



**MEALS ON WHEELS**  
OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA

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**IMPACT  
REPORT**

# Our Impact

In 2025

Since 1972

Meals **726,570** **8.4 million**

Deliveries **118,312** **2.9 million**

Miles Driven **187,129** **4.9 million**

Volunteer Hours **32,750** **1 million**

**99%** of clients are satisfied with MOWMP services.

**97%** of clients report the meals are important to their mental health.

**99%** of clients report that receiving meals helps them remain in their home.

**97%** of clients report that social contact with their volunteer driver is important.

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**42%** of clients report they have had to choose between food and other necessities like housing or utilities.

**12.6%** of the population of Monterey County lives below the poverty line.

**40.8%** of county residents are food insecure.



Volunteer driver Fernando carries cold meal containers during Home Delivered Meals packout, demonstrating the dedication and determination that help ensure nourishing meals reach neighbors throughout our community.

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Morning light rises over the Meals on Wheels Community Center as a new day of service begins, meals are prepared, classes come to life, and neighbors gather, reflecting the care, connection, and community that nourish Monterey County every day.

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# Rory Coetzee

## BOARD PRESIDENT

As we look ahead to 2026, I am proud of the extraordinary progress Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula has made—and confident in the path before us. Together, we have now produced **8.4 million meals**, completed **2.9 million deliveries**, driven **4.9 million miles**, and benefited from

**over 1 million volunteer hours**. These milestones reflect a community deeply committed to ensuring no neighbor is left hungry or isolated.

This year also marks a pivotal moment in our growth. With the purchase of a building in Seaside, we are moving forward with our capital campaign, **Welcome to the Table**. Our second community kitchen will expand production, strengthen resilience, and position us to meet rising demand with care and consistency—while our current services continue uninterrupted.

We are expanding for the future, grounded in the trust you place in us today. Thank you for believing in this mission and helping us build a stronger, more responsive Meals on Wheels for generations to come. Together, we move forward,



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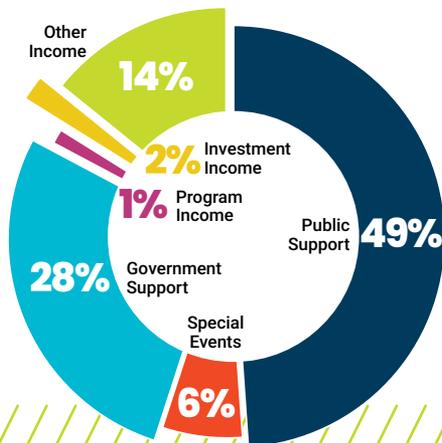
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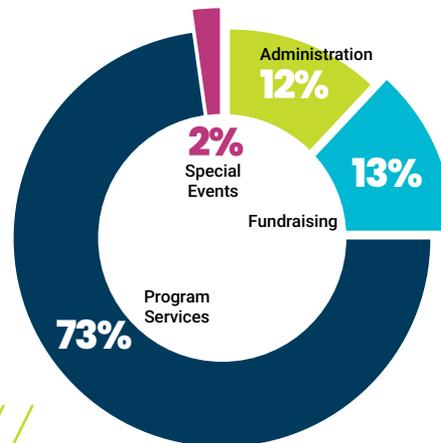
## The Power Behind Our Mission

Our work is sustained by a diverse mix of community support, public partnerships, and strategic resources.



## Where Every Dollar Goes

Our resources are dedicated directly to program services that deliver meals, care, and connection to our community.



In loving memory of Jackie Craghead, former Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula board member (1982–1985, 2007–2022). A devoted leader and joyful presence, Jackie's passion, generosity, and spirit left a lasting imprint on our organization and community. Her legacy of service and compassion continues to inspire all who were fortunate to know her.





# Christine Winge

**PRESIDENT / CEO**

Our work at Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula is rooted in nourishing older adults while strengthening connection and independence.

In 2025, our team and volunteers prepared **726,570 meals**, completed **118,312 deliveries**, drove **187,129 miles**, and contributed **32,750 volunteer hours** in service to our community.

Each of these efforts represents a neighbor supported and a reminder that no one should face aging alone.

As we enter 2026, we remain committed to meeting growing need through our Home Delivered Meals, Group Dining, Community Center, and supportive services. This work is only possible because of the dedication of our volunteers, staff, donors, and partners.

Thank you for believing in this mission and for helping us build a stronger, more connected community.

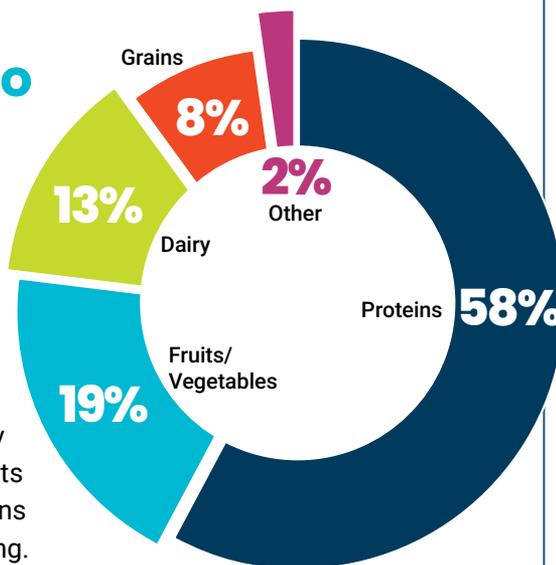
*Christine Winge*

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## What Goes Into Every Meal

Each meal we serve is thoughtfully built around nutrition, quality, and balance.

The largest share of our meal costs goes toward high-quality proteins, followed by fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy, and grains to support health and well-being.



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The food keeps me healthy, but the visit keeps me going. Seeing a friendly face and having someone care enough to stop by makes all the difference.

HDM client Richard receives a nutritious meal and added support through our Home Heart Heroes program, including a newly built ramp that makes it easier for him to leave his home and stay connected to his community.



HOME DELIVERED MEALS

# Reliable Nutrition. Meaningful Connection. Right at the Door.



Volunteer Rick shares a heartfelt embrace with a client during a Home Delivered Meals visit reminding her she is cared for, valued, and never alone.

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Home Delivered Meals are the foundation of our work and the clearest expression of our mission in action.

Each delivery represents nourishment, care, and reassurance for clients who rely on us to remain healthy and independent in their own homes. By providing three freshly prepared, locally sourced meals each day, we support the physical well-being of homebound seniors and adults throughout Monterey County while helping them maintain dignity and stability.

Beyond nutrition, every delivery brings human connection. A visit from a volunteer offers a friendly greeting, a brief conversation, and a trusted presence

that reminds clients they are not forgotten. These daily interactions provide an added layer of safety and emotional support, helping reduce isolation and offering peace of mind to both clients and their families.

In 2025, our Home Delivered Meals program continued to grow in reach and impact. We expanded service across Carmel Valley, Carmel, Marina, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Sand City, Del Rey Oaks, and Seaside, ensuring that care reached neighbors in need across diverse communities throughout the county. Deliveries were completed along **38 established routes**, creating a reliable network of support for individuals who depend on consistent access to nutritious meals.

## GROUP DINING



# Where Meals Bring People Together

Our Group Dining programs serve nutritious meals while creating welcoming spaces for connection and community.

By bringing clients together around the table, these shared meals foster healthy eating, meaningful conversation, and lasting relationships that support overall well-being. In 2025, we served **74,543 lunches** to **1,176 diners** at **nine sites** across Monterey County.

[mowcommunitycenter.org](http://mowcommunitycenter.org)

### LOCATIONS

- MOW Community Center (Pacific Grove)
- Marina Manor Seniors Housing (Marina)
- El Estero Seniors Housing (Monterey)
- Oldemeyer Center (Seaside)
- Firehouse Community Center (Salinas)
- Scholze Park Senior Center (Monterey)
- Junsay Oaks Seniors Housing (Marina)
- Sherwood Village CHISPA (Salinas)
- Los Abuelitos Senior Center (Salinas)



## COMMUNITY CENTER

# Where Connection, Wellness, and Community Come Together

For 38 years, the Meals on Wheels Community Center in Pacific Grove has been a trusted gathering place bringing people together, strengthening relationships, and creating a true sense of belonging.

What began as a place to share a meal has grown into a vibrant hub for connection, movement, and lifelong engagement. Today, the Community Center offers approximately **more than 30 classes** each week, providing recreational, educational, and social activities that support health and wellness while helping participants stay active and socially connected. In 2025, **797 individuals** took part in programs and classes, contributing **11,783 hours** of participation through experiences that enriched lives and strengthened our community.



Community members gather for the Textile Arts Class, stitching creativity and connection together while enjoying conversation and camaraderie at the Meals on Wheels Community Center.

### Community Center Opportunities

- Health and Fitness Classes
- Ping Pong
- Textile Arts Classes
- Game Time
- Library and Fireplace Lounge
- Tech Support
- Golden Connections
- Special Interest Classes
- Discussion Groups





Staff driver Scott and volunteer driver Eric carry stacks of cold meal containers as they prepare to deliver nutritious meals to homebound clients through our Home Delivered Meals program.

## VOLUNTEERS

# The Power Behind Every Meal and Moment

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**Volunteers make our mission possible. Their dedication, skill, and generosity fuel every program we deliver across Monterey County.**

The generosity, compassion, and dedication of our volunteers make it possible for our mission to reach thousands of neighbors each year. Every meal prepared, every door knocked on, and every friendly greeting shared is made possible by individuals who give their time and talents in service to others across Monterey County.

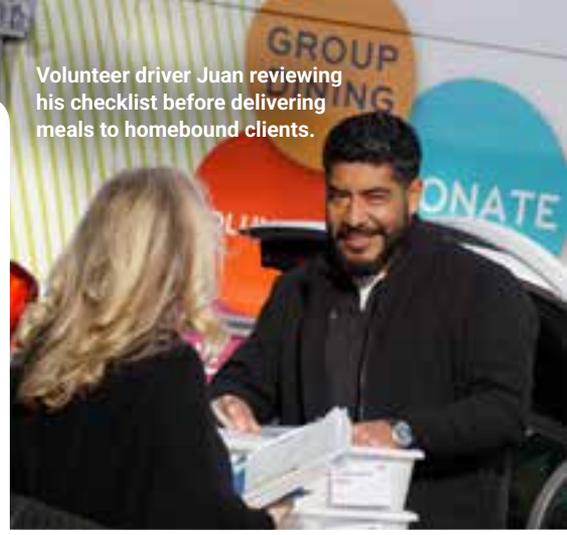


Volunteer Suzie clears plates during a Group Dining luncheon at the Meals on Wheels Community Center, helping create a welcoming and enjoyable experience for diners.



Volunteers Bryan and Gianni prepare meals during the morning HDM packout, helping ensure nutritious meals are ready for delivery to homebound clients.

Volunteer driver Juan reviewing his checklist before delivering meals to homebound clients.



Members of the National Charity League of Monterey Bay pause for a photo while volunteering during a Group Dining luncheon, helping serve meals and create a warm, welcoming experience for diners.



Volunteer drivers Mike and Tracy wait to pick up meals, preparing to deliver nourishment and friendly connections to homebound clients.



In 2025, hundreds of volunteers contributed **32,750 hours of service**, providing care, consistency, and connection to the communities we serve.

Nearly **300 volunteer delivery drivers** formed the backbone of our Home Delivered Meals program, driving **187,129 miles** and completing **118,312 meal deliveries**.

These volunteers ensured that reliable nutrition and human connection reached seniors and adults who depend on us to remain healthy and independent in their homes.



Clockwise from left: Volunteer Teresa, volunteer Kelly, staff cook Sylvie, volunteer Stephanie, volunteer Debbie, staff member Jerrold.

**'25 '24 '23 '22 '21**

We're incredibly honored to be named **Best Volunteer Organization for the fifth year in a row** by Monterey County Weekly's Readers' Choice!

This recognition belongs to the hundreds of volunteers who make our wheels turn—delivering meals, smiles, and hope across our community every single day. Your compassion, dedication, and heart make all the difference. We're so proud to serve in a community that believes in kindness, service, and taking care of one another.

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Volunteer Rick (left) shares a moment with volunteer William during Rick's final HDM route. After 52 years of dedicated service with Meals on Wheels, Rick completed his last route leaving behind a legacy of compassion, connection, and unwavering commitment to the neighbors he served.





PROGRAMS



# Building Safety, Independence, and Peace of Mind

[homeheartheroes.com](http://homeheartheroes.com)



The Home Heart Heroes program provides small-scale home repairs and safety upgrades that help clients remain safely and confidently in their own homes.

These improvements support mobility, reduce fall risks, and promote independence for homebound seniors, adults with disabilities, and veterans throughout Monterey County. In 2025, our team completed **37 projects**, including wheelchair ramps, handrails, porch and walkway repairs, lighting upgrades, and essential heating and ventilation improvements—making homes safer, more accessible, and better suited for aging in place.

# Fresh Food, Local Partnerships, Stronger Communities

**Market Day and Food Distribution Wednesdays** bring fresh, nutritious food directly to the community—combining affordability, access, and choice in one welcoming space.

Every Wednesday at the MOWCC, **Market Day** offers affordable, farm-fresh fruits and vegetables sourced from local farms, supporting both personal health and regional agriculture.

**Food Distribution** Wednesdays further expand access by offering free fresh produce and bread to community members in need on a first-come, first-served basis, with no appointment required.

On select Wednesdays, food distribution is enhanced by **The Food Bank for Monterey County's Mobile Produce Truck** stocked through partnerships with local organic farmers and agricultural companies.

Together, these programs help reduce food insecurity, increase access in produce, and ensure that neighbors across Monterey County can count on healthy food and community support each week.

The Food Bank for Monterey County's Mobile Produce Truck prepares at sunrise to offer free, fresh produce, bringing nutritious food directly to the community.



# Create a Legacy That Nourishes Generations

The Wheels in Motion Legacy Circle offers meaningful ways to extend your impact beyond your lifetime.



Through our dedicated planned giving resources, you can explore options such as wills, trusts, bequests, beneficiary designations, and IRA charitable rollovers.

These legacy gifts provide long-term stability, allowing the organization to plan boldly, respond to future needs, and continue serving the community with dignity and care. By joining **Wheels in Motion**, supporters transform their values into a lasting promise, one that keeps care in motion, today and far into the future.

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# Keeping Companions Healthy and Families Together

The Pet Meals Delivery program helps ensure that clients can continue caring for the animals that bring comfort, companionship, and meaning to their daily lives.

For many clients, accessing pet food and supplies remains a significant challenge. With support from our partner, **SPCA Monterey County**, our staff and volunteers deliver essential pet food and care items alongside nutritious meals, removing barriers and easing worry for both clients and their beloved companions.

In 2025, we completed **1,976 pet meal deliveries**, supporting more than **40 pets** across the Monterey Peninsula and helping preserve the cherished bonds that nurture emotional well-being and independence. This year, we also created a **Pet Memorial Wall** at our Community Center to honor the beloved animals who were part of our clients' lives and our program, celebrating the comfort and joy they brought to those we serve.



Home Delivered Meals client with her dog, who benefits from our Pet Meals Delivery program, helping them thrive and stay happy together.



[mowmp.org/petmeals](http://mowmp.org/petmeals)

Kitchen volunteer Marissa and her daughter.



# Center Stage: Our Volunteers



**The Volunteers Rock**—themed appreciation event honored the remarkable individuals who power our mission.

Volunteers are the true Rock Stars driving impact through their time, compassion, and commitment. This celebration recognized their collective achievements and the vital role they play in nourishing bodies and spirits. Special thanks to volunteer Bruce of **A Party for Your Palate** for catering wonderful food. We are deeply grateful to every volunteer who helps drive out hunger and isolation, empower independence, and bring connection and joy to neighbors throughout our community.



Staff (from left): Stephanie, Claudia, David, Mel, Anne, Tirza, Susan



Angela

Anne

Claudia

Cade

Suzie

Chase

Stephanie

## WOMEN WHO CARE



### An Evening of Impact and Inspiration

Our **Women Who Care** event was a beautiful celebration of community, compassion, and the incredible impact one woman can make. We are deeply grateful to everyone who joined us in honoring Mary Warburton Boland, whose dedication and heart continue to uplift and inspire Monterey County.

### Event Sponsors



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Chef Adolfo

# A Monthly Culinary Surprise

## CHEFS' CHOICE GROUP DINING

Our Chefs' Choice Luncheons invite diners to enjoy something truly special.

These thoughtfully crafted meals give our chefs the freedom to explore new flavors, showcase creativity, and surprise guests with dishes beyond the daily menu. 2025 Highlights included Cioppino, Salmon en Papillote, Gochujang Marinated New York Strip Steak, and Seafood Paella.



Joseph

Mary

Hellena

Gayla

Pat

Stephanie

Cory



## EVENTS

## HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR



Our Health & Wellness Fair brought the community together for a day focused on education, prevention, and connection.

**Almost 100 attendees** explored health resources, participated in wellness activities, and received screenings and information from **23 local organizations and partners**. The event strengthened community awareness, encouraged healthier lifestyles, and reinforced our commitment to supporting the overall well-being of Monterey County residents.



Become a member.



## MEMBER DINNERS

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An elevated dining experience just for our members.

Executive Chef Chase and Executive Sous Chef Adolfo delighted Meals on Wheels Community Center members with expertly crafted three- and four-course meals. These special evenings included Roasted Leg of Lamb with Mediterranean Rice Pilaf, Braised Pork Belly Capellini, Italian Lemon Cream Cake, Baklava with local honey drizzle, and Panzanella Bread Salad.



## MS. FABULOUS OPEN HOUSE

The Ms. Fabulous fundraising event was a joyful celebration of community and generosity.

Festive shopping, warm connections, and shared purpose filled the day, **raising thousands of dollars** through the One Plate, One Heart campaign. Thanks to Ms. Fabulous, Scheid Vineyards, and every supporter who participated, the annual event helped extend meals, care, and connection to neighbors across Monterey County.



## CLASSIQUE GALA

An evening of Fine Dining, stunning design, and lasting impact.

**Classique Gala** is the premier culinary and philanthropic event of the year that brings together James Beard acclaimed and Michelin-starred chefs, celebrated local designers and chefs, and passionate community supporters for a night of fine dining, exquisite wine, and immersive elegance that benefits MOWMP programs.



Tablescape from designer Tamie Aceves



Wagyu Beef Shu Mai from Chef Wenli of Knead & Fold Dumplings

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Register for  
Classique  
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Tablescape from designers Paola Murillo de Gheen and Steve Whyte

## SEN. ADAM SCHIFF VISITS GINA

U.S. Senator Adam Schiff visited Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula, where he spent time with longtime kitchen cook Gina, highlighting the people behind our programs.

Their conversation and connection was a promise made good on and a chance to underscore the vital role of local food services in communities.



From left: Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, staff driver Scott, Eve Schiff, Senator Adam Schiff, staff member Jacob, staff cook Gina, staff member Esther, staff member Mark.

# 2025. *Classique*

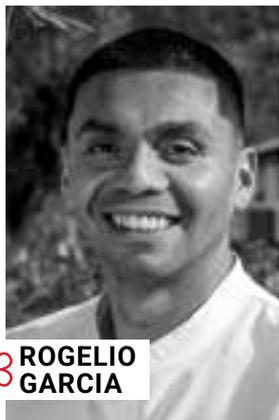
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Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula would like to extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation to the board of directors, generous sponsors, chefs, designers, auction donors, guests, and volunteers that make this event unforgettable!

## A NIGHT OF CULINARY BRILLIANCE, A FUTURE OF HOPE.

### *chefs*

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**ROGELIO GARCIA**



**JAMES TREES**



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## *to our volunteers*

Thank you for all your time, talents, and energy to keep our wheels turning for the Gala. Your dedication helped bring the event to life in service of our community.

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## AN EXQUISITE EVENING FOR AN EXCEPTIONAL CAUSE.

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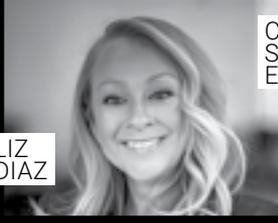
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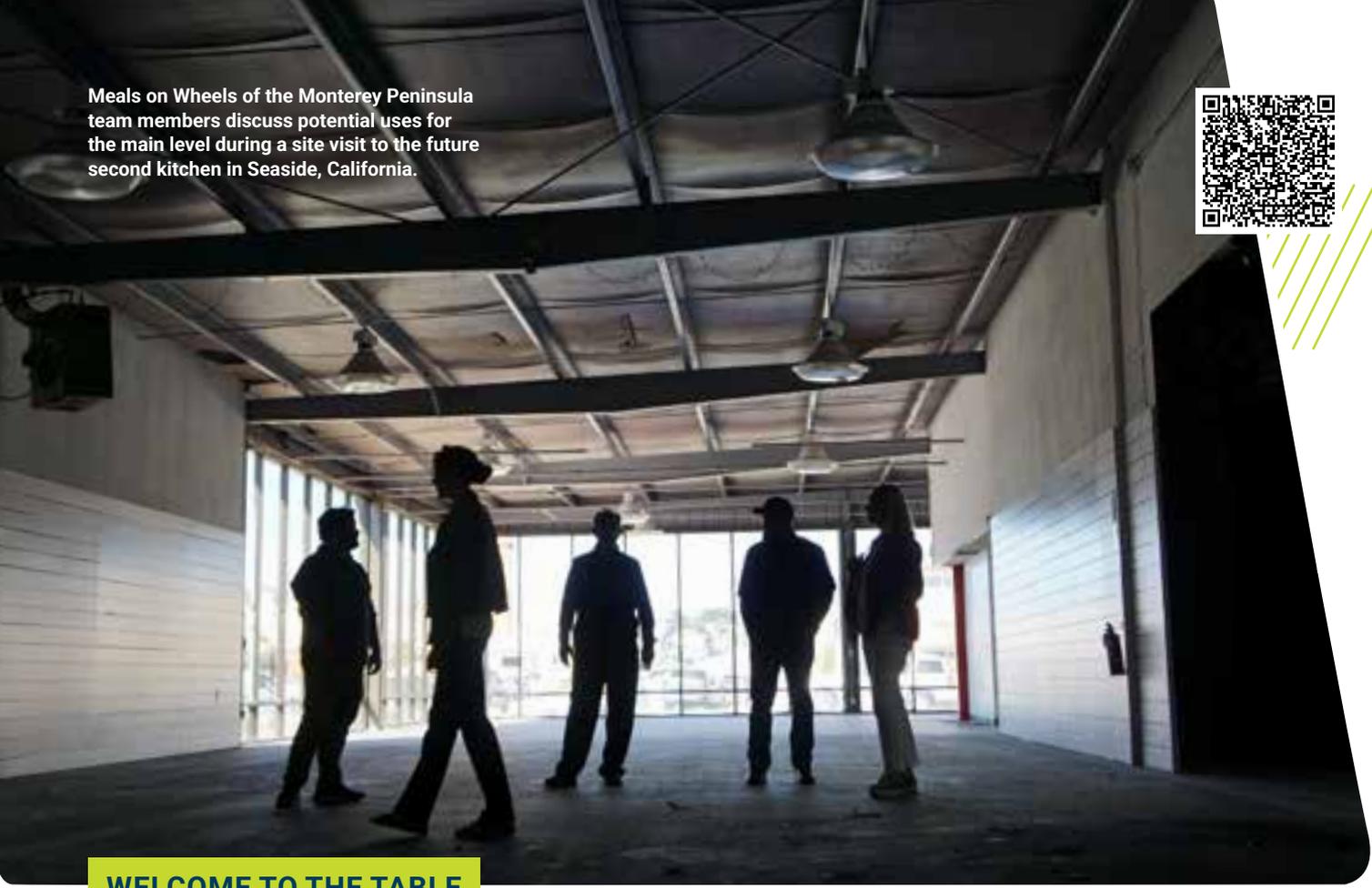
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Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula team members discuss potential uses for the main level during a site visit to the future second kitchen in Seaside, California.



**WELCOME TO THE TABLE**

# We are expanding for the future, but nothing is changing today.

**Our doors will remain open, our freshly prepared meals are going out, and we are committed to ensuring that no one in Monterey County goes hungry.**

Our recent purchase of a new building in Seaside will eventually house a commercial kitchen. This is an exciting step forward for our organization, and one that will strengthen our ability to serve seniors, veterans, and other underserved neighbors in need.



**WHEN COMPLETE, THE NEW KITCHEN WILL ALLOW US TO:**

**Increase meal production by 300% ensuring that every future client who calls for help will be served.**

**Improve meal varieties, supporting better nutrition and health outcomes.**

**Enhance operational efficiency, reducing food waste and lowering costs.**

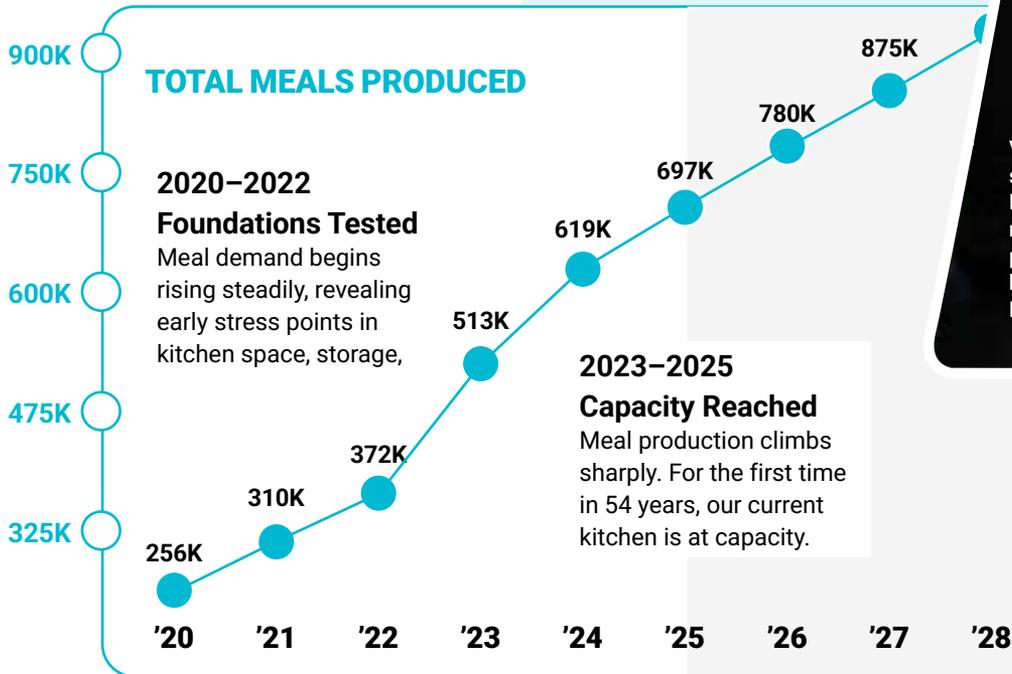
A proposed exterior concept rendering of the new Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula kitchen facility planned for Seaside, California.



**Our current kitchen has reached its capacity. Demand for meals has increased dramatically, and our current space limits how efficiently we can prepare, store, and deliver food.**

# The Need Is Growing Faster Than Our Kitchen

This infographic illustrates both actual meals produced and projected need, underscoring why expanded capacity is no longer optional—it is essential.

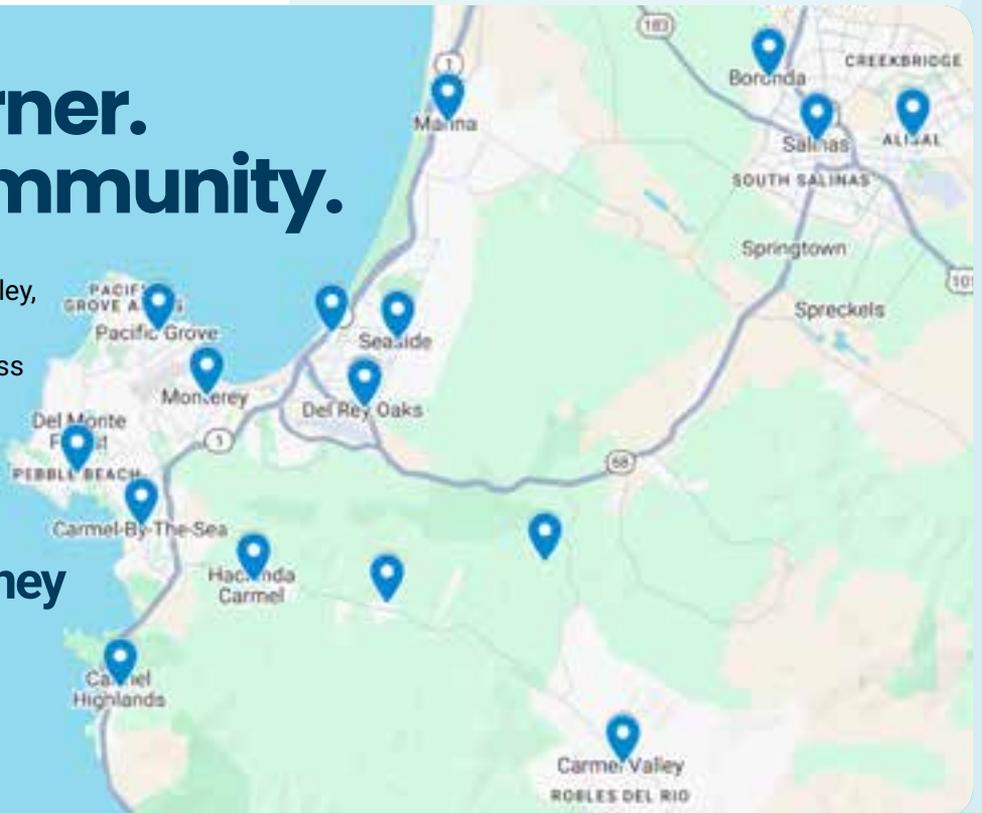


Volunteer Becky carefully seals Home Delivered Meals, helping ensure fresh, nutritious food is safely prepared and ready for homebound clients across Monterey County.

## Every Corner. Every Community.

From the Peninsula to the Salinas Valley, to Carmel Valley, we deliver nutritious meals and human connection across Monterey County—wherever the need exists.

### Follow Our Journey



# FOMOW

## Friends of Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula (FOMOW)

FOMOW brings people together to strengthen our mission through fundraising, advocacy, community outreach, and special projects.

FOMOW plays a vital role in expanding our impact supporting programs like food distribution, Market Day, community events, and Treasure Sales while building meaningful connections along the way.

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or by calling **831-375-4454**

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Staff member Sylvie and volunteer Lee share a heartfelt moment during the MOWCC Treasure Sale.



Volunteer Paula helps keep items organized during our Treasure Sale, supporting fundraising efforts for programs and services.

## Meals and Feels Nutritious Notes of Community and Compassion

Meals and Feels has continued to bring the voices, stories, and heart of Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula to the airwaves.

Airing weekly on KRML 94.7 FM every Tuesday around 2:45 p.m., the segment shares meaningful conversations that highlight our mission to nourish both body and soul. Through personal stories, community insights, and program highlights, Meals and Feels celebrates connection, compassion, and the collective impact made possible by our supporters across Monterey County.

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Operations Assistant Manager Bryce Cornish records a session for the weekly Meals and Feels audio segment at the KRML Radio Studio.



Development Director Esther Hobbs waits to record her segment at the 'Cabin in the Woods' sharing stories that reflect compassion, connection, and community.

# Stronger Together: Partnerships That Power Our Mission

As we reflect on the progress being made to address hunger and isolation across Monterey County, one thing is clear—our greatest strength comes from working together.

Through meaningful partnerships and a shared commitment to community care, we are able to extend our reach, deepen our impact, and create lasting change. By joining forces with organizations, businesses, and community leaders who believe in the same goal, we ensure that no neighbor is left without nourishment, connection, or support.



Volunteers from PG&E organizations across Monterey County come together to assemble holiday bags for homebound clients each filled with essentials and small comforts, including oral hygiene kits, treats, and stress-relief items.

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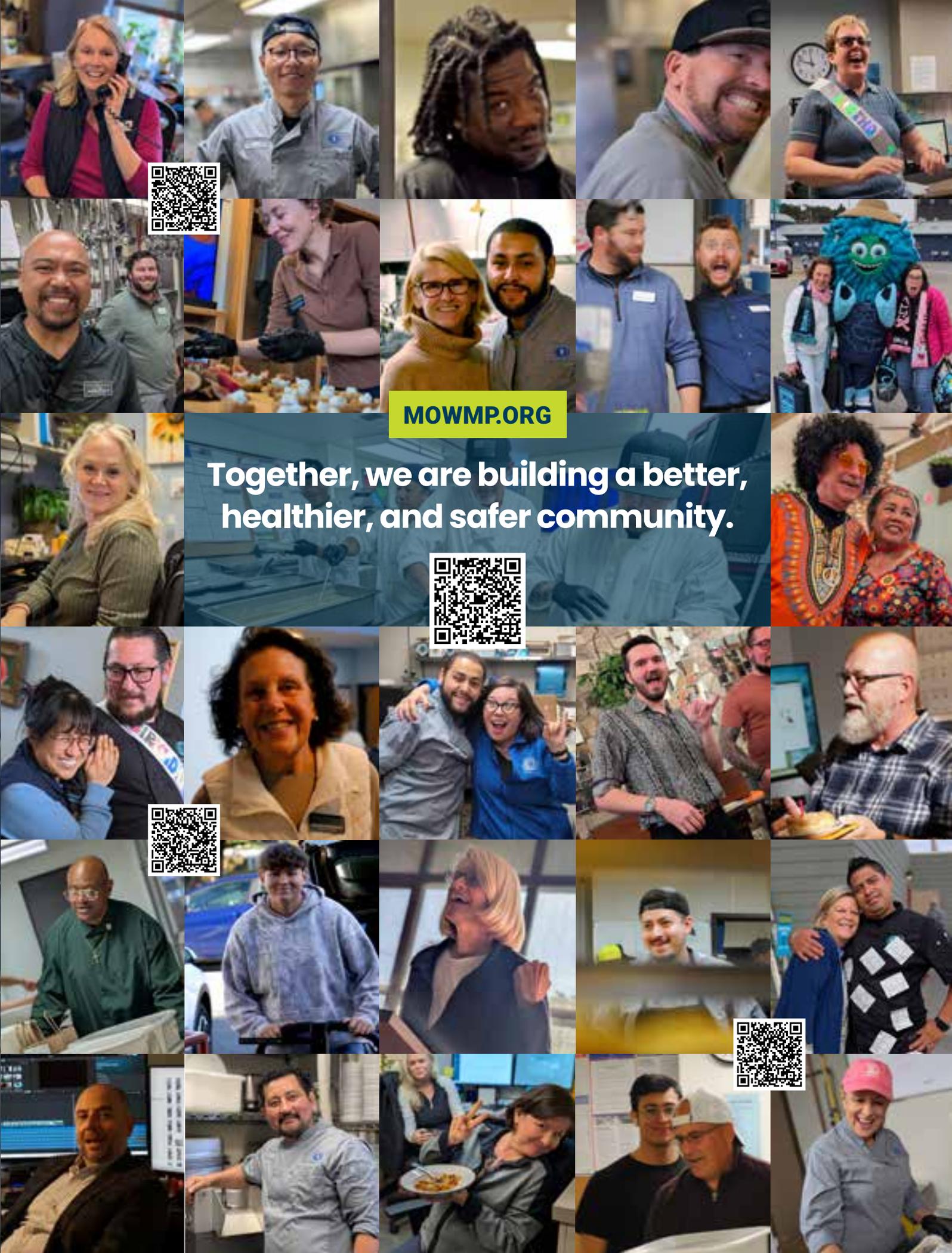


Scan or visit [mowmp.org/impact](https://mowmp.org/impact) for recognition of the individuals, families, and organizations whose generous donations fuel our programs and strengthen the community we serve.

# THANK YOU TO ALL OUR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS.

**Your commitment makes  
our mission possible.**

Because of you, seniors, adults with disabilities, veterans, and other underserved members of our community receive vital services and meaningful engagement that enhance their health, independence, and quality of life.



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Together, we are building a better, healthier, and safer community.



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