

COMMUNITY BUILDERS FOR MONTEREY COUNTY'S
MERRY & MINDFUL
GUIDE TO SUSTAINABLE GIFTING





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Happy Holidays Monterey County!

Community Builders for Monterey County is a 501c3 nonprofit dedicated to fostering community unity through volunteering & civic engagement.

Join us as we share & celebrate the best of Monterey County's Benefit and Charity shops!

Support local causes, celebrate holiday festivities & help keep Monterey County beautiful & healthy this season & beyond!



WHAT'S INSIDE THIS GUIDE?

Our gift to you this holiday season is a handy guide with sustainable gifting and shopping tips, information about local Nonprofit Benefit and Charity Shops, and a glimpse of what these wonderful shops offer!

Inventory Sneak Peaks!



Local Benefit Shops!



Nonprofit information!






Sustainability Tips!



HOLIDAY WASTE: DID YOU KNOW?



-  Over \$800 billion dollars worth of online purchases during the holiday season are returned - most of which ends up in landfills.
-  Holiday waste accounts for 25 million tons of garbage that goes into landfills - that's 940 pounds per household!
-  Americans increase their waste by 25% between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.

Be Merry and Mindful about sustainability this holiday season!

TIPS FOR SUSTAINABLE GIFTS



Switch to a digital holiday card or make your own card with thrifted or upcycled materials.

Reuse wrapping paper from gifts you've received or even use recycled brown paper to wrap presents. If you have basic sewing skills, you could even make fabric gift bags!



Rent a Christmas tree for you or a friend/family. Every tree reduces waste and plastic generated! rentxmastree.com

Dispose of trash and recyclables responsibly. Learn more with ReGen Monterey! regenmonterey.org/holidayrecycling



TIPS FOR SUSTAINABLE SHOPPING

Shop secondhand! Monterey County is booming with well-stocked benefit and consignment shops.



Recycle Recycle Recycle! Don't throw away your old clothes and shoes, donate them to a local benefit shop or host a clothing swap with friends and neighbors.

Tip: 85% of clothing ends up in landfills or incinerators!



 Shop locally! 

Small-scale, diverse local businesses are key to connected, successful communities!

Decreases the need for vehicle transportation - reduces carbon footprint!

Local businesses donate more per employee than corporations to community nonprofits

YELLOW BRICK ROAD

26388A Carmel Rancho Lane Carmel 93921

Open Monday-Saturday 10am-4pm



Yellow Brick Road charity resale shops have donated over \$8.3 million to scholarships and grants for local organizations meeting essential needs in Monterey County. The Main Shop, Furniture & Art, and Book Shop offer carefully curated and gently loved items, perfect for finding unique, one-of-a-kind holiday gifts!



SPCA BENEFIT SHOP

26364 Carmel Rancho Lane, Carmel 93921

Open Monday-Saturday 10-4 & Sunday 12-4

The SPCA Benefit Shop offers a unique selection of vintage and gently used items, making holiday shopping both fun and sustainable! Your support helps animals in need, including cats, dogs, horses, wildlife, and more! Be sure to pick up their pup-approved 2025 calendar in-store. Give the gift of cuteness this season!

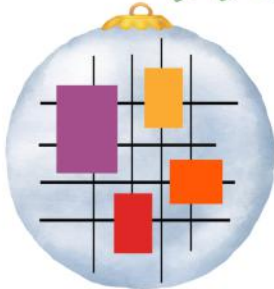


JOINING HANDS

26358 Carmel Rancho Ln. Carmel 93923

Open Monday through Saturday 10am-4pm

At the Joining Hands Benefit Shop shelves are stocked with a wide variety of treasures, including gently used and new housewares, seasonal items, books, antiques, vintage items, clothing and more! Every purchase made goes toward grants to local agencies helping the homeless in our area.



ARTWORKS @ SALINAS

262 Main Street, Salinas, CA 93906

Open Friday through Sunday 10am-2pm

Discover a unique selection of handmade arts and crafts from over 15 local artists and artisans! All proceeds go directly to the artists, with a portion supporting Arts4MC's mission to enrich the community through the power of art. Give a one of its kind gift in support of our historic arts community!



AFRP TREASURE SHOP

221 Grand Ave. Pacific Grove 93950

Open Friday-Wednesday 10am-4:30pm



The AFRP Treasure Shop offers a curated selection of unique gifts perfect for your holiday shopping! Proceeds support pet adoption, transport, and community programs. Help homeless animals find their forever home!



SPIRALS CONSIGNMENT & BENEFIT SHOP

570 Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove 93950

247 Main St. Salinas 93901

Open Tuesday-Saturday 10am-4pm

Spirals Consignment & Benefit Shop offers gently used clothing, furniture, and more for holiday gifts! Proceeds supporting Alliance on Aging's programs and advocacy for Monterey County seniors!



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY DISCOVERY SHOPS

198 Country Club Gate, Pacific Grove 93950

1534 Main St. Salinas 93906

Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm & Sunday 12pm-4pm

The American Cancer Society Shop in Pacific Grove is transforming into a festive holiday wonderland, offering decorations, gifts, and more. Proceeds supporting cancer research and patient programs! Volunteers are always welcome!



THE SALVATION ARMY SALINAS

326 N. Main St., Salinas 93901

Open Monday-Saturday 9am-8pm & Sunday 10am-6pm

Donated goods sold in The Salvation Army's Thrift Stores support addiction recovery programs. Last year they diverted 103 million pounds of items from landfills. Shop their many holiday promotions this season!



SECOND CHANCE THRIFT

105 Central Ave. Pacific Grove 93950

443 A Lighthouse Ave Monterey 93940

Open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10am-6pm

& Monday, Wednesday, Saturday 10am-5pm



Second Chance Pacific Grove offers curated collections both in-store and online, making for a festive holiday shopping experience! Your support benefits The Bridge, a local nonprofit providing housing & recovery programs for adults battling with addiction.



**LAST CHANCE
MERCANTILE**
benefitting
VETERANS TRANSITION CENTER
OF CALIFORNIA

LAST CHANCE MERCANTILE

14201 Del Monte Blvd. Corral de Tie 93908

Open Tuesday-Saturday 9am-4pm

The Last Chance Mercantile offers a wide variety of secondhand items while promoting sustainability by diverting over 700 tons of waste annually. Operated by the Veterans Transition Center of California, all sales help empower veterans through employment opportunities, and funding for programs!



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RESTORE

4230 Gigling Rd. Seaside 93955
Open Monday-Friday 10am-4pm



Seaside's Habitat for Humanity ReStore offers a wide range of materials needed for your holiday DIY projects! Revenue helps families in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties build or improve their homes, fostering strength, stability, and self-reliance for a better future!



Kindness
is like snow.
It beautifies
everything
it covers.

- Kahlil Gibran



Stay in the loop with one-day
eco projects!



Scan the QR code for upcoming events with
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Monterey County!



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