groups received grants, which were completed in 2013.

**Able Works**, a nonprofit in East Palo Alto, renovated a four-unit building on Poplar in East Palo Alto. While the original goal was to provide shared housing for ten college students, the Board decided to also offer housing to young women heads of households who were participating in LiveAble:Women program, a group that meets regularly to learn financial literacy and receive career and education support.

**MidPen Housing** received the second grant to conduct environmental studies for a proposed expansion of their Menlo Gateway family housing property in the Belle Haven neighborhood of Menlo Park, a 130-unit affordable housing property on Willow Road.



## The power of partnerships: 46 homes for low-income seniors in East Palo Alto

In 2011 HEART worked with EPA CAN DO, a local affordable housing developer in East Palo Alto and made a loan of \$347,000 to assemble parcels on University Avenue for senior housing. This year EPA CAN DO formed a partnership with MidPen Housing to acquire the sixth and final parcel of land. HEART restructured the loan and has now invested \$744,565 for the land and pre-development costs to develop 46 units for low-income seniors. The proposed building will be two stories over parking on University Avenue across from Sacramento and Weeks Streets.

# Statements of Activities

For the Years Ended June 30, 2013 and 2012

2013	<b>2012</b> as
	restated
Expenses	
General management and administrative support\$333,489	\$302,915
Legal services12,000	11,500
Interest on long-term debt4,000	44,135
Grant funding22,500	_
Miscellaneous7,441	940
Total Expenses	359,490
Program Revenues	

Operating grants and contributions

Member agencies20	3,011	262,522
Donors12	3,925	131,530
Charges for Services	6,900	8,136
Total Program Revenues	3,836	402,188
Net Program Revenue (4	5,594)	42,698

## **General Revenues (Expenses)**

Investment earnings 178,902	185,518
Total General Revenues	185,518
Extraordinary item - forgivness of interest payable on long-term debt	90,000
Change in Net Positions 133,308	318,216
Net Positions - beginning7,312,833	6,994,617
Net Positions - ending	\$7,312,833

The Housing Endowment and Regional Trust's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 are audited by Badawi & Associates.

To obtain a copy of HEART's complete audited financial statements, please contact our office at 650-872-4444 x4# or visit our website www.heartofsmc.org

# Statements of Positions

For the Years Ended June 30, 2013 and 2012

2013	<b>2012</b> as restated
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents\$1,969,097	\$1,440,392
Receivables, net:	
Interest 342,023	385,452
Loans 6,027,463	6,017,356
Other	119,417
Restricted assets:	
Temporarily restricted:	
Cash and cash equivalents 400,000	300,000
Total Assets	8,262,617
Liabilities	
Accounts payable 58,489	44,831
Unearned revenues 1,025,000	700,000
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Due in less than one year	
Due in more than one year	204,953
Total Liabilities	949,784
Net Positions	
Restricted for:	
Home Buyer Assistance Loan Program -	
pledge account 408,570	308,199
Unrestricted 7,037,571	7,004,634
Total Net Assets	\$7,312,833

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### HEART helps first time homebuyers

Walter and Casey bought their first home in East Palo Alto with the help of HEART's downpayment assistance loan. "HEART helped us become part of this community and we would like to pay it forward by sharing our story with others." Christopher, a police officer in Pacifica, bought a condo in Half Moon Bay so he could stay close to his job and his family in Daly City.

### Funds for supportive housing in North Fair Oaks

As part of the State's Prop 1C awards, HEART made a \$700K loan to Mental Health Associaton of San Mateo County for land acquisition to construct 16 units of special needs housing for mentally disabled individuals.

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