

Get These Birds Moving!

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Mickaboo's birds, and the stories of the travails that brought them to Mickaboo, touch so many people who see and hear of them. They ask: "What can I do?"

Mickaboo's most urgent need is for [help to get our birds moving to forever homes](#).

- If you are a Mickaboo volunteer, consider organizing an adoption fair in your area.
- If you are a foster parent, increase the public exposure of your bird(s). Bring your foster birds to Mickaboo's adoption fairs, greet visitors, talk up your birds, and share the joy of having a feathered friend. The fairs work best with birds to enchant visitors.
- If you are considering adopting a bird, come to an adoption fair or other event where Mickaboo has a table, and meet our birdies and volunteers.

Over the past year, Mickaboo has hosted adoption events in various locations around Sacramento and the Bay Area, and has had tables at events hosted by other organizations, such as the Oakland Zoo, San Francisco Animal Care & Control, and Pet Food Express.

Our adoption fairs are meet-and-greet opportunities. Because of our careful screening, education, and preparation of potential adopters, it is usually not possible for someone to come to a Mickaboo event and go home with a bird. However, we do assist potential parents in filling out applications, sometimes provide our free, required, Bird Care class onsite at the fairs, and always give people the opportunity to see a variety of species up close.

Every type of participant at a fair can help. How? Fosters, bring more birds. Visitors, bring more questions, some friends, and your camera. Volunteers, spread the word to draw more visitors.

Mickaboo has several events this summer where we could use more visitors, more foster birds, and more volunteers, to create more hope for forever homes for our birds:

- **East Bay SPCA Annual Adopt-a-Thon, July 15, 2017**, 10 am – 2 pm, Jack London Square, Oakland
- **Mickaboo Bird Adoption Fair, July 29, 2017**, 11 am - 4 pm, Carmichael Public Library, 5605 Marconi Avenue, Carmichael
- **Nihonmachi Street Fair, August 6, 2017**, 11 am - 5 pm, 1610 Geary Boulevard, San Francisco
- **Solano Stroll, September 10, 2017**, 10 am - 5 pm, Solano and Tulare in Berkeley
- **Bay Area Pet Fair, September 16, 2017**, 10 am - 5 pm, Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton.

Foster parents, especially those who have had their birds for a long time, should consider how they can bring their birds to these events, show them to the public, and help them move on to a forever home.

Interested in helping? Contact pr@mickaboo.org to volunteer!

