

To our business community:

This pandemic has been impacting all of us in profound ways. For us, it's certainly been all hands-on-deck at [Miriam's Kitchen](#) as we stand at the frontlines, protect our vulnerable neighbors, and respond to this community crisis.

Our guests' needs are greater than ever before. They are our neighbors, who are experiencing chronic and veteran homelessness. They are older individuals with complicating health factors and at extreme risk to COVID-19. They lack basic access to soap and water, a safe place to call home, and rely on service providers to meet daily needs. They are unable adhere to the basic protocols of washing hands, staying home, and social distancing.



Make the critical difference in your local community and [join our response to COVID-19](#).

It is evident that our mission is more critical than ever:

Our vulnerable neighbors need a place to live.

When the most vulnerable of us are safe, we all are.

[Join Miriam's Kitchen and partners like you by making a sustaining, charitable gift today.](#)

While we continue to lead strategic community initiatives, accelerate systemic change, and advocate for housing, your generous donation will provide sustaining support for critical services and ramp up our efforts in [response to COVID-19](#):

\$50,000 Accelerates Partnerships and leads our work to end chronic and veteran homelessness in Washington, DC.

\$35,000 helps provide Health & Hygiene – Being a connection, if not the only, between our vulnerable neighbors and healthcare services. As non-essential places close and Miriam's Kitchen provides our services outside, we have taken additional measures to support our community, from renting outdoor bathrooms so guests have a place to wash their hands, to monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms and connecting guests to critical care.

\$25,000 helps provide Food Security – Our mission starts with a healthy, hot meal, and Miriam's Kitchen is 1 of 7 organizations still serving hot meals to individuals facing homelessness and 1 of 2 serving dinner. It doesn't stop there – we are also delivering grocery bags of food and essential items so that our housed residents can safely shelter in place.

\$20,000 helps provide Telecommunications – Our guests don't have reliable access to communication services or critical alerts. We're securing the technology needed so we can remotely support individuals experiencing homelessness or those in our housing program.

\$15,000 helps provide Guest Flex Funds – As the situation changes day-to-day, so do the needs of our community. We're providing guests the support they need on a case-by-case basis.

Up to \$10,000 helps provide Front-line Support – Miriam's Kitchen is providing life-sustaining services. To ensure the safety of our front-line team, we are providing masks, gloves, hand sanitizers and enhancing our cleaning protocols to minimize risk to guests and staff.

Across our 37-year history, Miriam's Kitchen has kept our doors open during moments of crisis and uncertainty – we intend to keep doing so. Supporters like you have made this possible.

With great challenges, comes great opportunity. Make our mission possible, in the face of community crisis.



You will make the critical difference as we serve our most vulnerable community members. Your support will provide hope. Your support may even save lives.

We want to recognize your leadership & corporate citizenship:

MK Heart of Approval

Included in Miriam's Kitchen's [media relations](#) and communications

Logo/listed on our COVID-19 Response supporter page

Cause-marketing partnership opportunities

Employee engagement through volunteer shifts & employee giving campaigns

When we placed another guest into housing late last week, he shared that, "I want MK staff to know that being housed at this time could possibly be the difference between life and death".

During uncertain times like these, we all are reminded of our deep interdependence. Our community is counting on you.

We thank you in advance for your support, all the work you're doing to support Miriam's Kitchen's guests, our community, and your family, business, and employees. We hope to be able to celebrate your leadership during this critical time.

Gratefully,

Scott Schenkelberg, Miriam's Kitchen CEO

P.S. You can read the [latest updates](#) and [media](#) on our [response efforts](#) on our website, including [Tom Sietsema's review](#) on how Miriam's Kitchen is supporting our vulnerable community members.

Join the organizations who've already committed to spreading kindness and follow our highlights of their frontline impact at <https://miriamskitchen.org/covid-19-response/>