



Aidan Design Donates Kitchenette/Art Center During a Day of Service at Martha's Table



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Celebrating its 10th Anniversary, Aidan Design Gives Back to the Community on Friday, Dances on Saturday

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With the 10th anniversary of [Aidan Design](#) this month, its owners **Nadia Subaran** and **John Schmiedigen** wanted to do something special for the community that has supported them the last decade. Aidan Design, a custom kitchen firm in Bethesda, Md., decided to donate a Day of Service by designing and installing a kitchenette, handwashing station and art center at [Martha's Table](#), a Northwest DC charitable organization that provides food and education to the area's homeless.

Preparing months ago with an initial visit and measuring for cabinetry for both the kitchenette, art center and adjacent handwashing station, Aidan Design and contributing design firms began early on **Friday, October 14** to take down the existing cabinetry and install the new multi-dimensional art center, art board, handwashing station and kitchenette with second sink, microwave, blender, refrigerator and storage cubicles. The Aidan Design team included Subaran and Schmiedigen, **Richard Subaran**, **Miguel Valencia**, **Angelika Netzler** and **Hilda Richards**.

Supporting firms included **Brian and Matt Gruber** of **Gruber Renovations**, **Steve Schwab** and **Brian Keller** of **Keller Design & Build**, **Jack Hymiller** and **Jimmy Benchoff** of **J.H. Hymiller & Associates**, **Brian Arjune** and **Bruce Crutchfield** of **Caribbean Remodeling**, **Kevin Baldwin** of **Baldwin Furniture Services**, and **Wayne Kensiki** of **Stevens Plumbing**. Other volunteers included **BettyJean Bailey Schmiedigen** and **Oscar Padilla**.

Councilmember **Jack Evans** joined Aidan Design and Martha's Table staff including President and CEO **Lindsey Buss** plus some of the children who come to the center daily for ribbon and cake cutting celebrations. "This is the first new refrigerator we've had in Martha's Table history," Buss said. Martha's Table has been serving the community for 31 years. Donations included the refrigerator, microwave, two sinks and kitchenette faucet from **ABW Appliances**, the curved Cambria countertop from **Marva Marble**, fabrication and installation of the curved countertop by **Norwood**, plumbing services by Stevens Plumbing, ceramic tile at the handwashing station by **Architectural Ceramics**, and cabinetry delivery by **CDS Logistics**. Aidan Design donated cabinetry, hardware, laminate counters, mobile drying display piece, handwashing faucet, and building products.

Art supply donations came from **Nina Embrey** of **Booktopia**, the **Cornfeld** family, the **Richards** family, the **Padilla** family, and the **Schmiedigen** family.

Nadia Subaran thanked all who participated. "We're fortunate to work with such an amazing and talented group of professionals in the design industry," she said. "And we're grateful to be celebrating our 10th anniversary in business and sharing it with Martha's Table. I couldn't think of a better organization to give to than this."

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"I just want to know how you installed a kitchen in one day when it's taken my contractors months?" Evans joked. Evans and Buss both commented how much they appreciate Aidan Design's updates to the facility. While there were months of preparation beforehand to pull off the installation of the kitchenette and art center at Martha's Table in one day, Aidan Design had an army of support to make it all happen. And the children were thrilled with the new spaces.

Aidan Design also celebrated its 10-year anniversary with staff and those who donated to the Day of Service on the following day, **Saturday, October 15** at the **Royal Mile Pub** in Wheaton with the **19th Street Band**. As a continuation of its October celebrations, Aidan Design is also launching a lighting division with an industry invite-only event at its showroom, 4701 Sangamore Road, Suite 3, Bethesda, Md., on **Thursday, October 20**. The new lighting center is open to the public weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To view Nadia Subaran's interview about the Martha's Table renovations with **Natasha Barrett** on **Let's Talk Live**, go to to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BjskUth2i0>.



Sitting, Hilda Richards of Aidan Design and Brian Arjune; first row standing from left, Jimmy Benchoff, Megan Padilla, Nadia Subaran and Angelika Netzler of Aidan Design, Bruce Crutchfield, Steve Schwab and Kevin Baldwin; back row from left, Jack Hymiller, Matt Gruber, John Schmiedigen of Aidan Design, BettyJoan Bailey Schmiedigen, Richard Subaran and Miguel Valencia of Aidan Design and Brian Gruber.



Martha's Table art/reading center BEFORE updates.



Martha's Table handwashing station BEFORE updates.



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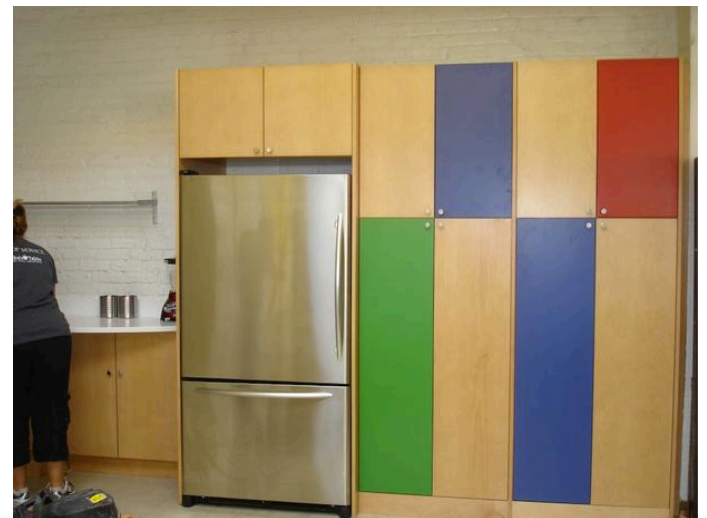
Martha's Table sink in kitchenette AFTER Aidan Design renovations.



Martha's Table kitchenette AFTER Aidan Design's renovations



Martha's Table art center and display board AFTER Aidan Design's renovations.



Martha's Table kitchenette AFTER Aidan Design's renovations.



Martha's Table handwashing station AFTER Aidan Design's renovations.



Martha's Table CEO Lindsey Bruss, far left, and Councilmember Jack Evans, far right, join the Aidan Design team and Martha's Table children and staff to celebrate Aidan Designs' donated updates.

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