



Dear Vilda Families,

Happy Holidays and a heartfelt thank you to all of you for being a part of our programs this year. It is thanks to you that Vilda exists.

This has been a great growth year for Vilda. It is very exciting to see this small homegrown venture getting bigger. Here are a few highlights from the past year:

- Our newest camp, Tracks and Tides, was a great success. We were so happy to be able to offer swimming and kayaking. We plan to continue the camp next year and add more water programs as well.
- Thanks to some generous donations from last year we were able to purchase a new van.
- Our enrollment grew again with over 600 participants in our programs over the course of the year.
- Thanks to some very generous donors, we were able to provide over \$5000 in scholarships to our participants.
- We were happy to add Noelle Marquis to our admin staff as program director
- In January, 2016, we will become our own non-profit (previously we were fiscally sponsored by MarinLink).
- And last but not least, we had many of the same families in our programs as last year and the same staff. This to me is a real highlight. Its how we build community and real relationships, by seeing the same people over and over again. So thank you for staying with us.

With a growing amount of participants in our programs and more scholarship requests than ever before, about \$10,500 will be needed for scholarships next year. A donation of just \$350 can provide two 50% scholarships to families in need.

With the cost of living rising fast, it is now harder than ever for our staff to stay local and we've lost several staff members this past year due to the lack of affordable housing. Hiring is becoming much more difficult than it was in the past and the truth is, we will increasingly need your help to keep Vilda local.

This is a good time of year to make tax deductible donations. If you would like to contribute to Vilda, you can do so online by clicking **HERE** or by sending a check to: **Vilda, 6 School St, Suite 260, Fairfax, CA 94930**

You are welcome to designate your donation towards a purpose of your choice.

Thank you so much for your continued support of us and the programs. We wish you a joyful holiday season.

With appreciation,

Mia Andler
Executive Director

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