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## **Warm Wishes distributed 2,500 StreetPacks, providing warmth to the unsheltered in Marin and around the Bay**

SAN RAFAEL, CA –On January 23, 2021, [Warm Wishes](#) provided its trademark “StreetPacks” to 16 social services agencies including Ritter Center, the Downtown Street Team, California Conservation Corp, Street Life Ministries, and the Marin County Probation Department, among others. The StreetPacks, or backpacks, were stuffed with brand new face masks, warm gloves, scarves, hats, wool socks, and rain ponchos, manufactured under the direction of and funded by Warm Wishes. Packs were distributed by the agencies to homeless men and women living on Bay Area streets.

A number of StreetPacks were provided to the Godmothers of St. Vincent School for Boys. According to Godmother Daria Doherty, “The boys were excited to receive the great quality backpacks and the exceptional masks among other items ... With the boys being isolated trying to stay safe from Covid, receiving these gifts was a huge bonus for them.”

This year, the Warm Wishes community of 35 volunteers assembled the packs in an empty storefront at Northgate Mall, observing current social distancing and public health guidelines. Key funding came from the Rotary Club of Tiburon Sunset, Rotary Club of Terra Linda, Central Marin Rotary, Carolyn and Peter Friedman Foundation, Macy’s, Northgate Mall, Hennessey Funds, Bombas Socks, and EO Products.

Warm Wishes continues to accept donations to offset expenses for this important distribution to the needy among us, and to prepare for next year. Please [donate online](#) or send donations to: MarinLink, 5800 Northgate Drive #250, San Rafael CA 94903.

**About Warm Wishes.** Warm Wishes is a program of [MarinLink](#), an incubator and fiscal sponsor for community-based projects inspired by social entrepreneurs to generate positive change in the arts, community, education, environment, and health. Warm Wishes was founded in 1994 by Bill Hamm. [www.warmwishes.org](http://www.warmwishes.org).

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