

There's so much to see and do at the [Aquarium](#). This spring try a few of our favorite things for the young and the young at heart!

Monterey Bay Aquarium

5 Things to See & Do from a Kid's-Eye View



1 Visit the Parrots of the Sea

Watch our lively puffins and other seabirds preen, paddle and plunge at water level or below in our Open Sea wing. And don't miss the view from inside this exhibit's cool bubble window.

[Watch our puffins on parade!](#)

2 Get in Touch with Your Inner Child



A sea cucumber looks cool, but how does it feel? Our Touch Pools let kids get up close and personal with this intriguing invertebrate and its tide pool pals, like abalone, hermit crabs—and even seaweed!

[Learn why we love hermit crabs](#)

3 Kids Can Play Their Part!



Sustainable seafood isn't just for grown ups. Kids can learn about living an ocean-friendly lifestyle as they play on colorful touch screens in this lively interactive in the Open Sea wing.

[Learn how you can support ocean-friendly seafood](#)

4 Peer Under Sand and Sea in ¡Viva Baja!



Watch a desert rat scurry underground, peer into a tangle of mangrove roots and color your own reef fish as you explore the many interactive displays in our newest special exhibition, ¡Viva Baja! Life on the Edge.

[Learn more about ¡Viva Baja!](#)

5 Don't Miss the Splash Zone Tunnel!



You'll find some of our most awesome animals in this secret spot created especially for kids. Crawl in for a great look at the infamous mantis shrimp and some seriously groovy long-spined sea urchins.

[Get the skinny on the mantis shrimp](#)



Join Us for Día del Niño, April 24

Celebrate children and families at our annual spring event. Live Latin performances, bilingual animal feeding shows, a craft room and more are part of the festivities. Children 12 and under will be admitted free all day.

[Learn more](#)



Eat Like a Kid at Cindy's Waterfront

Grilled cheese with bacon, fish and chips, hot dogs and more—and don't forget the Seafoam Sundae. Add a coloring sheet and crayons and kid-friendly binoculars for one fun family mealtime!

[Preview our kids' menu \(PDF\)](#)



This Month's Wallpaper

Do you remember when even the smallest details, like this sea star's squishy tube feet, were endlessly engaging? The wonders of the ocean seem a little more wonderful when seen through the curious eyes of a child.

[View wallpaper](#)

Our mission is to inspire conservation of the ocean.
The Monterey Bay Aquarium is a nonprofit institution.

[You can help us by making a donation.](#)

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Guiding People Home

Creativity and Innovation to better serve our guests.

Dear Pat,

Here at MK, we're always trying to find new and better ways to serve our guests so we can reach our goal of ending chronic homelessness.

- Spring Showcase highlights the power of creativity
- New in-kind donation system to better support our guests
- Great feedback on our new Performance Management Report
- Have a piece of pie and support MK!

Spring Showcase highlights the power of creativity

A hand-drawn sign for "MIRIAM'S STUDIO'S SPRING SHOWCASE". The text is arranged in three lines. The top line, "MIRIAM'S STUDIO'S", is in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The middle line, "SPRING", is in a green, outlined, sans-serif font. The bottom line, "SHOWCASE", is in a blue, outlined, sans-serif font. Each letter in "SHOWCASE" is filled with a different colorful illustration: 'S' is a red strawberry, 'H' is a blue outline, 'O' is an orange slice, 'W' is a pink watermelon slice, 'C' is a carrot, 'A' is a yellow bell pepper, 'S' is a red strawberry, and 'E' is a blue outline.

MIRIAM'S STUDIO'S
SPRING
SHOWCASE



Recently many guests shared their incredible creativity at the Spring Showcase and Talent Show in our Dining Room. New paintings and projects were hung with care, guests got up to sing and dance - there was even some moon walking! But most powerful of all, several artists/guests spoke about the life changing experiences they have had at Miriam's Kitchen. Laughter, fun and a community that leads to change - truly the best that MK has to offer. You can [see](#) more photos!

New ways to support our guests through in-kind donations



Happy Spring! If you're like us, you might be knee deep in spring cleaning and wondering how so much stuff piled up over the winter.

That's the question on our mind lately, and we realized it was finally time to do something about the mountains of things in our garage.

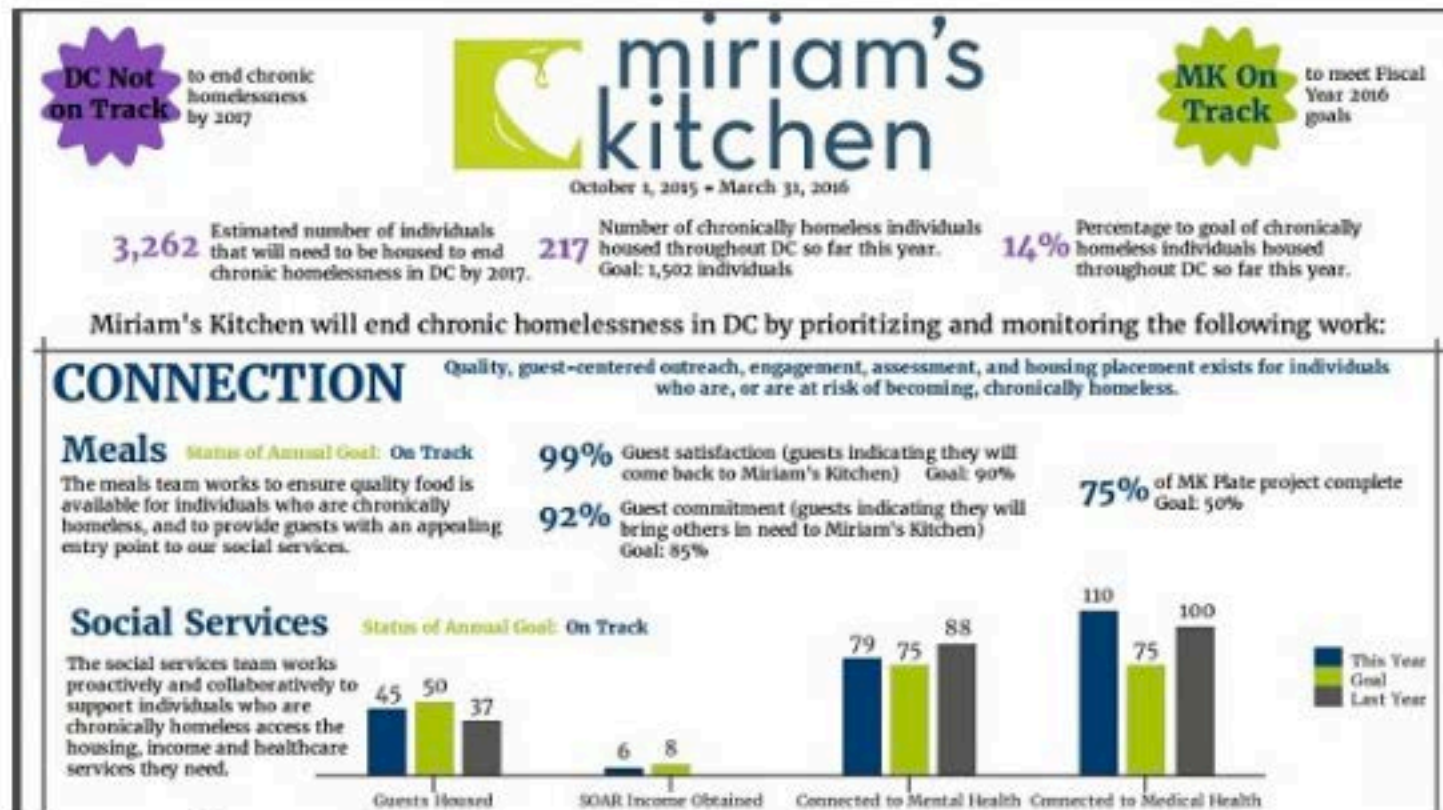
Each week we receive numerous in-kind donations but sadly, many of them are things we didn't ask for or can't use. Our case managers spend an unsustainable number of hours sorting and discarding these items instead of spending that time on the things they're best at—helping our guests find housing, get healthy and increase their income. Our guests need us to keep the focus on them, and that's why we've made some changes to our in-kind donation process.

Beginning this week, we will no longer accept unsolicited in-kind item donations. Going forward, any items dropped off without prior approval will have to be discarded.

Instead, we will rely on donations through our [Amazon wish list](#). This is now the only way to regularly donate in-kind items to Miriam's Kitchen.

As always, if you have any questions—please don't hesitate to reach out. We can be reached at in-kind@miriamskitchen.org.

Great feedback on our Performance Management Report



We were thrilled by the [Veritus Group's reaction](#) to our new Performance Management Report. They said,

"This is, by far, one of the best systems for reporting back to stakeholders that I have seen in my career. It is precise, open, honest, to the point, and vulnerable."

Wow! Our team has been thinking outside the box to create the most effective way to share our progress with you - and it's working! You can [read the report](#).

Have a piece of pie and support MK!



From May 5 - June 1, you can [Pie it Forward](#) at Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak & Stone Crab, 750 15th Street, NW, WDC. Enjoy a slice of Strawberry Rhubarb Pie and \$1 will go to MK.

I'm so inspired by all the innovative things that are happening here at MK. Together, we can end chronic homelessness.

Scott Schenkelberg
President & CEO

Our current needs:

Razors, toothbrushes and toothpaste

Men's pants, shirts and sweaters

We REALLY need coffee!

Bulk Ground Coffee ([donate coffee](#)

[here!](#))

Give Today

Get Social With Us:



Save the Chimps
SPEAKING OUT FOR THEM

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Comet & Ace
Members of Late's Family

*Sometimes Me Think, 'What Is Friend?' and then me say,
'Friend Is someone to share the last cookie with.'*

Cookie Monster

**We're going Nuts!
May Wish List Challenge
We need 900 lbs to meet our goal.**

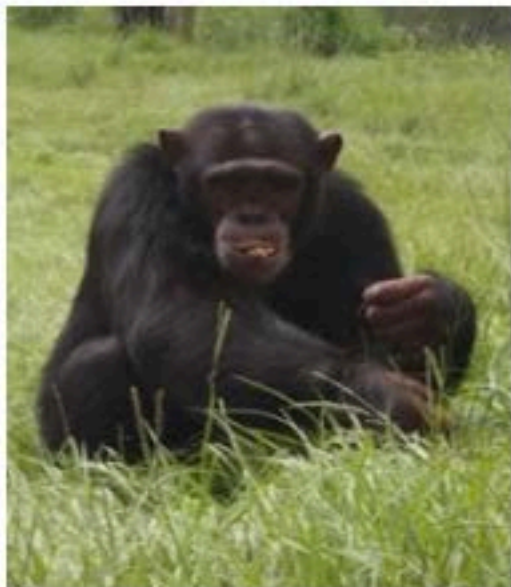
Mixed nuts in shells are used as enrichment for the chimps. They are scattered over the chimps' 3-acre islands. This promotes the chimps' natural behavior of foraging for food and stimulates activity.

[Donate easily through our Amazon Wishlist.](#)

Items will ship directly to the Sanctuary.

View our entire [Wish List](#).

Thank you for your support and Happy Friday!



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Thank you for making our work possible.

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Our Mission:

To provide and build support for permanent sanctuary for the lifelong care of chimpanzees rescued from research laboratories, entertainment, and the pet trade.

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