Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism: Resource Guide

Ongoing

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AL

Bridge Ministries

Info/Hotline · Open

1016 19th Street S, Birmingham, AL 35205

Service Temporary

Campaigns: 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism

Updated Jun 16, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8630

AZ

K'é Infoshop / Linktree / Taalaa Hooghan Infoshop / The Red Nation Mutual Aid – Land Ownership

Volunteer Camp · Open

AZ

Web keinfoshop.org/donate/?fbclid=IwAR1z2XQCsuhLYmHVohsS4L2yL–RI9DKJU4zYc4FR5yau8FcvjY4cU4rN1Ms
Service Temporary

from the website:

From May through August 2020, we were leased a house by a large Navajo housing entity, some might say it's an authority. It was great! We had space to store, package, and deliver food and other critical items to hundreds of Diné families and thousands of relatives within Diné territory. We planted a garden, a source of comfort and peace for us, we were on a roll. Then for whatever reason, this authority decided to lick federal boots and didn't renew our lease. THEN they destroyed our Da'ah'keeh/corn field, which is like ripping a baby from its mother. We don't mind the lease not being renewed, more opportunities for us, but the destruction of the Da'ah'keeh shocked us into realizing how precarious our abilities to live autonomously are in the hands of inhuman institutions. Help us raise $75,000 to begin our first stage of a long held dream of building an off–grid commune.

We are still providing mutual aid, but have slowed down due to the size of our cozy Infoshop, which we pay rent for to a fucking oil company!

Now is probably the best shot we have at raising enough funds. Our first tier goal is $75,000 to purchase materials and tools needed to build our mobile off–grid infoshop. Second tier is $250,000 to buy back stolen land near a bordertown and restore kinship with it. The first–tier is our immediate priority to ramp up our mutual aid efforts again.

There are grants available for this, we don't want to apply for them because we must maintain our autonomy and ability to serve our relatives directly without any branding or parachuting, which are against our organizing principals. Help us continue to evolve our infoshop from a small radical community center to a model of how it may be done throughout Indigenous territories.

We are are not a non–profit but have a fiscal sponsor who can accept tax–deductible donations on our behalf by clicking this link:

COVID–19 Mutual Aid
K'é Infoshop will be partnering with the following organizations to build an autonomous yet effective distribution system to provide food and other essential items to families affected by the COVID–19 pandemic:

– Linktree of Indigenous Mutual Aid Groups
http://linktr.ee/keinfoshop

– Taalaa Hooghan Infoshop – Donation Page
http://www.indigenousaction.org/

– The Red Nation – Donation Page
http://therednation.org/

Why is the Navajo Nation hit hard by COVID–19?
Only 60% of households within the Navajo reservation have running water, the remaining 40% must haul water many miles for their families and livestock. Resource extraction and exploitation have depleted much of our direct water sources (aquifers, natural springs, rivers, lakes, etc.) and devastated our watersheds (e.g. irradiated from over 500 abandoned uranium mines). The lives, lands, and natural rights of Diné and Hopi people have been sacrificed so the capitalist economy of the Southwest U.S. may thrive. Without coal mined from Dzixl Yizhiin (Black Mesa, Arizona) by Diné and Hopi people to power the Central Arizona Project canal system, settlements known as Phoenix, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and other abominably unnatural metropolises in the Southwest would not exist.

The Navajo Nation reservation/interment camp is about 27,000 square miles in size with only 13 grocery stores to feed over 244,000 people. There are also 10 continously understaffed, underequipped, and underfunded hospitals within the Navajo Nation. Almost one–third of homes within the Navajo Nation lack electricity, internet, and cell services. Most of these same households

live on 10 gallons of water a day, whereas the average American home uses 100 gallons. The socio–economic conditions of life on a reservation exacerbates the high mortality rate of diseases among Indigenous people due to extremely limited access to clean water, unpolluted land, and fresh organic foods. The crumbling infrastructure of roads, pipes, and communication makes the situation ripe for a pandemic breakout.

All Indigenous nations have been subjected to the same abuse and immiseration created by U.S. policies to deny Indigenous people their ability to truly determine their own futures. By outsourcing our kinship to inhuman structures, we have erased any semblance of self–determination for the false promises of peace. This does not mean we are looking to "go back" to pre–contact with European settlers, we are striving to recenter our purpose of upholding healthy and dignified lives for all based on kinship with human and non–human relatives.

We demand an end to capitalism and its failures. COVID–19 is a wave of injustice & genocide for all poor, displaced, & dispossessed people.

*To understand more about the geo–politics of the Diné and Hopi, please visit this link: http://www.indigenousaction.org/geopolitics–of–the–navajo–hopi–land–dispute–zine/

How does K'é Infoshop organize?

Our organizing principals are guided by the Diné philosophy of "K'é Hasin", the presence of Kinship and Everlasting Hope. Let's not fool ourselves into romantic visions of survival, instead we must bind our futures together for total liberation. If we have to lean on our ancestors for anything, it is that they prayed for Life and not death. Not just for Diné people but for all relatives above and below the surface.

Do not grieve for the world as it was before. Be guided by the flames of hope from millions of humble people of the Earth organizing mutual aid and direct support. Don't let these fires die alone, let us bring them together to create a new dawn of revolution.

We know many of you are afraid because our futures have been held hostage by the rich and imperialist classes for so long. This uncertainty is a consequence of incessant abuse and humiliation caused by the monsters known as Capitalism, Colonialism, Racism, and Patriarchy; all four are enemies of the Diné. Slay these monsters with us!

K'é Bei Nihi Dziil – Through Kinship We Are Strong.
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Alternative Societies; Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; Environmental Sustainability; First Nations / Native Americans; Homelessness Relief Services; Indigenous Mutual Aid; New "Business" Models; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Oct 14, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10397

Brazil

Brazilian Solidarity Economy Map of Socially Responsible Businesses/Enterprises

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.fbes.org.br/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=3748&Itemid=215&033e956d9f852cd72810941d7e818a97=5c69e487f34e0d5cf61788331979452e&Q3_0=33&Q3=3304557&distmax=0&formato=mapa&busca=&busca_nome=&farejar=Farejar!
Service Temporary

Over 20,000 businesses and enterprises mapped.

from the site:

O FBES, Fórum Brasileiro de Economia Solidária, está organizado em todo o país em mais de 160 Fóruns Municipais, Microrregionais e Estaduais, envolvendo diretamente mais de 3.000 empreendimentos de economia solidária, 500 entidades de assessoria, 12 governos estaduais e 200 municípios pela Rede de Gestores em Economia Solidária.

O FBES é fruto do processo histórico que culminou no I Fórum Social Mundial (I FSM), que contou com a participação de 16 mil pessoas vindas de 117 países, nos dias 25 a 30 de janeiro de 2001. Dentre as diversas oficinas, que promoviam debates e reflexões, 1.500 participantes acotovelam–se na oficina denominada "Economia Popular Solidária e Autogestão" onde se tratava da auto–organização dos/as trabalhadores/as, políticas públicas e das perspectivas econômicas e sociais de trabalho e renda.
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Jul 16, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9720

CA

Downtown Women's Center

Shelter · Open

442 S. San Pedro Street, Los Angelas, CA 90013
Phone (213) 680–0600
Web downtownwomenscenter.org
Service Permanent

https://downtownwomenscenter.org/donate-goods/?utm_source=chatgpt.com

our in-kind donations help us create a safe, comfortable community for women experiencing homelessness across Los Angeles. Please review our guidelines below and schedule your donation drop-off.
Please note that we cannot accept unscheduled deliveries!

SCHEDULE YOUR DONATION APPOINTMENT
guidelines and current needs
donation drives
our wish list
vehicle donations
donation faqs
help from home kits

Questions? Please contact DonateGoods@downtownwomenscenter.org

CURRENT NEEDS
The Downtown Women's Center is currently seeking the following essential/most requested items needed to support those in our immediate community affected by the fires:
https://downtownwomenscenter.org/donate-goods/?utm_source=chatgpt.com
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OTHER WAYS TO DONATE GOODS
DONATION DRIVES: If you are interested in organizing a donation drive, promotion, or fundraiser to benefit the Downtown Women's Center,
please contact Events@DowntownWomensCenter.org or fill out our fundraiser form.

HELP FROM HOME KITS: If you are interested in assembling kits that support our daily programming, please review the instructions online.
Please contact GroupVolunteerEvents@downtownwomenscenter.org with questions.

SEE FAQ
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https://downtownwomenscenter.org/volunteer/
Our organization was founded by a volunteer, Jill Halverson, and our efforts have been defined by generations of extraordinary volunteers since 1978.

Volunteer opportunities can be performed individually or in groups.

INDIVIDUAL
GROUP

**Services offered:** Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Volunteer; Assistance, Referrals, Employment & Job Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Job Placement; Communications, Telephones, Phones; Community Outreach Programs; Counseling, Career Counseling; Counseling, Crisis Counseling; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Counseling, Trauma Counseling Services; Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Homeless, Women and Gender Diverse; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Supplies, Regional Distribution; Facilities: Laundry Facilities (For Disaster Survivors); Facilities: Shower Facilities * (ANY/ALL Types); Facility: Job Center; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Jobs, Paying; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services, Daycare, Adult / Senior Daycare Services; Services, Employment, Job Assistance, for "at-risk" Job Applicants; Services, Social Services, General Social Services; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Women Friendly Spaces / Centers in a Shelter / Camp Setting; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Solidarity; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Advocacy; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Communication Skills; Training Classes, Financial Literacy; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Resume Writing, Interview Skills; Training Classes, Volunteer Orientation & Training; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities; Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online
**Campaigns:** 2025 California Wildfires; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty
Updated Jan 15, 2025 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10699

## Octavia's Bookshelf [mutual aid, food and supplies]

Volunteer Camp · Open

1353 N. Hill Ave, Pasadena, CA

**Phone** (626) 421-6222
**Web** www.octaviasbookshelf.com
**Service** Temporary

Octavia's Bookshelf has mounted a "mutual aid pitstop" with food and supplies.
Address: 1353 N. Hill Ave, Pasadena, CA 91104

source: https://www.lahsa.org/news?article=1014-resources-to-support-those-during-the-l-a-fires
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Services offered: Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Mutual Aid
Campaigns: 2025 California Wildfires; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Jan 19, 2025 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10703

Cuba

Give to Cuba [Direct Mutual Aid]

Donor · Open

Web www.givetocuba.org
Service Temporary

from the website:

Your monetary contribution will go towards purchasing food, medicine and personal hygiene for Cuban families on the island. In addition, these donations will also help cover the cost of sending these items to Cuba via air as well as maritime transfers. Donations can also be used to recharge mobile phones and share VPN access with Cubans on the island. Your support will help amplify and connect the voices of the Cuban people through greater access to technology.
Campaigns: 2022 Hurricane Ian; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Sep 30, 2022 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10530

Mutual Aid groups responding to Hurricane Ian in Cuba

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.thecut.com/2022/09/how-to-help-those-impacted-by-hurricane-ian.html
Service Temporary

see live links for these groups at the above link

Global Giving is accepting donations to provide food, emergency supplies, and more throughout Cuba and Florida.

Roots of Hope, a nonprofit Cuban youth organization, is collecting donations to help Cuban families.

The People's Forum, an NYC movement incubator for working-class and marginalized communities, is collecting donations for Cuba.

Direct Relief has sent emergency and medial supplies to Cuba and Florida. They are accepting donations.
Campaigns: 2022 Hurricane Ian; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Sep 30, 2022 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10529

DC

Migrant Solidarity Mutual Aid Network [Washington DC]

Volunteer Camp · Open

DC
Web linktr.ee/dctxsolidarity22
Service Temporary

caring for Migrants and advocating for Migrant rights
incl those bussed to Washington DC

Services offered: Mutual Aid; Volunteers, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 29, 2022 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10546

Sanctuary DMV [Migrant solidarity network / rights advocacy / ICE detention fund]

Volunteer Camp · Open

DC
Web t.co/ftZopz3eGn
Service Temporary

Migrant rights advocacy
Migrant support
ICE detention fund

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant, Legal Services; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression
Updated Dec 29, 2022 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10547

FL

Stepping Stone Cottages, The [housing, financial literacy, etc]

Shelter · Open

REDDICK, FL

Phone (352) 591–3339
Web yourfamiliesfuture.org/stepping–stone–cottages
Service Temporary

from the website:

The Stepping Stone Cottages is a program where families can get back on their feet and prosper. It is a 2 to 3 yr program where the families are taught success principles, investment strategies, career training, family values, and being spiritually connected. They are taught saving strategies, how to take a percentage of their monthly rent and put it into an investment fund they can use at the end of the program for the down payment on a home of their choice, be it a house, camper or tiny home. This is a program that empowers families to succeed. All participants must be drug free.

These programs focus on empowering lives instead of impoverishing them.

** The Stepping Stone Cottage houses (SSCH) are independently owned and operated. Fostering Your Families Future and (SSCH) are separate entities and, as such, although they may share clientele from time to time, their finances and bookkeeping are separate.

Programs required for Stepping Stone Cottage participants
In the Three year Program families have the opportunity to participate in the classes listed below. This will assist them with the tools that will benefit them into achieving home ownership.

Family Skills:

a. Communication skills

b. Parenting

c. Homemaking

d. Budgeting

e. Home Management

Career Placement

Classes on debt reduction

Credit Repair

Investing and Real Estate

Interviewing

Career counseling

Computer literacy

Foxfire class: based on Foxfire books (self sufficiency)

Entrepreneurial Education

a. Variety of empowering courses available

b. Platform Speaking

c. Asset Protection

d. Self Improvement Course

e. Financial Self Sufficiency

f. Wealth Building Seminars

g. Success Psychology

h. Communication Skills

All programs will be accessible to the handicapped including the deaf and blind.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Previously incarcerated; Education, Traditional Ways; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Transitional Housing; New "business models", housing; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Financial Literacy; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Trainin, Social Awareness
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross

Inequity; New "Business" Models
Updated Nov 14, 2022 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10541

Your Families Future [training/life skills]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Reddick, FL
Phone (352) 591–3339
Web yourfamiliesfuture.org
Service Temporary

from the website:

"POSITIVELY EFFECTING GENERATIONS TO COME

Fostering Your Families Future, a 501 (c)3 , empowers people through education, hands on training, and life skill workshops, to help families succeed and thrive in life, giving them the knowledge and experience necessary to prosper throughout their lives. Fostering Futures is a program that has a profoundly positive effect on our future generations. "

Services offered: Training ∗ (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Communication Skills; Training Classes, Financial Literacy; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Social Change Initiative
Updated Nov 14, 2022 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10542

GA

Stop Cop City [defend the Weelaunee forest, stop militarization of police]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Atlanta, GA
Web www.stopcopcitysolidarity.org
Service Temporary

from the website:

The Atlanta Police Foundation, corporations, and local officials are trying to destroy hundreds of acres of the Weelaunee Forest to build a massive police training compound. The compound would train cops from around the world in militarized police tactics.

On January 18th, police murdered forest defender Tortuguita who had been organizing tirelessly to #StopCopCity.

Cop City must be stopped.

Services offered: Advocacy, ∗ (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Wildlife; Advocacy, Social Justice; Education, Cultural; Education, Food Soveriegnty; Education, Soveriegnty; Education, Traditional Ways; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Training ∗ (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction)
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Gross Inequity; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; Environmental Sustainability; New "Business" Models
Updated Mar 17, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10562

HI

Mauna Medic Healers Hui [Mutual Aid]

Medical Facility · Open

Mauna Kea Access Road, Hilo, HI
Web www.facebook.com/MaunaMedicHealersHui
Service Temporary

source: https://www.democracynow.org/2023/8/11/noelani_ahia_maui_wildfires

"Noelani Ahia, a Kānaka Maoli activist, longtime organizer in Lahaina Town. She's also the co–founder of the organization Mauna Medic Healers Hui and is involved in mutual aid efforts as the community responds to the devastation.

We've got medics, food distribution. We're working on organizing housing for people.

So we're finding some unique ways to get resources to people. Folks have been taking boats around from the other side of the island in order to get resources in. And we've been using whatever methods we can to get the needs of the people met. But it's a beautiful effort. The people on the ground are so strong and so resilient and so ready to jump in to help one another. We say, "Aloha kekahi i kekahi." That means "Love going out, love coming back." And one of my good friends said today, "Your disaster emergency kit must include community." Community is first. And that's really what it's about, is taking care of each other."

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Short–Term Housing Referrals; Boat; Boat 16'; Boat Operator, Volunteer; Distribution ∗ (ANY/ALL Types); Facility: Food, Emergency Food

Center; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); LOAN ONLY, Boat; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Medical, Facility, Clinic, Free Clinic; Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); Mutual Aid; Trailer, Boat Trailer; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2023 Lahaina Wildfires; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Aug 13, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10582

Hawai'i Community Foundation

Donor · Open

827 Fort Street Mall, Honolulu, HI 96813
Phone (808) 566-5560
Web hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/maui-strong
Service Temporary

The Maui Strong Fund is providing resources that can be deployed quickly, with a focus on rapid response and recovery for the devastating wildfires on Maui.

HCF will not be collecting a fee for donations to the Maui Strong Fund; 100 percent of the funds will be distributed for community needs.

Please consult the following links for more information. If you still have questions, contact Donor Services at donorservices@hcf-hawaii.org or (808) 566-5560.

Services offered: Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2023 Lahaina Wildfires; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Aug 13, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10584

Ku'ia Agricultural Education Center & Hawaii Farmers Union

Walk-in Resource · Open

Community Center: Na Aikane O Maui. 562 Front Street Lahaina , Hawaii 96761; Farm: ahupua'a of Ku'ia on Legacy Lands of Keli'i Kulani, Lahaina, HI
Web www.ksbe.edu/ainaulu
Service Temporary

mauiboi83 at gmail dot com

Community Center
https://hfuuhi.org/chapters/maui-lahaina-chapter/

Chapter Notes: Lahaina chapter is on Maui's west side.
Meeting Schedule: Last Monday of each month.
Meeting Time: Doors open at 5:30pm. Pre-meal pule begins around 6pm followed by member announcements. The meetings typically conclude before 8pm.
Meeting Location: Na Aikane O Maui. 562 Front Street Lahaina , Hawaii 96761

Interview with the founder:

My name is Kaipo Kekona, I'm 38 years old. I was born and raised here on Maui in Lāhainā. I now manage a 12.5 acre farm site known as Ku'ia Agricultural Education Center in the ahupua'a of Ku'ia on Legacy Lands of Keli'i Kulani. Part of our mission for our site there is to not only reclaim space as a native historical food property, but also introduce to our community the practices that would encourage a healthier food system and soils for us to be maintaining in our community. We also hope to fulfill demands in our schools and our senior citizen centers and housing. That's what we want to be able to provide. We also have put aside spaces for people in our community that share an interest to begin a farming spot there, and we make this all possible through a collaboration with the Hawai'i Farmer's Union United, with their foundation, 501c3 nonprofit arm, and Kamehameha Schools, the owners of the property where we are located. I am the Chair of the Lāhainā Chapter with the Hawai'i Farmer's Union United.

I also serve as Po'o for the Aha Moku Ka'anapali Council for the district of Ka'anapali Moku that goes from Pu'u Keka'a to Makamaka'ole. In this position, we advocate for generational resource management practices, and in that manner, we identify different resources methods that we need to consider, implementing more traditional management practices. I also donate my time here at Na ʻAikane o Maui's Cultural Center. That's my own little side passion; I am a father of four children as well.

Going back a year ago, to pre-COVID times, can you walk me through what was happening and share a little about your experience as the pandemic unfolded?

So for us, back when life was what life was before COVID, (I'll never be able to say life is regular), but when life was what it was, as far as what I do with ag and culture and traditions we always felt like we were on that tipping point where you're either gonna move forward and save it and restore, (I'm not even sure restore is the proper word) or fall the other way and lose it all. That was life in itself. The more we decided to just stay in the path that we were in, the more we would continue to lose. So, we always were trying to make the effort of consciously choosing our path. I think we're all on a path that we don't pay much attention to, and then when we do pay attention, we realize really quickly, that we want to get off of that path.

So, I've been farming before COVID, and I found myself in the agricultural department or industry since I was in high school, picking pineapples and working on farms on the Big Island when I stayed there for about two years. Always farming and always

with the same mission to try and learn how to grow good, healthy food and feed our community. I got the opportunity to farm at Ku'ia, we made those efforts and we were working with the schools and doing large–scale volunteer programs.

We utilize organic growing practices, you know, regenerative farming practices, taking the effort to collect indigenous microbes and put that back into the soil to help facilitate that healing process for our soils before planting. That's what we were doing; that's what our mission was. And then COVID hit.

Bouncing back, we're taking in all those old sayings that you hear when you're a kid growing up, you know, "it's not about how you fall, it's about how you get up."
Mind you, we also went through a few natural disasters in this short timeframe as well. Hurricane Lane came through in 2018 and we had a huge fire in the middle of the night. We lost a lot of acreage and our farm got totally scorched and burned away and we were only a year in. Bouncing back, we're taking in all those old sayings that you hear when you're a kid growing up, you know, "it's not about how you fall, it's about how you get up." I mean, we couldn't give up, this was a challenge, so we'd go at it again.

Then in March 2020, COVID struck. We stopped all our programs, obviously. Now our farm is down to being operated by just three of us with no volunteer help. Volunteers are our big thing. I don't even like calling them volunteers, It's everyone's farm at that point because you come and work on it and it's designed to be for our community. So, if you're from a community and you're working on that farm, it's no longer the educational site, it's your farm. When people show up to work with us, it's a big difference. It's a big help and we lost a lot of that. So, we found ourselves trying to find avenues where we could still fit in. We appreciate being with, helping, and working with our community. When that was taken away, we were like, well, what are we going to do for our community? They're always there for us. How are we going to be there for them, even more now?

Na 'Aikane at Maui Cultural Center in Lāhainā, photographed by Angie Diaz
Na 'Aikane at Maui Cultural Center in Lāhainā, photographed by Angie Diaz

A lot of our farmers didn't know what to do with the excess food that they had while at the same time adjusting to the loss of income.
So, we started working with Na 'Aikane at Maui Cultural Center and they had a program going with QLCC, Queen Lili'uokalani Trust. And they were doing CSA boxes and we were gathering produce through different farms and stores, and distributing boxes to our community. So, I took on from Honokōwai to Honokōhau, and distributed boxes throughout that area. We did that for about six months, just that program. That was one adjustment. We also found other collaborations, because that we had this need to support and keep our local farmers going. A lot of farmers were growing crops for an industry that was no longer present– the "tourist industry."

When that wasn't there, a lot of our farmers didn't know what to do with the excess food that they had while at the same time adjusting to the loss of income. That was another thing that we had to consider and figure out is– how are we going to help those guys stay afloat? Luckily for us, we already have a strong backing and support with Kamehameha Schools and HFUU. So that's how we're able to stay there. Between our two organizations, we have a foundation to stand on that will keep us going for a little while, you know, a few years more,

We definitely are working on financial profile expansions. Our farm will take a while to be able to produce so much to sustain itself. So, we needed to find sources to help us sustain ourselves as we develop our farm. So, we have that, but our other farmers don't have it. And that's a big difference already. When we did that, we found Yayoi Hara. She is the daughter of Reverend Hara in Lāhainā's Jodo Mission, and she had a passion to open up a farmer's market during this time. She came to us to find support in helping her promote it, get in touch with farmers, recruitment, and all that kind of stuff. So, we partnered up with her in providing a farmer's market that we still are operating now, every second and last Thursday of the month.

With our Hawai'i Farmer's Union Foundation, we went out and got some other emergency grants available through the CARES Act funds program. And we got one through OHA and one through the Maui County Strong Fund. We catered to our first responders with programs that we manage at our farmer's market. We said, "Hey, with this money, let's make a win–win situation here. Let's cater to our community that is in need and stretched thin, and let's also cater to our farmers which are stretched thin as well." We developed a program where we made scrips, for the people in this program to go and buy any fresh produce out of our market, which really helped our farmers a lot too.

I'm finding that the farmers that we do have are really strapped and don't have the time available to be a part of an organization, you know?
lahaina farm–17_websize.jpg
Ku'ia Agricultural Education Center photographed by Angie Diaz
I had no idea that you were doing so much it's really incredible. That farmer's market is amazing! You talked about some of the vulnerabilities: that turning point for farmers who had crops that were for the hotels and the need to pivot to find a market, and Lāhainā had a need for a venue to sell fresh local food. Are there other food system vulnerabilities that were exposed to you during this time?

One thing that I want to mention is our community's dependence on imports. Being in the Farmer's Union for quite some time now and trying to develop a Lāhainā Chapter, I'm finding that the farmers that we do have are really strapped and don't have the time available to be a part of an organization, you know? Also, there's not much other farming that's specifically catering to the local community, although we have a lot of good gardens going.

When that shut down came, I started watching the stores. Our grocery sections, our vegetable section started to shrink. You'd see a table disappear. Then they narrow it down a little, consolidate, make it more clean and nice, and then another table disappeared. I started thinking, oh, it's only a matter of time before the cost is going to go up really high and it's going to get desperate in town. I'm starting to think for the worst of it, of course, but we held through so far and it seems like we're picking up a lot quicker than everybody predicted we would, back into a regular norm, depending on the system.

I've seen pictures on social media of Lāhainā Safeway with empty shelves right now because of the influx in tourism.

Right. So what happened is that the stores had to adjust because the demand had shrunken.

Kaipo, as I'm talking to you, I'm thinking about the land that you're on and what I know about the history of agriculture in Lāhainā. You mentioned that historically it was farmland and I'm curious if that refers to the history of sugar production in the region.

Historically where we are, we've done a lot of research to try and figure out where we were and who we are and what we're gonna do. And we identified our space in Lāhainā to be known as Ka Malu 'Ulu O Lele. That's history not taught in school. And Ka Malu 'Ulu O Lele is the name of a large food forest system that took place in our area, in the moku of Lāhainā. And it extended from Launiupoko to just past Māla, and up to around 500 to 700 foot elevation. There's a total of roughly about 10 and a half square miles.

You can find all kinds of beautiful stories about it from both native and foreign testimonies. Newspaper articles and stories that tell about what was present in the time and what people observed. So, we teach that at our farm site, the sense of place, as well as to our farmers, to be well familiar with the area that you farm in. A lot of the things that we noticed with farms, as far as the general farm goes, even if they do organic practices and their best health practices for soil rejuvenation and erosion and all those things, they cover–crop the best they can. However their site doesn't go beyond their farm parameters. At our site, when you come, we speak to that subject. Know your watershed, know your streams, know all of those things that are vital pieces to sustain your farm and those are all identified in the historical properties of our area.

Know your watershed, know your streams, know all of those things that are vital pieces to sustain your farm
That's as light as we'll go on the historical concept of your question. And then as far as the mill goes, the mill came in and, that's another history line, but to remove the food forest system, (I'm sticking to ag), they did three major burnings in the food system. That food system didn't just provide food. It provided the material for housing, provided the material for clothing, and medicine. I'd like to use a fancy word for it, "expressive art" where you get to use dyes and colors from plants that was all found in this food forest system, along with the food provided, you know, the sweet potatoes, the kalo, the ulu, and all the different bananas. All of that is referenced in these logs that we were reading and it kind of gave us the vision for our farming, which wasn't difficult at that point. So, we moved forward.

Ku'ia Agricultural Education Center photographed by Angie Diaz
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You know what else we noticed? People who have farmland and have water, but don't have the time to farm because of the demand of our living on the islands. The cost of living is so high that a farmer cannot sustain himself unless you are fortunate enough to live on your farm.
When I think of West Maui agriculture today, it seems like a food desert. On top of that, you've got all these tourist mouths to feed and empty grocery store shelves.

As I mentioned earlier, the stores started cutting back and they had to adjust to demand. There wasn't the same demand that was present before the pandemic. Food was going bad and getting old, things that we didn't care to eat in our communities weren't moving off the shelf. One of the products that stuck around on the shelves, in the beginning, was yogurt. Maybe our local community doesn't eat much yogurt? I eat yogurt and my mom and dad eat yogurt, but I don't know. A lot of my friends I grew up with, did not eat yogurt. So we saw that get cut back during the travel restrictions. Now that the visitor rise is in, the demand for yogurt is back and it's gone. All the things that were definitely a higher demand from the tourist industry are wiped clean. I provide food, I grow food, so I'm really paying attention to food.

You know what else we noticed? People who have farmland and have water, but don't have the time to farm because of the demand of our living on the islands. The cost of living is so high that a farmer cannot sustain himself unless you are fortunate enough to live on your farm. That might make some changes, you know?

source: https://www.feedinghawaii.org/talkstory/kaipo–kekona

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Community Service Program; Events, Community Meetings; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Mutual Aid
Campaigns: Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Indigenous Mutual Aid; New "Business" Models; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Unions
Updated Sep 15, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10617

Nā ʻOhana o Lele Lāhainā [mutual aid]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Lāhainā, HI

Web naohanaolele.org
Service Temporary

tiarelawrence at gmail [dot] com

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Lāhainā, Maui. August 18, 2023 – Nā ʻOhana o Lele, a coalition of community members in Lāhainā, today called on Governor Josh Green to meet three demands for the recovery of the community.

The demands are:

Give our Lāhainā community time to grieve. The fire occurred only 10 days ago, and many people are still in shock and mourning. The governor should not rush to rebuild the community without first giving people time to heal, especially without including the community itself in the planning.

Put the community first in any planning process for rebuilding Lāhainā. The governor should work with the community to develop a plan that meets the needs of the people. Fast–tracked development cannot come at the cost of community control.

Amend the Emergency Proclamation to ensure that Chapter 92 Sunshine Law remains in full force. This law guarantees the public's right to know about government decision–making and the discussions and information used in that process. The governor should ensure that all decisions about the rebuilding of Lāhainā are made in the open and with full participation of the Lāhainā community.

"Our diverse Lāhainā community stands together, strong and resilient," said Keʻeaumoku Kapu, a spokesperson for Nā ʻOhana o Lele. "But we need time to heal and to come together. We also need to be involved in the planning process for rebuilding our community. We ask that the governor meet our demands and work with us to create a better future for Lāhainā. Come talk to us."

Nā ʻOhana o Lele is a coalition of community members who have been taking action on many fronts to care for their beloved ʻohana, friends, and community. The coalition includes residents who have the support of a wide array of individuals, organizations, and institutions.

For more, follow @kakoo_haleakala & @lahaina_ohana_venmo. #KeepLahainaInLahainaHands #MauiStrong #LahainaStrong #MauiOla

Services offered: Mutual Aid
Campaigns: 2023 Lahaina Wildfires; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Sep 15, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10616

Oahu Lahaina Wildfire Response

Volunteer Camp · Open

Oahu, HI

Phone 808–649–1691 [text preferred]
Web www.google.com/url?q=http://bit.ly/oahuformaui&sa=D&source=editors&ust=1691913307552402&usg=AOvVaw2ROCkK4fUJ0vQBkgdPi1OY
Service Temporary

See link above for mutual aid resources.
Campaigns: 2023 Lahaina Wildfires; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Hawaii Progress Action Mutual Aid
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Food/Donation Drop Off Locations, Lahaina Wildfire

Supply POD · Open

various, see notes, HI

Service Temporary

Additional Drop–Off Locations:

Sparky's Restaurant, 385 Hoohana St., Suite 5C, Kahului
Hoʻomana Barbell, 1826 Koahu St., Wailuku
Pāʻia Bay Coffee Bar, 120 Hāna Hwy., Pāʻia
Hi–Tech Store, 425 Koloa St., Kahului
Maluhia Collective, 1960 Main St., Wailuku
Boba Bar Pāʻia, 2 Baldwin Ave., Pāʻia
Anytime Fitness Pukalani, 24 Kiopaʻa St., Makawao
Lumeria Maui, 1814 Baldwin Ave., Makawao

source: https://www.hawaiimagazine.com/how–you–can–donate–and–help–support–maui–communities–right–now/
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Aug 13, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10585

Common Ground Collective

Volunteer Camp · Open

HI

Web www.commongroundcollective.com
Service Temporary

(808) 856-0906 · cgcmaui at gmail.com · linktr.ee/cgcmaui

See Lahaina Wildfire response page for this group: https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10597
Campaigns: 2023 Lahaina Wildfires; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Aug 13, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10598

Common Ground Collective Lahaina Wildfire Food/Meals distro unit [looking for volunteers & farms needing harvesting]

Volunteer Camp · Open

HI

Web docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdmzBm3qeUqVZCBgs4R0NN9RaBvUIrvSygcRO5aWQrnVMSEmw/viewform
Service Temporary

Services offered: Distribution, Distribution Center, Volunteer; Distribution, Mobile Distribution of Disaster Relief Supplies, Volunteer; Farm Worker, Volunteer; Food Distribution, Local, Volunteer; Gleaning, Volunteers; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2023 Lahaina Wildfires; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Hawaii Progress Action Mutual Aid
Updated Aug 13, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10597

Hawaii Mutual Aid Groups

Info/Hotline · Open

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Web www.hapahi.org/blog/supportmaui
Service Temporary

Support Maui – Help & Resources
Maui Mutual Aid Resources & Guide
Written by: Nanea Lo, HAPA Administrative & Programs Coordinator

HAPA ʻOhana x Community our Maui ʻOhana need our help! As all of you have become aware Maui was set ablaze by wildfires — worsened by decades of global fossil fuel burning and local political land use decisions on Maui. In case you haven't seen the news much of Maui caught fire in the beginning of this week and burned overnight, taking all of historic Lāhainā town, which is the original capital and seat of the Hawaiian Kingdom. History and homes and so many parts of our culture forever burned to the ground.

Our focus right now is getting relief to the people who need it most, while we strategize to rebuild for the long haul.

Follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter to spread the word & updates.

If you're wondering how to help, here are some vetted community partners and resources that you can contribute to:
Maui Mutual Aid Resources:
PLEASE READ: Below are two Mutual Aid Resource Guides created by community organizations and partners.

MAUI MUTUAL AID RESOURCE GUIDE
MAUI FIRES RELIEF DOC
Donate here:
PLEASE READ: If you're wondering how to help, here are some vetted community partners and resources that you can contribute to:

Hawaiʻi People's Fund: https://hawaiipeoplesfund.networkforgood.com/projects/200566-maui-aloha-the-people-s-response-fund
ʻĀina Momona: https://secure.actblue.com/donate/kokuamaui
Council of Native Hawaiian Advancement, Alaka'ina and Kakoʻo Haleākalā: https://www.memberplanet.com/campaign/cnhamembers/kakoomaui
Hawaiʻi Community Foundation Maui Strong Disaster Relief: https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/maui-strong
Maui Food Bank: https://mauifoodbank.org
Maui Humane Society: https://www.mauihumanesociety.org/donate-olx/?formID=mainButton
Maui Mutual Aid: https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=Y7J26SYUJFQU8&fbclid=IwAR1DOrh7OKiSxLsOmCLso8Z6nP8MMbj0XZ5Dna30S74RR82TtZB7dphr2p4
Maui Red Cross (Indicate Local Red Cross): https://www.redcross.org/donate/donation.html/
Punanaleo o Lahaina: https://tr.ee/PJ8dBSI72U
Salvation Army: https://fundraise.salvationarmyhawaii.org/give/508257/
Maui Fires Relief – Direct ʻOhana Donation
PLEASE READ: This is a google spreadsheet of all the Maui ʻOhana where you can donate directly to via venmo, gofundme, etc. created by community organizations and partners. To be added to this list please contact via ig – gwubby, kennareed, kennanananananana, samanthaeeyo, and ssamakaio.

MAUI FIRES RELIEF – ʻOHANA DONATION DOC
Maui Disaster Response & Recovery Support Form
PLEASE READ: If you are a business, individual, or organization that would like to help in other ways, please fill this form below

to help us match the needs and offers that are coming in on the islands and beyond. This form was made by Maui Rapid Response – instagram – mauirapidresponse.

MAUI DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY SUPPORT FORM
Maui Fires People Locator
PLEASE READ: If you are looking/missing a loved one please check the list before commenting a name– adding names takes time and we want to make sure we're focusing our efforts to be more effective. – Maui Fire, Flood and Disaster Relief Group

MAUI FIRES PEOPLE LOCATOR
Drop Offs/Donation Sites:
Non–Hawai'i Residents
PLEASE READ: If you are on non–Hawai'i resident and want to donate goods please go to these collection sites and check their instagrams for more recent needs/accepting.

Ke Kula Nui o Waimānalo
Instagram: kekulanuiowaimanalo

Where: Ke Kula Nui o Waimānalo

95 Maharani Street, Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793

O'ahu
PLEASE READ: If you are on O'ahu and want to donate goods please go to these collection sites and check their instagrams for more recent needs/accepting.

O'AHU DONATION DROP OFF SITES
Honolulu
No Maui Ke Aloha – Hawai'inuiākea x Papahana Kuaola
Instagram: papahanakuaola

Time/Day: 8am–3pm

Where: Kamakakūokalani, Center for Hawaiian Studies at UH Mānoa

2645 Dole St, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

ILWU Honolulu (International Longshore and Warehouse Union)
Instagram: IWLUlocal142Hawaii

Time/Day: 9am–5pm

Where: ILWU Honolulu

451 Atkinson Drive, Honolulu, HI 96814

PID Foundation
Instagram: pidfoundation

Contact: (808)524–7633

Time/Day: During office hours: Mon–Fri 6am–2:30pm

Where: Tūtū & Me Traveling Preschool

2345 Nu'uanu Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96817

Surfjack Hotel & Swim Club
Website: Surfjack Hotel

Contact: (808)923–8882

Time/Day: All day & Anytime until 8/20/23
(Drop off at front desk)

Where: Surfjack Hotel & Swim Club

412 Lewers St, Waikīkī, HI 96815

The Hub Co–working Hawai'i (Honolulu)
Website: The Hub Co–working Hawai'i

Time/Day: Monday–Friday 9am–5pm
(Drop off at front desk)

Where: The Hub Co–working Hawai'i (Honolulu/Queen Street Location)

1050 Queen St Ste 100 (across Whole Foods)

Pūnana Leo o Mānoa
Instagram – kaaumanuomanoa

Donate – here

Contact: (808) 538–2147

Day: Saturday, 8/12/23

Time: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Where: Pūnana Leo o Mānoa

2331 Seaview Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96822

Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce / Hawaiʻi Stevedores, INC
Instagram – nccoahu

Contact: (808)538–2147

Day: Saturday, 8/12/23

Time: 8:00 am

Where: NHCOC

Pier 1, Forrest Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96814

UPW Oʻahu (United Public Workers)
Instagram: unitedpublicworkers

Contact: (808)847–2631

Day/Time: Friday 8/11 6am–7pm

Where: UPW Oʻahu

1426 North School Street, Honolulu, HI 96817

Waimānalo
Ke Kula Nui o Waimānalo
Website: kekulanuiowaimanalo

Instagram: huimalamaokekai

Instagram: kekulanuiowaimanalo

Day/Time: All day & Anytime

Where: Ke Kula Nui o Waimānalo

41–902 Oluolu St., Waimānalo, HI 96744

Puʻuhonua ʻo Waimānalo
Day/Time: Saturday, August 12

Time: 9am–3pm

Where: Puʻuhonua ʻo Waimānalo

41–1300 Waikupanaha Street, Waimānalo, HI 96795

Kāneʻohe
Kūlaniākea
No Maui Ke Aloha

Instagram – papahanakuaola

Contact (Kealaula): (808)367–5818

Day: Friday 8/11

Time: 7 am – 6:00 pm

Where: Papahana Kuaola

46–403 Haiku Road, Kāneʻohe, HI 96744

Kapolei
Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement
Instagram – hawaiiancouncil

Supply list – https://t.co/DXRzVicctl

Day: Monday–Friday

Time: 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

Where: Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement

91–1270 Kinoiki St Bldg 1, Kapolei HI 96707

ʻEwa Beach
Councilmember Augie Tulba & AMVETS Hawaiʻi
Day: Sunday 8/13

Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Where: AMVETS West Oʻahu Veterans Center

5001 Iroquois Ave., Ewa Beach

North Shore
Courtyard Marriot (Oʻahu North Shore)
Instagram – courtyardoahunorthshore

Where: Courtyard Marriot Oʻahu North Shore

55–400 Kamehameha Highway, Laie, Oahu, HI 96762–1114

Kauaʻi
PLEASE READ: If you are on Kauaʻi and want to donate goods please go to these collection sites and check their instagrams for more recent needs/accepting. Follow Kuleana Academy Cohort 7 member Meghan Matsuda and HAPA's Community Organizer Fern Holland on instagram for updates. As well as us HAPA – Hawaiʻi Alliance for Progressive Action.

Waimea
Mama Bear Kauaʻi
Instagram – mamabearkauai

Time/Day: 7am–2pm

Where: Mama Bear Kauaʻi

9935 Kaumualii Hwy, Waimea, Hawaii

Chicken In a Barrel
Instagram – Chicken In a Barrel

Where: Chicken In a Barrel

9400 Kaumualii Highway Located at Waimea Plantation Cottages, Waimea, Kauai, HI 96796

Tiki Tacos
Instagram – Chicken In a Barrel

Time/Day: 11am–6pm

Where: Tiki Tacos

9875 Waimea Road, Pakala Village, Kauai, HI 96796

Hanapēpē
Bobbies Restaurant
Time/Day: All day/Anytime

Where: Bobbies Restaurant

3620 Hanapepe Rd, Hanapepe, Kauai, HI 96716

Koloā
Righteous Roots Smoke Shop
Instagram – Tiki Tacos

Day/Time: 10am–6pm

Where: Righteous Roots Smoke Shop

5460 Koloa Rd, Koloa, Hawaii, 96756

Da Crack Kauaʻi
Website: Da Crack Kauaʻi

Day/Time: 9am–6pm

Where: Da Crack Kauaʻi

2827 Poipu Rd, Poipu, Koloa, Kauai, HI 96756-8553

Līhuʻe
ILWU Līhuʻe (International Longshore and Warehouse Union)
Instagram: IWLUlocal142Hawaii

Time/Day: 9am-5pm

Where: ILWU Līhuʻe

4154 Hardy St Lihue, HI 96766

UPW Kauaʻi (United Public Workers)
Instagram: unitedpublicworkers

Contact: (808)245-2412

Day/Time: Friday 8/11 6am-7pm

Where: UPW Kauaʻi

4211 Rice Street, Līhuʻe, HI 96766

Rainbeau Jos
Website: https://www.rainbeaujos.com/menu

Time: 9am-12pm

Where: Rainbeau Jos

34684379 Rice St Lihue, HI 96766

The Pineapple Store
Instagram – The Pineapple Store

Where: The Pineapple Store

34684 Kuhio Hwy Lihue, HI 96766

Red Eye Snack Shack
Instagram – Red Eye Snack Shack

Where: Red Eye Snack Shack

5392 Koloa Rd, Koloa, Kauai, HI 96756-8604

Aloha ʻĀina Juice Co.
Instagram: alohaainajuicecafe

Contact: (808)245-2412

Day/Time: Thursday 8/10 – 7:30am-4:30pm& Friday 8/11 6am-7pm

Where: Aloha ʻĀina Juice Co.

4454 Nuhou St Ste 510, Lihue, Kauai, HI 96766-8022

Kapaʻa
Tiki Tacos
Instagram – Tiki Tacos

Day/Time: 11am-6pm

Where: Tiki Tacos

Kuhio Hwy, Kapaa, Kauai, HI 96746

Leongs Meat House
Day/Time: Friday & Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 10am-3pm

Where: Leongs Meat House

4520 Lehua St, Kapaa, Kauai, HI 96746-1750

Kauaʻi Store
Day/Time: 10am-5pm

Where: Kauaʻi Store

4-1191 Kuhio Hwy Suite 101, Kapaa, Kauai, HI 96746-1674

Chicken in the Barrel (Coconut Marketplace)
Day/Time: 11am-6pm

Where: Chicken in the Barrel

4–484 Kuhio Hwy Coconut Marketplace, Kapaa, Kauai, HI 96746–1403

Anahola
Anahola Marketplace
Website: https://www.anaholamarketplace.com/

Where: Anahola Marketplace

4523 Ioane Rd, Anahola, HI 96703

North Shore
Waipā Foundation
Website: https://waipafoundation.org/contact/

Day: Friday 8/11 7am–1pm

Time: 4–7pm

Where: Waipā Foundation

5–5785A Kuhio Highway Hanalei, Kaua'i, Hawai'i 96714

ʻĀina Organics Kauaʻi
Instagram: ainaorganicskauai

Hanalei Farmers Market: 9am–12pm

Princeville's Farmers Market: 9:30am–12pm

Chicken in a Barrell: 11am–6pm

Wainiha Country Market: 10am–7pm

Molokaʻi
Please Read: Molokaʻi residents and returning residents please use the FB Group: "What's the Happenings Molokai????" for current news & updates.

Hoʻomahala o Molokaʻi Foundation
Google Form – Molokaʻi Request for Supplies Form

Website: https://www.hoomohala.org

"Please fill out this form for any needs/supplies of any ʻohana returning or relocating from Maui back to Molokaʻi due to the devastating wildfires." – Hoʻomaha o Molokaʻi Foundaion

Molokaʻi Donation Drive–Thru
Day: Saturday 10/12

Time: 8am–12pm

Where: LDS Church Parking Lot

Please follow the posted signage & support team's prompts.

Enter in the east gate & exit out the west gate.

Needs: Clothes, baby items, baby food, baby formula, personal hygiene products, and bedding.

Hawaiʻi Island
PLEASE READ: If you are on Hawaiʻi Island and want to donate goods please go to these collection sites and check their instagrams for more recent needs/accepting. Follow Mehana Kihoi on instagram for updates.

Hilo
ILWU Hilo (International Longshore and Warehouse Union)
Instagram: IWLUlocal142Hawaii

Time/Day: 9am–5pm

Where: ILWU Hilo

100 West Lanikaula Street

Hilo, Hawaii 96720

UPW Hawaiʻi (United Public Workers)
Instagram: unitedpublicworkers

Contact: (808)961–3424

Day/Time: Thursday 8/10 – 7:30am–4:30pm& Friday 8/11 6am–7pm

Where: UPW Hawai'i

362 East Lanikaula Street, Hilo, HI 96720

Kona
Kailua–Kona Side Community Dropoff
Facebook – Mehana Kihoi

Instagram – mehanaokala

Day/Time: Friday, 8/11 7–10am, Saturday, 8/12 9am–12pm, Monday 8/14 7–10am & 4–6pm

Where: White Gloves Moving Company

73–5639 Kaiakoili Street (Above Kona Costco)

ILWU Kona (International Longshore and Warehouse Union)
Instagram: IWLUlocal142Hawaii

Time/Day: 9am–5pm

Where: ILWU Kona

74–5565 Luhia Street

Kailua Kona, Hawaii 96740

Volunteer Opportunities
O'ahu
Hawai'i "State" Capitol
Instagram: hawaiisenate

Time/Day: 9am–5pm

What: to help organize items to ship to Maui

Where: Hawai'i "State" Capitol

415 S. Beretania St., Honolulu, HI 96813

Maui
War Memorial
Instagram: handsonmaui

Time/Day: check instagram

What: sign up for shifts in person

Wear: closed toe shoes

Where: War Memorial

Let Your Purchase Support Maui
Small Business'/Other Resources:
Check out these businesses to purchase merchandise that will help to support our Maui 'Ohana.

The Keiki Dept

Hawaii's Finest Clothing

Hae Hawai'i Movement

Lilia Polish Studio

Lehua Itokazu – Hats

Mahina Made

Sig Zane Designs

Ha'a & Co

Shop Stonewear

Laine Honolulu

LVC Jewelry

Keiko Jewelry

Our Garden Collection

The 'Iwa Company

Casey Kauaʻi

Yireh

Maui Divers Jewelry

Honolulu Baby Co.

Punky Aloha

Coco Kealohi

Pono Potions – Pōʻai

Child of Wild

One Eighty Maui

Jana Lam

Aliʻi Coffee Co

Kohala Eye Wear

Kaulumaika

Wads Worth Ink

Koa House

All Red Eye Hawaiʻi

Aaron Kai

Foodland
Foodland stores are accepting donations at checkout to support the American Red Cross of Hawaii's efforts toward Maui fire relief. Shoppers can:

Make donations of up to $249

Donate 250 Maikai points ($5 equivalent donation)

Round up purchases to the nearest dollar

Donate change

Aloha United Way
Aloha United Way has created the Maui Relief Fund that will go directly to efforts supporting victims of the fires.

You can donate here.

Baby Supplies For Mothers In Need
Non–profit Baby 2 Baby is getting ready to send supplies for babies and children who have been affected by the Maui fires. Visit their website for more information or to donate, by clicking here.

Period/Menstruation Products
Lāhaina Donation Drive

Instagram: maimovementhawaii

Purchase products online from amazon wishlist and send period products directly to Maui team: bit.ly/supportlahaina

Drop off locations: Maui, Oʻahu, & Hawaiʻi Island

Items requested: day and overnight pads, tampons, pantyliners, feminine or water wipes/packs

Pre–Natal/Mothers
Instagram: mauimidwifery

Prenatal checks on Maui

Fetal heart rate check

Peace of mind ultrasound

Mother's Vital Signs

Instagram: hmhbhawaii

Instagram: kalauokekahuli

Instagram: pacificbirthcollective

Instagram: mana_mental_health

Pets/Foster a Maui Humane Society animal
Maui Humane Society says its animals are safe but needs to free up space to take in more displaced pets. Non–Hawaiʻi resident and locals can:

Drop off pet supplies to displaced families who still have their animals

Donate money to help the shelter meet an increase in demand for care

Report a lost or found pet here

Call (808) 877–3680 for more information or visit their website

Members of Hawaii's sports community have also started fundraisers for those affected.
ESPN Honolulu has also started a fundraiser on their Instagram account, click here for more information.

MMA fighter and Oʻahu native ʻIlima–Lei MacFarlane started a fundraiser on her Instagram page.

Spiritual & Mental Healing/Offerings
Instagram or Facebook accounts to follow:

Holomua Healing Arts

Hale Mana Aura

Project Koa Yoga

Ka Mahina Project

Mana Behavioral Health

Yoga Under The Palms

Von Mahelona

Ka Pā O Ponopūhā

Kekuhi Haililani Kanahele

Kumupu

Mele/ʻOli
Instagram accounts to follow:

Kekuhi Haililani Kanahele

Hanalei Bishop – Homestead Poi

Mana Maoli

Kanaeokana

Awakened Aloha

Kalehua Krug

Hāwane Rios

Kiana Kanahele – Kuʻulei Music

Ikaakami

Events:
Oʻahu
Events happening to help support Maui

Paula Fuga Benefit Concert
Day: Saturday 8/12 & Sunday 8/13

Time:6:30pm

Where: Blue Note Hawaiʻi

2335 Kalakaua Ave, Honolulu, Oahu, HI 96815–2941

Kauaʻi
Kauaʻi Kōkua Maui
Donation Drive and Kanikapila

Website: www.downtownlihue.com/mauistrong

Day: Sunday 8/13

Time: 10am–6pm

Where: Kauaʻi County Lawn

We will continue to update with more ways to kōkua in the days and weeks ahead. We will overcome! Mahalo for your support and care!

me ke aloha ʻāina,

Nanea Lo

About the Author

Nanea Lo, HAPA's Administrative and Programs Coordinator
Nanea Lo is from Papakōlea, Oʻahu. She is a Kanaka Maoli (Native Hawaiian). Lo's educational expertise is in community planning and urban planning infrastructures. She is also a podcast host for Native Stories.

Lo is a public servant and serves as the Kona representative for the Oʻahu Burial Council, a commissioner on the Oʻahu Historic Preservation Commission, sits on the board of the Hawaiʻi Workers Center, and serves on the grant making committee for Hawaiʻi People's Fund.

Through civic engagement, podcast hosting, and community organizing, Lo advocates for Hawaiian sovereignty, Aloha 'Āina, and feminism on the national and international scale. She has been a part of innovative local and international education and advocacy programs such as Planned Parenthood "National" Storyteller for the Pacific Northwest and Hawaiʻi, Hawaiʻi–Asia Pacific Leadership Program, Native American Political Leadership Program, Kuleana Academy, Young Pacific Leaders, and Peace Scholars. She believes that relationships are the fabric of life and that Aloha ʻĀina is forever.

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Campaigns: 2023 Lahaina Wildfires; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Hawaii Progress Action Mutual Aid
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Hawaii Progress Action Mutual Aid

Volunteer Camp · Open

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Web www.hapahi.org/our–work
Service Temporary

Laihana wildfire response:

https://www.hapahi.org/blog/supportmaui

NOTE: this group collected a COMPREHENSIVE LIST of solidarity oriented mutual aid groups responding to the Lahaina Wildfires

See their work here: https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10590

on–going work below [from the website]

Fair & Sustainable Food Systems
HAPA was born out of a commitment to food systems justice, recognizing that food systems are fundamental to the public good and resilience. In Hawaiʻi, the legacy of industrial agriculture spans back to the sugar and pineapple plantations, and now the region is known as "ground zero" for the agrochemical industry.

HAPAʻs long–term vision for Fair & Sustainable Food Systems is to decrease pesticide use and extractive/toxic industrial–agricultural practices across Hawaiʻi and to grow our local food security through regenerative/ʻōiwi food systems. Pesticide–intensive industrial agriculture depletes the land of its health and vitality. HAPA works to transition from industrial systems toward regenerative and just food systems that center on Kanaka Maoli traditional practices and connection to place, mālama ʻāina. Creating local, regenerative food systems not only increases food security but also mitigates climate catastrophe through carbon capture and reducing our dependence on imported food.

* Extractive, industrial–agricultural practices are replaced with regenerative and equitable local food production.
* Communities, farmworkers, local ecosystems, etc., are protected from pesticide drift.
* Hawaiʻi increases local food security from small–scale, regenerative local food producers.
* Increased restoration of traditional and customary food systems— and the ecosystems they depend on— is led by the communities connected to place.
* Public agricultural lands and waters are reclaimed from corporate capture for the public good – farmers engaged in sustainable local food production have access to those lands and waters.

Policy & Advocacy
HAPA engages in various activities to foster a healthy, sustainable, and equitable food system. This includes creating educational resources, engaging with the community, organizing grassroots initiatives, and advocating for policy interventions at the county and state levels. We aim to support a vibrant agricultural economy in Hawaiʻi, free from harmful toxins. To achieve this, HAPA takes a proactive role by spearheading and endorsing a range of comprehensive policies during the state legislative session
Our Legislative Priorities include:
Support local farmers and food security!

Support local farmers and food security!
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Support a Healthy & Climate Friendly Food System
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Legislative Alert: Support Increased Pesticide Violation Fines
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Legislative Alert: Support Hawai'i's Taro & Coffee Farmers
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Improved Pesticide Use Reporting (SB1011) needs a hearing in CPN/WAM!
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Read More →

Alert: Support Increasing Fines for Repeat Pesticide Use Violations! Testimony due TOMORROW!
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Alert: Let's Get These Good Food Systems Bills Through a Final Hearing in the House!
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Alert: Healthy Soils & Sustainable Food System
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Alert: Support Increased Pesticide Violation Fines & Regenerative Agriculture
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Alert: Regenerative; Indigenous Farming Practices; Local Food Economy
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Alert: Don't Let Important Pesticide Bills Die
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Read More →
VISIT OUR POLICY AND ADVOCACY PAGE TO LEARN MORE
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CAMPAIGN
Pesticides, Public Health, & The Right to Know
Public Health informing reports on Restricted Use Pesticides came out in 2019, 2020, and 2021; HAPA is engaging communities exposed to the heaviest pesticide use to alert them to the potential ramifications to their health and environment.
This campaign is the continuation of our work around Act 45. In 2019 the first year of state–mandated Restricted–Use Pesticides reports came out. In partnership with the Center for Food Safety's science team, HAPA undertook to convert all the reports into a unified and comprehensive comparison. HAPA enlisted Center for Food Safety and GIS consultants to help us overlay this pesticide use in pounds over TMK parcels. This way, communities, residents, and workers can access the data and draw meaningful insights into what this exposure could mean for their health, families, waterways, and environment. We are now engaging with the communities most impacted by exposures: West Kaua'i & Central O'ahu. To learn more about this work, you can visit our campaign page.

VISIT OUR CAMPAIGN PAGE TO FOLLOW OR LEARN MORE
CAMPAIGN
'Ai Pono Kaua'i Challenge
The challenge is a celebratory initiative that brings residents together to learn about their local food system. This project the importance of regional efforts and responding to market demand in creating successful solutions for our food system. By offering support to local food producers, our communities work towards a just and sustainable agricultural economy.
In November 2020, HAPA hosted the inaugural 'Ai Pono Kaua'i Challenge to eat locally for 7 days on Kauai with support from the

County (via a re–grant from Mālama Kauaʻi) to support our local food producers during a time when our tourism economy was largely shut down due to the pandemic. Residents participating in the challenge were encouraged to eat foods that were raised, grown, and processed locally.

Stamp cards with various local food tasks are filled and turned in for prizes. Participants share great solutions for eating locally while maintaining a budget. Restaurants partnered with HAPA to feature locally sourced ingredients and dishes. We started with 30 partners (food producers, farmers, restaurants, etc.) and have now grown to 68 partners.

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Hawaii Progress Action Mutual Aid [additional list of mutual aid groups, incl SHELTERS and donation drop sites]

Info/Hotline · Open

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Web docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1B6dpfOUP0tc4ceCtuOXB6cDbHZWel98C–Gfs126ZdQ8/htmlview
Service Temporary

See above link for live/updated info.

As of 8–13–23

Organization Site

ʻĀina Momona https://secure.actblue.com/donate/kokuamaui

Council of Native Hawaiian Advancement, Alaka'ina and
Kako'o Haleakala https://www.memberplanet.com/campaign/cnhamembers/kakoomaui

Hawaii Community Foundation Maui Strong Disaster Relief https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/maui–strong

Maui Food Bank https://mauifoodbank.org/

Maui Humane Society Donate – Maui Humane Society

Mauna Medics Hui Amazon Wish list https://shorturl.at/eiBFP

Maui Mutual Aid
https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=Y7J26SYUJFQU8&fbclid=IwAR1DOrh7OKiSxLsOmCLso8Z6nP8MMbj0XZ5Dna30S74RR82TtZB7dphr2p4

Maui Red Cross https://www.redcross.org/donate/donation.html/
Indicate local Red Cross

Punanaleo o Lahaina http://bitly.ws/RtLx

Salvation Army https://fundraise.salvationarmyhawaii.org/give/508257/

Nā ʻĀikane O Maui Cultural Center (Hawaiian museum/cultural center)
https://www.instagram.com/p/CvvJeNzy2WM/?img_index=1

World Central Kitchen
https://donate.wck.org/give/508200/?fbclid=IwAR3EXOeadU4mbVndF6KXlDDBlu0IPwJ7VeKNjSZoeyf_CzUhRyZINid9Euk#!/donation/checkout?c_src=ads_fb_mwf_plal4_v1

Lahaina Restoration Foundation https://lahainarestoration.org/donate/

tral Maui WWW – August disaster coordination
MASTER SPREADSHEETShelter needsOahu ResourcesONLINE DONATIONS CONFIRMED ONLYTask force
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
1
Maui Mutual Aid Guide This community–created resource is open to be shared with all and is the creation of the Maui Fire Flood and Disaster Relief group
Verified institutions for major disaster relief provision or receipt are listed at the top row 4–23, followed by community efforts row 25 and below. Contact the facebook group to get edit rights or make changes https://www.facebook.com/groups/2140737539293259. There are many many grassroots and family efforts, keep it up! Imua. Maintained by Maui Fire, Flood and Disaster relief group and Goodness Ohana @dropdown
2
WHO WHAT WHERE Contact Notes
3
Name of Resource (Person, Group or Organization) Description of Resources Geographical Location Name and preferred contact info (phone, email, website, profile)
4
Maui County Donation Center/ Shelter at War Memorial Gym Volunteers needed. Drop off location, shelter, food available

Keiki Zone just being set up, seeking additional volunteers War Memorial Complex Wailuku 700 Halia Nakoa St, Wailuku, HI Go in person – confirmed to be County–led they can use toiletry kits, water, bedding. Things you need if you had to evac w/o going home.
https://www.staradvertiser.com/2023/08/09/breaking–news/mauis–war–memorial–complex–accepting–donations–for–fire–evacuees
5
Maui Red Cross Emergency Aid Coordination
Family Reunification 1–800–REDCROSS 1–800–733–2767 to assist with unification of families.
Possible alternate number: 844 782 9441. Possible other alternative number 800 733 2767 (808) 244–0051, 95 Mahalani Street, Room 28–3, Wailuku, HI 96793 1–800–REDCROSS 1–800–733–2767 to assist with unification of families. Possible alternate number: 844 782 9441. Possible other alternative number 800 733 2767
Family Reunification Tool at https://www.redcross.org/get–help/disaster–relief–and–recovery–services/contact–and–locate–loved–ones.html
6
Maui Food Bank Food donation and distribution 760 Kolu St, Wailuku, HI https://mauifoodbank.org/
7
County of Maui Central source of information – posting immediate updates on Facebook and sign up for alerts: http://bitly.ws/REFF Facebook and Starting Friday, Aug. 11, 2023, radio stations on Maui will air County of Maui updates at 9 a.m., noon and 3 p.m. include the following:• Pacific Media Group on KPOA FM 92.9 (west side) / FM 93.5; KJKS FM 99.3 (west side) / FM 99.9 FM; KJMD FM 107.1 (west side) / FM 98.3; KHLI FM 101.7 (west side) / FM 92.5; KMVI AM 900 / FM 102.5; and KNUI AM 550 / FM 106.1 • KAOI Radio Group on 1110 AM / 96.7 FM • KPMW FM 105.5 • Akaku's KAKU 88.5 TEXT 911 DO NOT CALL https://www.facebook.com/countyofmaui
https://twitter.com/CountyofMaui Posting very rapidly on facebook
County refuse collection in West Maui will resume on Friday, 8/11.
8
FEMA FEMA–recognized Federal Disaster Zone: resources TBD FEMA now taking applications by phone 1–800–621–3362. Everyone relevant encouraged to register immediately More info: https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4724

Official list of local resources identified by FEMA https://www.fema.gov/assistance/individual/disaster–survivors/state–local–referral–lists/hawaii 1–800–621–3362
https://twitter.com/fema Notify FEMA of any frauds at 866–720–5721
Not yet listed as a federal disaster https://www.fema.gov/disaster/declarations but have deployed an incident management team
9
US Small Business Administration SBA provides low–interest disaster loans to help businesses and homeowners recover from declared disasters. https://www.sba.gov/funding–programs/disaster–assistance
10
USDA / NRCS Disaster Relief for Farmers
Enter your farm here: https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/conservation–basics/conservation–by–state/pacific–islands–area/kahului–service–center
Maui Office Keolani Pl, Kahului, HI 96732
(808) 567–9656
11
Fueling Stations West Side Accross from Kaanapali Ocean Resort, Hawaii ID only
12
Maui Fire Department issuing list of needs – do not drop off at fire stations as of last report Multiple – Wailuku, Kihei, Wailea, Lahain, Makawao, Kapalua, Napili, Hana, Kula, Paia, Kahului Identified needs as protein bars, nuts, sandwiches, wraps, burritos, musiubis, cut fruit, water, juice, hydration drinks
13
Mauna Medics Hui Hawaii–based voluntary medical support https://www.facebook.com/MaunaMedicHealersHui/ Deploying today, seeking support for Amazon Wish list https://shorturl.at/eiBFP
14
World Central Kitchen ONLINE DONATION https://donate.wck.org/give/508200/?fbclid=IwAR3EXOeadU4mbVndF6KXlDDBlu0IPwJ7VeKNjSZoeyf_CzUhRyZINid9Euk#!/donation/checkout?c_src=ads_fb_mwf_plal4_v1
15
Maui County Emergency Operating Center County Emergency Response Operations Center 200 High St, Wailuku, HI. https://www.mauicounty.gov/70/Emergency–Management–Agency
and https://twitter.com/Maui_EMA In coordination with State EMA EOC as of yesterday 8 Aug. https://www.mauicounty.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=12633
16
Maui Disaster Response and Recovery Support Matchmaking/coordination of needs and supplies https://shorturl.at/tGIN4 http://mauirapidresponse.org/
17
Council of Native Hawaiian Advancement, Alaka'ina and
Kako'o Haleakala ONLINE DONATION for local response efforts https://www.memberplanet.com/campaign/cnhamembers/

kakoomaui
https://secure.actblue.com/donate/kokuamaui
18
Maui United Way Direct people to dial 211 – Live operators will provide information for social needs 95 Mahalani St #24, Wailuku, HI Dial 211 from any phone
19
Hawaii Emergency Management Agency State level agency – ready.hawaii.gov for donations and volunteers 4204 Diamond Head Road, Honolulu, HI 96816 and go to ready.hawaii.gov https://dod.hawaii.gov/hiema/contact-us/ (808) 733-4300 In coordination with Maui EOC as of yesterday 8 Aug
20
Daryl Takeda Lead for County Organized Volunteering identified by Mayor Bissen during press conference 808-270-7285 808-270-7285
21
Hawaii Community Foundation ONLINE DONATION at website https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/maui-strong https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/maui-strong
22
Pūnana Leo o Lāhainā School Online Donation for Hawaiian immersion school http://bitly.ws/RtLx https://www.instagram.com/p/CvvWWoqSl9V/ Needs here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1nzJuPoro86Fk76G5Y14DTJrrS4Helr6q
23
Nā ʻĀikane O Maui Cultural Center (Hawaiian museum/cultural center) Online Donations via confirmed Venmo for Hawaiian Cultural Center – see Instagram link to the right 562 Front St, Lahaina, HI https://www.instagram.com/p/CvvJeNzy2WM/?img_index=1
24
Salvation Army Online donations and seeking mass restaurant donations of meals Instagram @salarmyhi, @hawaiiredcross and @mauiunitedway. https://www.instagram.com/p/Cvvb577PyzE/
25
NASA USA/Canada Fire Information GIS Map Live map of thermal radiation assocaited with fire Online https://firms.modaps.eosdis.nasa.gov/usfs/map/?fbclid=IwAR0MlHCGYEsezFOTdjj4V0egAJMwe9cWxSunReWs1FeS2lKxo5lV9CmtYRo#d:24hrs;@-156.4,20.8,11z Alternate: https://caltopo.com/map.html#ll=20.88504,-156.66521&z=13&b=mbt&a=modis_mp
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27
Anytime Fitness Pukalani Drop off location 24 Kiopaa St, Makawao @anytimefitnesspukalani
28
Boba Bar Paia Drop off location 2 Baldwin Avenue, Paia
29
Calypso (boat) Transport of supplies via boat to West Side
will leave from Maalaea harbor at 10am Friday. Drop off is from 8-10am slip #76 and will be taken to Mala Wharf.
30
Citizen Church Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner , and services every Sunday 4275 Hine Way in Kahana acrross from McDonalds Go in person
31
Common Ground Collective Working with UHMC to prepare and deliver meals to all shelters. Connecting Farms to those in need, volunteers, working with Maui Culinary School bit.ly/CGCfirerelief https://www.instagram.com/cgcmaui/
32
Cream B Maui Drop off location 1826 Kaohu Street, Wailuku
33
Driftwood Maui accepting donations of clothes as well as the Maui strikers ʻohana at Coach Timmy's house at 30 Hoi Hoi Place Kula, HI for clothes, beddings, toiletries, baby items, blankets, towels and pillows.
34
DT Fleming Beach Kapalua Physical pickup for Molokai-Maui Families -5pm
35
Espresso Mafia Maui Drop off location 3617 Baldwin Ave, Makawa
36
Grace Bible Church Shelter 635 Hina Ave, Kahului, HI 96732
37
Guava Tree Bar and Grill Hot meal for displaced 270 Waiehu Beach Rd Ste 106, Wailuku, HI 2:00 PM
38
Hale Makua Urgent Care – wounds, first aid 472 Kaulana Street in Kahului. No appointment necessary. If you have any questions regarding the urgent care services at Hale Makua, please contact Hale Makua's temporary command center hotline at 808-871-9221.
39
Hana Thrift Store Donations accepted for food, water, medical supplies,bedding camping and towels 281-9128
40

Hawaii Living Water giving away 5 Gallons of water
Please bring your clean 5 gallon container 285 Hukilike Street in Kahului go in person
41
Hannibal Tavares Community Center Shelter w no power as at 7:07am 91 Pukalani St, Makawao, HI
42
Hawaii Emergency Management Agency State level agency – ready.hawaii.gov for donations and volunteers 650 S King St, Honolulu, HI 96813 https://dod.hawaii.gov/hiema/contact-us/ (808) 733-4300 In coordination with Maui EOC as of yesterday 8 Aug
43
Hi-Tech Kahului Drop off location 425 Koloa St Shop, Kahului, HI Go in person Seeking Granola Bars, Hydration drinks, Instant Coffee, Sandwiches, Water, Fruit
44
Ho'omana Barbell Drop off location 1826 Kaohu Street, Wailuku
45
Home Hawaii Design Drop off location 275 W Kaahumanu Ave Chelsea Hindley 808-250-3024 Not accepting things yet-waiting on specifics 10-7pm daily
46
Hui No'eau a place to park, let your dogs/kids run, regroup, use the restroom back entrance at 38 Kaluanui Rd as our main entrance on Baldwin Ave is closed. Careful of trees as winds are still high
47
Hui No Ke Ola Pono Drop off location Cameron Center 95 Mehalani Street Building 4 by the Hospital
48
Jewish Congregation of Maui Accepting donations of non-perishable food, water and hygeine items Alulike Street, Kihei Will be contributed towards County effort at War Memorial
49
Kahului Airport Shelter 1 Keolani Pl, Kahului, HI 96732 8/9, 4:45am: Kahului Airport is sheltering 2,000 travelers from canceled flights and flight arrivals. Close to 100 firefighters have been on duty including 11 from state airport rescue personnel.
50
Kahului Florist Accepting Donations 201 Unit at 101 Dairy Road, Kahului New unused items only. Children and pet items sought especially
51
KAts Kilos Gym Shelter (temporary)
52
Ke Kula O Waimanalo Oahu Location for donation drop off 41-902 OluOlu St Waimanalo
53
Kihei Community Center closed 303 E Lipoa St, Kihei, HI
54
Kings Cathedral Maui Shelter 777 Maui Veterans Hwy, Kahului 808.871.7311
55
Lahaina Civic Center Gas available – not confirmed
56
Lahaina Gateway Ice truck / ice supply
57
LDS Church Kahului Shelter 125 W Kamehameha Avenue, Kahului
58
LDS MAUI LANI CHURCH Shelter 44 Kaulana na Pua Pl Wailuku HI 808 760 8041
59
Lumeria Hawaii Drop off Location 1814 Baldwin Ave, Makawao
60
MEO – Maui Economic Opportunity (County Office) Assistance for foreign workers seeking assistance in locating documents, embassies Mahalani Street Wailuku Carly Ortiz 808 243 4354
61
Malama Maui Nui Shelter and possibly setting up meals. Donations welcome https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/kk7drr E Camp 5 Rd, Kahului, by the Pu'unene Congregational Chirch https://www.malamamauinui.org/ Leslee 808-276-7557
62
Maluhia Collective Drop off Location 1960 Main St, Wailuku
63
Maui Brewing Company Drop off Location 605 Lipoa PKWY, Kihei
64
Maui Bus Public transportation Various https://www.mauicounty.gov/605/Bus-Service-Schedule-Information The following Maui Bus Fixed Route services will be suspended until further notice: Lahaina Islander Route #20, Lahaina Villager Route #23, Kaanapali Islander Route #25, and West Maui Islander Route #28. Bus riders are encouraged to check the Maui Bus app for updates. Maui Bus ADA Paratransit Service and MEO Human Service Transportation trips to/from and within the West Maui area

are suspended until further notice. All Maui Bus Commuter Services will be suspended until further notice. All other bus services are planned to run as scheduled, but may experience delays due to roadway conditions impacted by brush fires.
65
Maui Food Hub Providing Support for Farmers and food donations autumn@mauihub.org or 808 250 4200.
66
Maui High School Shelter – Large and official designated shelter 660 Lono Ave, Kahului, HI No cell connection, very crowded reportedly
67
Maui Memorial Hospital Assistance confirming location of family at hospital if they are there Call the receptionist 244–9056
68
Maui Ocean Center Free parking as a rest stop
69
Maui Oil Possible warehouse donation site Jen Mather
70
Maui Prep Academy Shelter (temporary) 4910 HI–30, Lahaina, HI Maui Prepatory Academy shelter were notified to leave to go to Kaʻanapali hotels to gather their belongings and evacuate Lahaina through Kahakuloa.
71
Maui YMCA Showers and Coffee for anyone in need 250 Kanaloa Ave, Kahului, HI or (808) 242–9007
72
Merrimans (and Plantation House) Free lunch at 12 noon 11 Aug 1 Bay Club Pl, Lahaina, HI 96761
73
Moku Roots PENDING – intention to feed West Side meals for displaced 335 Keawe St #211, Lahaina, HI https://www.instagram.com/p/CvvVI4urGA6/
74
Naluʻs South Shore Kitchen Food prep & distribution at War Memorial
75
Napili Resiliency Hub (Tamara Paltin , Kaipo Kekona) Driop off / pick up supplies and donations Napili Park, 50 Maiha St
76
National Guard scroll to the right Dispatched two helicopters, water buckets, +1 CH47 for search and rescue (wide area and urban)
77
New Life Church Shelter with food and water 180 E Wakea Ave Kahului There is food and water
78
Oskie Rice Event Center Shelter (temporary, no beds) Olinda Rd, Makawao, HI 808–268–2322
79
Pacific Birth Collective Support to pregnant, in labour or postpartum mothers 810 Ha'iku Road, Suite 240, Ha'iku HI Encouraged to go in person
80
Paia Bay Coffee Bar at 120 Hana Hwy Drop off location 120 Hana Hwy Food and Clothing
81
Pastele House Meals for displaced only, blankets, water 1960 Main Street Wailuku Go in person
82
Plantation House (and Merrimans) Free lunch at 12 noon 11 Aug, possible Starlink mobile wifi 2000 Plantation Club Dr, Lahaina, HI 96761
83
ProArts Kihei Donation of canned goods, first aid supplies and emergency supplies Azeka Makai 1280 South Kihei road Go in person
84
Pukalani Superette NOT A DONATION SITE – was open early 15 Makawao Ave, Makawao, HI Facebook profile, physical location Incoming phone lines are down
85
Rainbow Kitchen Food distribution 2250 Hana Hwy, haiku hi. Plenty of parking and restroom available.
86
Restaurant Marlow Drop Off location 30 Kupaoa St A104, Makawao, HI Starting at 11am
87
Restaurant Matsu Accepting donations and Delivering food water supplies via boat 161 Alamaha St Kahului, HI (808) 871–0822
88
Roger Dunn Golf Shops Donations on behalf of first repsonders 293 dairy road, Kahului, HI 808–873–5700
89
Ryan Gee Internet: Free Mobile wifi Starlink connection in Napili Napili Market Friday 11 Aug Username: STARLINK, password: Tacoma123!
90
Secondhand Heaven Thrift Shop Giveaway Thift Shop items 1445 Baldwin Ave Makawao Th, Fri, Sat 9–12

91
Sip Me Pastry and drink for EMTs, MPD, MFD, Hawaiian Electric 3671 Baldwin Ave , Makawao (808)856–9181 https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=798488208946433&set=a.272129351582324
92
Sparkys Restaurant Drop off location 385 Hoohana Street Suite 5C, Kahului 385 Ho'ohana Street, right next to Lee Bear in Kahului industrial area. Looking for canned goods, snacks, water
93
Tails above Pet evacuation TalsofHawaii.com Tailmovers@tailsofhawaii.com Label the subject of email "Maui Fire" for priority
94
Times Lahaina Free propane giveout – not confirmed
95
To Be Organics Drop off location 485 Waiale rd Wailuku Karli Rose
96
Tooheys Butcher Will make dog food, meat available at Community Centers https://tooheysbutchery.com/
97
Twin Falls Donation site 7am–4pm. 6300 Hana Highway
98
Ulupalakua Ranch Space for hosting farm animals 14779 Piilani Hwy, past Keokea 808 268–3289
99
US Army scroll to the right provided 2 blackhawk helicopeters, and 1 shinook for water dispersal
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Whalers Village Location of buses for transport away from West Side Whalers Village, Kaanapali

Services offered: Mutual Aid
Campaigns: 2023 Lahaina Wildfires; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Hawaii Progress Action Mutual Aid
Updated Aug 13, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10593

Maui Lahaina Response Mutual Aid Spreadsheet [comprehenisve list of resources/ groups]

Info/Hotline · Open

HI

Web docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1B6dpfOUP0tc4ceCtuOXB6cDbHZWel98C–Gfs126ZdQ8/htmlview
Service Temporary

NOTE: at the above link find several pages/tabs, LOADED with mutual aid and establishment response resource info

Services offered: Mutual Aid
Campaigns: 2023 Lahaina Wildfires; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Hawaii Progress Action Mutual Aid
Updated Aug 13, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10592

Maui Mutual Aid Facebook Group

Info/Hotline · Open

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Web www.facebook.com/groups/2140737539293259
Service Temporary

Services offered: Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Mutual Aid
Campaigns: 2023 Lahaina Wildfires; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Hawaii Progress Action Mutual Aid
Updated Aug 13, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10595

Haiti

Association of Peasants of Fondwa – 2010 Haiti Earthquake

Info/Hotline · Open

28, Imp. Chatelain (sur Lalue); Port–au–Prince; Postal Adress : P.O.Box 13062, Haiti Ht6120, Fondwa

Phone 011 (509) 347 45383 / 011–509–355 89632 (In Haiti)
Web www.apfhaiti.org
Serves Number of people serve: 50,000 in the Fondwa region (in 6 different communities) and 570 rural communities through SEKONAPA
Service Temporary

NEWS UPDATE AT:
http://www.apfhaiti.org/news2.php

Earthquake Assistance Needed in Fondwa, Haiti
People dead and hurt and all things are broken in Fondwa Leogane Haiti:
Fondwa is the 10th Section of communal Leogane and is located within the Department of the West and Southeast. Fondwa is a very mountainous region and is at 900 meters. It has an area of 28 km2 and a population of 8,000 inhabitants.

For 22 years APF (Association of Peasants of Fondwa) has worked with farmers to develop the area of basic infrastructure of all kinds they have not had before.

But unfortunately all this was accomplished over 22 years was destroyed in a few seconds during the earthquake of January 12, 2010.

1.25 people died Fondwa and more than a hundred are injured.
2.The peasants' houses and activities of APF collapsed.
3.Churches and institutions are broken.
4.A community devoid of all, are in the street without enough resources to feed, clothe and shelter.
Some achievements of APF that were destroyed in the earthquake in Fondwa:

•Center APF
•University of Fondwa
•House of the Sisters of Saint Anthony of Fondwa
•Orphanage Fondwa
•Cooperative Savings and Credit Fondwa

•APF Health Center

•Collection of water sources and tanks.

•A community radio station (Radyo Zetwal Peyizan Fondwa).

•Etc. ...

We need your help to overcome this disastrous and catastrophic situation in which we live. Help us find funding, materials and equipment to organize homes before the rainy season, enough to feed 2500 families before they die of hunger, thirst, and solve the problems of health and hygiene.

The APF Account at City National Bank of New Jersey (CNB), in USA.

The Name of the account: APF (Asosyasyon Peyizan Fondwa)
Banks' Name: CNB (City National Bank of New Jersey)
Account Number : 1452851

ABA Number: 021 201639
Bank's Address:
382 West 125th. Street
New York, NY 10027
Tel. 212 865 47 63 (Sabrina Brice or Veronica Gilbert at 866 551 58 88 ext. 645)

e–mail: sbrice @citynatbank.com

Contact us :
Fr Joseph Philippe
apf222 @aol.com
Tel: 011(509) 347 45383/ 355 89632

http://www.apfhaiti.org/pages/HelpNeeded.html

ORGANIZATIONS that have been supporting are: (others need yet to be added)
∗Family Health Ministries out of North Carolina
∗Partners In Progress (PIP) in Pittsburgh, PA

SEE CAT FACILITY RECORD FOR University of Fondwa at:
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/edit/5412

Services offered: Training ∗ (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction)
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Haiti On–going Relief Work
Updated Sep 27, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5409

IL

Chicago Food Soveriegnty Coalition [& Mutual Aid]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Chicago, IL
Web www.chifoodsovereignty.com/connect
Service Temporary

A coalition of autonomous mutual aid groups throughout Chicago, working together to cultivate food sovereignty and autonomy for all people in all communities!

Our mission is to create a better food system, by linking mutual aid groups, organizations, businesses, and individuals committed to the effort.

Services offered: Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Mutual Aid
Campaigns: Black Community; Black Lives Matter; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Food Not Bombs
Updated Nov 7, 2022 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10540

India

Farmer's World [India: farm worker rights organizing]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web bhartiyakisanunion.blogspot.in
Service Temporary

from news report: https://www.devdiscourse.com/article/headlines/1411854–farmers–not–against–any–party–but–centres–policy–rakesh–tikait

The farmers' fight is not with any political party but with the policy of the government, Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) chief Rakesh Tikait said here on Monday, warning the ongoing protest over the farm laws could prolong further.

Tikait, who has participated in the multiple rounds of dialogues between farmers unions and the government representatives in Delhi over the past 54 days, was in Noida where he addressed protestors belonging to the BKU's faction Lok Shakti.

"Our fight is not with any party but the government. Here (in the protest) also we have people who support the BJP and will vote for them in the next election. But any party or ideology is not our concern. We are against the policy of the government," he said, addressing hundreds, including women and youth, at the Dalit Prerna Sthal. He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi should also reach out to the farmers, but only after the government has accepted their demands on the three new farm laws and legalisation of the minimum support price (MSP) on crops.

"The prime minister should come amidst farmers and the government the day our demands are met and the issue is resolved. We will thank him and treat him with respect that day. We also don't want him to come between us until then," Tikait said.

He also stressed that the discussions between representatives of farmers and the government should be televised for greater transparency and wider reach among people.

Tikait, who is leading his BKU supporters at the Ghazipur border in Ghaziabad, had reached the Dalit Prerna Sthal in Noida around 2 pm along with his union's Uttar Pradesh unit spokesperson Pawan Khatana and other leaders.

They met BKU (Lok Shakti) chief Sheoraj Singh and his supporters, who are camping at the Dalit Prerna Sthal since December 2, and participated in a human chain at the spot to symbolise the unity among various factions of protestors, BKU (Lok Shakti) spokesperson Shailesh Kumar Giri said.

Exhorting the protestors to keep their spirits high, Tikait said, "They (the government) can accept our demands today, tomorrow or in six months or by 2024 because the farmers are not going back until then." "There various banners and flags being raised at different protest sites. But banners and flags are not relevant anymore because this movement is driven by farmers belonging to villages," he added. The influential peasants' leader also called on the protestors to carry out the agitation responsibly and peacefully.

"We must respect the land wherever we are whether our farms or a protest site. The protest should be peaceful and no property should be damaged," he said.

Thousands of protesting farmers are currently staying put at Delhi's borders with Haryana and Uttar Pradesh demanding rollback of the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020, the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020 and the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020.

The protesting farmers have expressed apprehension that these laws would pave the way for the dismantling of the minimum support price system, leaving them at the "mercy" of big corporations.

However, the government has maintained that the new laws will bring farmers better opportunities and usher in new technologies in agriculture.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; La Via Campesina – International Peasants' Movement [decolonization/sovereignty
Updated Jun 16, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10565

Italy

Italy Solidarity Economy Map of Socially Responsible Busineses and Enterprises

Info/Hotline · Open

Web zoes.org
Service Temporary

Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism

Updated Jul 16, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9721

Kenya

Starehe Boys' Centre and School

School · Open

General Waruinge Street, P.O. Box 30178 00100 GPO, Starehe, Nairobi

Phone +254 727 531 001
Email info@stareheboyscentre.ac.ke
Web stareheboyscentre.org

Established in 1959, Starehe started off as a rescue centre for waifs displaced by the independence war and concurrent State of Emergency. The Centre was started in a couple of tin huts donated by Kenya Shell Oil Company from a decommissioned oil exploration field station, and into these Geoffrey William Griffin – our Founder – took in 17 homeless boys, and thus Starehe was born!

Services offered: Advocacy, Education; Computer, Software, Educational, Pre–K–8; Education, Cultural; Education, Soveriegnty; Education, Traditional Ways; New "Business" Models, Education; School * (ANY/ALL Types); School, Elementary; School, Jr High, Middle School; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Computers Skills; Training Classes, Education, Nutrition Education Classes; Training Classes, Financial Literacy; Training Classes, Language Skills; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training Classes, Literacy Training; Training Classes, Vocational; Training, Education, Health, Sanitation / Hygiene

Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism

Updated Nov 24, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10803

LA

United Peace Relief – Feeding Site – Cleaning/Mucking Work Site

Walk–in Resource · Open

Baker, LA

Web www.facebook.com/groups/612467745613844
Service Temporary

From Rainbow Family FB page:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/612467745613844

BAKER ,LA – relief and kitchen effort
2400 Debra Drive, 70714

Please make all donations here:

http://www.unitedpeacerelief.org/page6/donate.html

(This link will take you to United Peace Relief PayPal page. This is the correct page – ALL DONATIONS TO THIS PAGE WILL BE GOING TO OUR LA FLOOD RELIEF EFFORTS)

Many thanks to United Peace Relief for giving us this umbrella under which to do charitable and loving work, and to Redemption Life Fellowship Church for allowing use of their property to create this collaborative effort.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE:

This is a feeding, cleaning, mucking relief effort.

Present ground crew is creating the infrastructure.

Request from ground crew to not arrive without prior communication with Asimina Triloba, and they determine the site to be safe and welcoming for all SELF–RELIANT and HEALTHY volunteers.

Please take this time, while awaiting word from the ground crew, to be sure you have whatever is required to be self–sufficient, and to network with your personal family and friends to support us with funds and/or supplies. This is not a Rainbow Gathering, it is a disaster relief effort and each person who arrives must be prepared to be part of the Relief & Solution.

**However kind your intention, we cannot allow drugs, alcohol, dogs or those with any criminal sexual history to be part of this effort. We do send you our love and gratitude for wanting to join us and help, though!!

Campaigns: 2016 Lousiana Flood; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism

Updated Aug 27, 2016 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9985

Culture Aid [mutual aid]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Lower Ninth, New Orleans, LA 70177
Phone 504-370-8176
Service Temporary

Hurricane Ida response, donation link: https://www.cultureaidnola.org/ida

Our team is on the ground now in New Orleans ready to provide relief the best way we know how– feeding our friends and neighbors. Along with our partners Second Harvest Food Bank, World Central Kitchen, Resilience Force, El Pueblo NOLA, and Lowernine.org we will be working to get meals to those still in the city, and to begin the long recovery process from Hurricane Ida.

get food: https://www.cultureaidnola.org/getfood

Services offered: Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2021 Hurricane Ida; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Aug 31, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10485

NOLA Resource Guide (New Orleans Resource Guide)

Info/Hotline · Open

New Orleans, LA
Web nolaresourceguide.org
Service Temporary

from the site:

About The Resource Guide

This electronic version of the New Orleans Community Resource Guide is the result of a partnership between the Common Ground Health Clinic and VOTE (Voice Of The Ex-offender).

Our purpose is to create a web-based clearing house of information that is accessible to community members as well as service providers. Our hope is simple and straightforward: That more people who need these resources will be able access them.

The New Orleans Community Resource Guide began as a one-page information sheet distributed by the volunteer staff of the Common Ground Health Clinic in the immediate post-Katrina period of 2005. With the support of REACH NOLA, and the labor of numerous staff and volunteers over the years, the guide has grown into a comprehensive document with over 300 listings of agencies providing social services across Greater New Orleans.

The Common Ground Health Clinic publishes updates to our guides twice yearly, and collaborates with other organizations to produce editions that focus on particular neighborhoods or topics. Our intention with our resource guides is to increase public access to information and services that are free or low-cost. Most of our listings are for locations in Orleans & Jefferson Parishes. Our staff and volunteers check the information for all listed services for accuracy every 2-6 months.

Every attempt has been made to make this guide as complete and accurate as possible. However, should you have any questions, additions or suggestions you feel should be included in the next edition, please contact Coleen Murphy at the Common Ground Health Clinic, 504-365-8800, cghcguide@gmail.com
About the Common Ground Health Clinic

Founded by volunteers during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina on September 9, 2005, the Common Ground Health Clinic sees 450-500 patients each month, and works in the community to address societal factors that contribute to ill health, such as systemic racism and poverty.

Patient services include primary care, herbal medicine, social work, acupuncture, dermatology, endocrinology, referrals to behavioral health and cardiology services and Spanish language interpreting.

Although fees for service are requested on a sliding scale, no patient is turned away for inability to pay. Additionally, our Latino Health Outreach Project mobile unit sees patients in varying areas of the city each week, and serves as patient advocates for Spanish speakers.

CGHC's mission is to provide quality health care for the greater New Orleans community, and develops and provides programs to address community health care needs through collaborative partnerships.

Our goals are to: provide quality integrative healthcare; provide quality healthcare education for preventive self-care; create an environment conducive to patient, staff and volunteer learning; work in an anti-racist paradigm.

Services offered: Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Information & Referral (For Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Medical Resources Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Mental Health Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Services for Special Needs Folks; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Demographic Served: Environmental Disaster, Populations Affected by; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Demograpohic Served: Previously/CurrentlyIncarcerated/Prisoners/Ex-Cons; Directories, Directory of Services, Case Management; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town;

Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling Network, Database for Trading/Re-use (NO FEE); Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services ($ FEE-BASED, NOT FREE); Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Services, Disaster Response; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster); Common Ground; Community Supported Agriculture (CSA); Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Neighborhood Network
Updated Jan 6, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9904

MA

24W Arts-based Social Justice Community & the Windsor Insitute

School · Open

Acton, MA
Web www.24W.org
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Oct 14, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10740

A Friend in Need (one time grants of $300-$1,000 for qualifying applicants)

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
c/o Acton Congregational Church; 12 Concord Rd, Acton, MA 01720
Phone See Notes
Contact See Notes
Serves Acton, Boxborough, and Maynard
Eligibility Residents in Need of Assistance who face crisis. Must be referred by Clergy of Local Agency.
Service Temporary

For Friend in Need, Acton residents should talk with clergy, the Housing Authority (if a client), school counselor, other social worker or counselor who knows them. Or the person in need can call the Acton Council On Aging.

The contact with Friend In Need for a resident needs to be made by one of these professionals.

First contact can NOT be made by the individual in need or a family member of the individual or family in need.

as listed in the local paper: http://maynard.wickedlocal.com/article/20140422/News/140429174

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Domestic Violence; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Short-Term Housing Referrals; Counseling, Personal Finance Counseling; Financial Assistance, Case Management for Financial Matters; Financial Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Housing, Mortgage Assistance; Financial Assistance, Housing, Mortgage Loan Deferment Assistance; Financial Assistance, Housing, Motel Accomodations for Disaster Survivors; Financial Assistance, Housing, Rental Assistance; Financial Assistance, Housing, Rental Deposit; Financial Assistance, Medical, Prescription Assistance; Financial Assistance, Medical, Prescription Assistance (For Seniors/Elders/Disabled); Financial Assistance, Tax Relief; Financial Assistance, Tuition (School); Financial Assistance, Unemployment Benefits for Disaster Survivors; Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance; Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance (For Seniors/Elders); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Grants, Housing, Housing Related; Grants, Post Disaster (For Rent/Belongings/Home Repairs/Rebuilding, etc.); Housing, Housing Assistance, Relocation $ for Survivors; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Emergency Services; Services, Family, General Family Assistance; Services, Financial, Counseling, Mortgage-Foreclosure Problems; Services, Financial, for Folks w/Bad Credit (that want to get better); Services, For Folks Trying To Get Off Welfare; Services, Humanitarian Aid ; Services, Social Services, General Social Services; Vouchers * (ANY/ALL Types); Vouchers, Food Vouchers; Vouchers, Housing/Shelter (Motel) Vouchers
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; United Way
Updated May 25, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3485

Acton Chinese Language School (ACLS)

School · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
P.O. Box 2239, Acton, MA 01720
Web www.acls-ma.org

Dr. Hanlan Liu is the contact person.

Services Available:

– Chinese Language Classes
– Community events
– Community outreach
– Volunteer translators (for disaster/crisis situations)

Acton Chinese Language School (ACLS) is a non–profit organization aiming at providing an educational and cultural setting for youngsters and adults alike in Acton and its neighboring towns to learn Chinese language, traditions, and culture.

It is believed that cultivating Chinese culture and heritage into the young and curious minds of American Chinese children will not only help them better understand and appreciate their origins but also arm them with a better view of the world, a more well–rounded personality, and most important, a mind that tolerates and flourishes on differences.

ACLS also warmly extends its hands to students from non–Chinese families without regard to race, color, religion, gender and national origin.

Classes of Chinese language ranging from entry–level to advanced, as well as classes such as Chinese painting, martial arts, dancing, chess and etc. are offered on each Sunday afternoon starting from 2:00 in Acton's R. J. Grey Junior High School in regular school semesters.

Services offered: Community Outreach Programs; Events, Community Meetings; School, Elementary; School, Jr High, Middle School; School, Kindergarten; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Support for "All" Disasters; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Language Skills; Training Workshops, Art Workshops; Translators, Chinese/English, Volunteer; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers)
Campaigns: Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; International Community, Asian; International Community, Chinese
Updated Nov 20, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1813

Acton Community Supper (@ Mt Calvary Church)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
Mt Calvary (WAS at Acton Congregational Church); 472 Mass Ave, Acton, MA
Phone 978 263 2728
Hours Wed 5:30 – 6:45 pm
Service Permanent

Community Suppers
Please be sure to call ahead of time in case of recent changes

Location.....Date/Time.....Contact info.

Our Father's Table.....M. T, TH.....No restrictions
First Baptist Church.....Opens @ 5:00
22 Mechanic Street
Marlborough

Open table.....Mondays.....978–823–0082
Clocktower Place.....Opens @ 5:30.....No restrictions
Building8.....Food Pantry
Maynard

Neighborhood Supper.....Tuesdays.....978–486–3245
Congregational Church.....Opens @ 5:00.....No restrictions
330 King Street Littleton

Table of Plenty.....Tuesdays
First Parish Church.....Opens @ 5:00
2 Westford Street
Chelmsford

Mt. Calvary Supper.....Wednesdays.....978–263–5156
472 Mass Ave.....Opens @ 5:00.....No restrictions
Acton

Open Table.....Thursdays.....978–369–2275
First Parish Church.....Opens @ 5:00.....No restrictions
20 Lexington Street.....Food Pantry Concord

Friendship Dinner.....3rd Friday of month...978–897–2328
Union Church of Stow.....Opens @ 5:00.....No restrictions

317 Great Road
Stow

OLD INFO BELOW

Acton Community Supper
Hot meal program, and clothing closet
(978) 635–9295
Acton Congregational Church
12 Concord Road, Acton, MA
Weekly, Wed. 5:15 p.m.–6:15p.m.
To help: 978.635.9295 suppervolunteer@actoncommunitysupper.org
www.actoncommunitysupper.org
per: http://oldharvardestates.org/ABUWhelp2.htm

Services offered: Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Clothing Distribution (To the Public); Distribution, Clothing, For Disaster Survivors; Events, Community Meetings; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals (Elders/Seniors); Meals, Dinner; Meals, Hot Meals; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"
Campaigns: Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity
Updated May 27, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3486

Acton Family Network (for families with young children)

Info/Hotline · Open

Community Service
Acton, MA
Contact Chair
Email AFNChair@actonfamily.org
Web www.actonfamily.org
Service Temporary

Babysitting Co–op

Book Group

Craft Hour

Day Trips

Event Calendar

Fundraisers

Helpful Links

Meet Our Board Members

Membership

Mom's Night Out

Playgroups

Sponsors & Discounts

Story Hour

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals, Counseling, Childrens Counseling Referrals; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Community Outreach Programs; Demographic Served: Children; Demographic Served: Families, w/Young Children; Demographic Served: Social Peers; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Youth Services & After–School Programs; Information Resource, Youth Services; Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Family, Children, Child Care Program; Services, Family, Children, Daycare Services; Services, Family, Children, Emergency Child Care; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Networking Group, Daycare for Children; Social Event, Networking Group, Families; Social Event, Networking Group, Families w/Young Children; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Neighborhood Network
Updated Apr 13, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4274

Closet for the Needy (@ St Elizabeth's Church)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
St Elizabeth's Church; 89 Arlington St, Acton, MA 01720
Phone 978 263 4305
Hours Fridays, 10AM to 12 PM

Service Temporary

They stock used clothing for folks that need it...

Services offered: Clothing, All Sizes, NEW Only * (ANY/ALL Types); Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Clothing Distribution (To the Public); Distribution, Supplies, Local Distribution of Supplies; Warehouse, Warehouse Space
Campaigns: Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Nov 20, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3490

Danny's Place Youth Social Center

Walk–in Resource · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
Acton, MA
Phone 978 264 9754
Web www.dannys–place.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Event Listings; Services, Family, Children, Recreation, Kid's Cafe Program (Youth); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Nov 20, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3483

Household Goods Recycling Ministry

Donor · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
530 Main Street, Acton, MA 11270
Phone 978 635 1710
Web www.hgrm.org
Hours see notes
Eligibility Appointments are needed, and referral from an agency, church, temple or other similar institution is required.
Service Temporary

HGRM provides free used furniture, beds, dishes and other household goods to those in need.

Thursday and Saturday (except holidays): 9:00am – 12:00pm for donation drop–off only.

HGRM picks up furniture (via scheduled appointments) on Thursdays and Saturdays from 9am – noon.

Open for clients by appointment only. Please call 978–635–1739.

For a list of agencies HGRM works with (to obtain a referral) please go to:

http://www.hgrm.org/Agencies/agencies.html

Volunteer with HGRM and become a part of our success in the community.

We welcome volunteers at all times. Our volunteer opportunities are varied and the hours are flexible. Whether you can spare as little as an hour a month, or a day or more a week, we invite you to join us in our mission to assist the needy in our community. Many small efforts joined together yield great
results!

Donate Goods:

Household Goods Recycling Ministry needs donations of clean, usable furniture and household items for individuals and families in need. More than 200 households receive the essential items they need for their apartments each week.

When considering what to donate, please remember that our clients are often coming out of hard times. Items should be currently serviceable and in a gently used condition that you yourself would use if they were not excess.

Our most needed items are the essentials for daily living:

Furniture: Bedframes, Mattresses & Box springs; Dressers & Bureaus; Night Stands; Kitchen & Dining Room Tables & Chairs; Sofas, Loveseats, & Recliners; Coffee & End Tables; Bookcases; and Lamps.

Kitchenware: Dishes, Glassware, Pots and Pans, Silverware, Cooking Utensils, Baking Pans & Casserole Dishes, Toasters & Toaster Ovens, Coffee Makers, Mixers, Blenders, and Microwave Ovens.

Linens: Sheet sets, Blankets, and Towels; Bed pillows

Fall 2008, Action Unlimted Newspaper:

Cold weather has arrived, and HGRM needs blankets for clients. HGRM , Household Goods Recycling of Massachusetts, is a not–for–profit agency in Acton that recycles donated household goods and distributes them to people in need at no charge. This week, our store of blankets is very low, and we need to replenish our supply.

If you have blankets to donate, or other bedding for either adults or babies, now would be an excellent time to bring them in. We need blankets of all sizes: crib, twin, double, queen, and even king–sized. HGRM accepts donations at 530 Main Street, Acton, on Tues., Thurs., and Sat., mornings between 9 and noon.

Last year, HGRM helped almost 3000 families, including many right here in town. We provided these families with basic necessities, such as beds, bedding, dressers, pots and pans, and tableware. To learn what items HGRM needs most and what we cannot accept, please visit our website at www.hgrm.org, or call 978–635–1763.

Services offered: Appliances, Large, * Household (ANY/ALL Types); Appliances, Large, Kitchen, Oven; Appliances, Large, Kitchen, Refrigerator; Appliances, Large, Kitchen, Stove; Appliances, Small * (ANY/ALL Types); Baby, Baby Bouncy Chairs; Baby, Baby Car Seat; Baby, Baby Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types); Baby, Baby * Items (ANY/ALL Types); Baby, Baby Strollers; Baby, Baby Walkers; Bags, Suitcases; Demographic Served: Families; Demographic Served: Families, w/Young Children; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks, Women Only; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Distribution, Supplies, Local Distribution of Supplies; Donations, Car, Vehicle Donations; Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Donations, In–Kind Donation, Services; Donations, Pickup, Pick Up Service; Furniture, Baby Furniture, Mattress, Crib; Furniture, Furniture Bank; Household Goods (big) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Household Items (small) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; * KITS, BEDDING KITS, NEW or Gently Used Items; Linens, Bedding * (ANY/ALL Types of Bedding) New or Gently Used/CLEAN; Linens, Bedding, Blankets * (ANY/ALL Types); Linens, Bedding, Blankets, New or Clean/Gently Used; Linens, Bedding, Comforters, New or Gently Used/CLEAN; Linens, Bedding, Pillow Cases / Pillowcases; Linens, Bedding, Sheets, Full, New or Clean/Gently Used; Linens, Bedding, Sheets, Queen, New or Clean/Gently Used; Linens, Bedding, Sheets, Sheet Sets * (ANY/ALL Types, New or Clean/Gently Used); Linens, Bedding, Sheets, Twin, New or Clean/Gently Used; LOAN ONLY, Truck; Management, Supply Chain Management Advice; Recycling, Appliances; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Furniture; Recycling, Household Items; Recycling Network, Database for Trading/Re–use (NO FEE); Recycling, Packaging Materials; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Vehicle, Car; Vehicle, Truck, Box Truck; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteers, Teen Volunteers (This facility accomodates Teen Volunteers); Volunteers, Youth Volunteers (This facility accomodates Youth Volunteers) ; Warehouse, Warehouse Space
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Gross Inequity; United Way
Updated Dec 1, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/466

Korean Book Club

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
Acton, MA

Phone 978 264 4759
Contact Lori Krinsky
Email lkrinsky "at" comcast.net
Service Temporary

The group will choose novels that feature Korean culture, non–fiction titles that focus on Korean history, or titles for our children to read. Per the Beacon, 2008.

Services offered: Community Outreach Programs; Events, Community Meetings; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group
Campaigns: Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; International Community, Asian; International Community, Korean
Updated Nov 20, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2878

Latino Family Network

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
Acton, MA

Phone 978–590–2912
Contact Zoila Ricciardi
Email zbricciardi@earthlink.net
Web www.familiaslatinas.org
Serves MetroWest
Service Temporary

Events, such as Women's Book Club, other cultural events

From the website:

WHAT WE ARE

non–profit
run by volunteers
network focused on connecting latino families and the wider community

resource for members
place to learn, connect, share

QUE SOMOS

Sin fines de lucro
Organizado por voluntarios
Conecta familias latinas con el resto de la comunidad
Recursos para los miembros
Lugar para aprender, conectar y compartir

WHAT WE ARE NOT
no sharing of e–mailing list or soliciting

QUE NO SOMOS
No se comparte la lista de correos electronicos de los miembros, ni se acepta venta publicitaria.

Helpful Links
Business

* www.alpfa.org
Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting: Established in 1972; 27 chapters. The leading association of Hispanics/Latinos working in finance, accounting and related professions. Offers workshops, mentorships and other programs.

* www.lbausa.com
Latin Business Association: Since 1976, it has grown to include 1,500 members on four continents. The aim is to promote growth of Hispanic/Latino–owned companies through business development, education and advocacy.

* www.nshmba.org

National Society of Hispanic MBAs: Founded in 1988. Prepares Hispanics/Latinos for leadership positions in public and private sectors; links Hispanic/Latino professionals and MBA students with corporations and other organizations. More than 6,500 members in 28 chapters in the US and Puerto Rico.

* www.ushcc.com
US Hispanic Chamber of Commerce: Started in 1979; More than 215 local member chambers in the US, Puerto Rico and Mexico. Composed primarily of entrepreneurs and those working for small businesses. Advocates, promotes and facilitates the success of Hispanic/Latino businesses.

Engineering

* www.sacnas.org

Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science: For more than 30 years, SACNAS has worked to improve and expand opportunities for minorities in scientific industries and academia. Includes graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.

* www.shpe.org

Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers: Organized in 1974; now the largest Hispanic/Latino engineering and science organization. Offers professional development and networking to 8,000 members in 43 professional chapters; 179 student chapters.

* www.maes–natl.org
Society of Mexican American Engineers and Scientists: Founded in 1974. Open to all Hispanics/Latinos in technical and scientific fields; chapters throughout the US.

Government

* www.nahfe.org
National Association of Hispanic Federal Executives: Started in 1984; 2,000 members at various levels of government.

Healthcare

*www.icps.org
Interamerican College of Physicians and Surgeons: Founded in 1979; includes more than 39,000 physicians and healthcare professionals in the US and Puerto Rico. Promotes cooperation among Hispanic/Latino physicians while advancing professional and educational needs.

* www.thehispanicnurses.org
National Association of Hispanic Nurses: Begun in 1975; 1,000 members. Mission includes professional development, collaboration with other Hispanic/Latino healthcare providers and networking.

* www.nhmamd.org
National Hispanic Medical Association: Founded in 1994. Represents 36,000 Hispanic/Latino physicians in the US; offers professional development while working to unite physicians with government and the private sector.

Law and Criminal Justice

* www.fhleoa.org
Federal Hispanic Law Enforcement Officers Association: Represents more than 20,000 Hispanic/Latino law enforcement professionals around the world; offers training programs as well as advocacy and networking.

* www.hnba.com
Hispanic National Bar Association: Since 1972, a professional organization for Hispanic/Latino attorneys, judges, law professionals and law students in the US and Puerto Rico; 22,000 members.

Media

* www.nahj.org
National Association of Hispanic Journalists: Founded in 1984; the national voice for Hispanics/Latinos working in television, radio, print, new media and other media–related professions. Its 2,300 members include journalism educators and students.

Real Estate

* www.nahrep.org
National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals: Dozens of chapters throughout the US; mission is to empower Hispanic/Latino real estate professionals.

Social Work

* www.naprhsw.org
National Association of Puerto Rican and Hispanic Social Workers: Organized in 1983; includes social workers, other human services professionals and students interested in issues that affect Puerto Rican and Hispanic/Latino communities.

Technology

* www.alitp.org
Association of Latino IT Professionals: Founded in 2002; membership includes seasoned professionals and Hispanics/Latinos seeking IT careers. Offers opportunities for leadership and education through partnerships with industry, government and academia.

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Community Outreach Programs; Community Service Program; Events, Community Meetings; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services: Translators, Interpretation Services; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Book/ Study/Discussion Group; Translators, Portuguese/English, Volunteer; Translators, Spanish/English, Volunteers; Translators, Volunteer * (ANY/ALL)
Campaigns: Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; International Community, Latino
Updated Oct 15, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3491

Mini Food Pantry [like a tiny library] Free Food Take Some Leave Some

Walk–in Resource · Open

35 School St; Acton, MA, MA 01720, Acton, MA 01720
Service Temporary

Have you stopped by the Mini Food Pantry? The food is always changing. It works like a Mini Library — Feel free to take some food or leave some food. There are no restrictions or questions. We are just creating a space to show up for each other.

We are so pleased the mini food pantry is well used. Today we held a small drive to build up some reserves. If you missed the drive today, you can leave food in the pantry any time. Pop over and check it out.

source: https://www.facebook.com/sacc.church/

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jul 2, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10450

Acton–Boxborough–Stow Interfaith Laity's (RESOURCE DIRECTORY) (CHURCH DIRECTORY)

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
Acton – Boxborough, MA 01720
Phone See Notes for List of Contacts
Web users.bicnet.net/~abil/index.html
Serves Acton – Boxborough – Stow
Eligibility Residents in need
Service Permanent

From the website:

Private and Government Sources of Help

Member Organizations (Faith Groups)

ABIL: ACTON–BOXBOROUGH INTERFAITH LAITY

St. Elizabeth of Hungary (Roman Catholic)
South Acton Congregational
Acton Center Congregational
United Church of Christ Boxborough
West Acton Baptist
Acton Friends Meeting
Temple Beth Elohim
Nashoba Valley Church, Vision, Inc.
First Parish Church of Stow and Acton
Islamic Center of Boston
Good Shepherd Episcopal
Rotary International

FOR RESOURCE REFERRALS, GO TO THEIR WEBSITE:

http://users.bicnet.net/~abil/index.html

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NAMES OF ABIL MEMBERS

(listed by organization)

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Ellen Neelands

Sarah Jeffries (Clergy)

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Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Advocacy, Child Advocacy; Advocacy, Disabled/ Handicapped; Advocacy, Domestic Violence; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Special Needs Folks; Advocacy, Special Needs Folks, Seniors/Elders; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Disabled, Accessible Housing Referrals for Disabled; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Referrals (For Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Information & Referral (For Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Services for Special Needs Folks; Assistance, Referrals, Shelter Referrals, Youth Focused; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Community Outreach Programs; Counseling, Spiritual; Directories, Directory of Churches; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Disabled Services; Directories, Financial Assistance Programs; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Directories, Special Needs, Services for Special Needs Folks; Documentation, Disaster Recovery Process; Financial Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Youth Services; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Church/Worship Services; Services, Emergency Services; Services, Emergency Services, Senior/Elder; Services, Senior Programs; Services, Social Services, General Social Services; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Networking Group, Employment/Professional Networking; Social Event, Networking Group, Families; Social Event, Networking Group, Families w/Young Children; Support for "All" Disasters; Vouchers * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; American Baptist Churches–USA; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Government, City/Town Agency; Habitat For Humanity; Hindu Disaster Relief Community; ICNA Relief USA (Islamic Community); Islamic Community; Jewish Family Service; LDS ~ Lutheran Disaster Services; Lion's Club; Lutheran Disaster Response; Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response; Neighborhood Network; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; Rotary Club (Local Civic Group); UMCOR Relief Network; United Methodist Disaster Response; United Way
Updated Dec 14, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3835

Community Corner of the Acton Area [mutual aid network]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Acton Area, MA
Service Temporary

978 808 7173
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Apr 25, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10292

Citizen Action Team, Donations Gathering Operation

Donor · Open

Private Citizen Volunteers
Acton, Carlisle, Concord (metrowest boston), MA

Phone	978 369 4343
Contact	Terra
Email	info@citizenactionteam.org
Web	www.reliefdatabase.org
Serves	Generally the GulfCoast, and New England, but stand ready to serve the nation and the world, if needed...
Eligibility	Disaster Relief Site, or On–going Social Services organization providing services to aid relief of poverty, homelessness and other personal disasters.
Checks payable to	United Way of Tri–County, mail to: Citizen Action Team, PO Box 2525, Acton, MA 01720
Service	Temporary

For UNALLOCATED AVAILABLE ITEMS, go to https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1505

For ALLOCATED ITEMS, go to
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1508

For DBASE Ops, go to
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/246

FUTURE DISASTERS: We stand ready to gather. See FIRST RESPONSE
ITEMS under the items list.

February 2008 Update:

We are currently collecting:
– sporting goods (for the FEMA trailer kids, who have no playground

equipment or after school programs)
– computers for community centers (Pentium II or better, Macs: G3 or better)
– monitors (nothing over 19", unless you bring a box that's big enough)
– printers (with disks only, please)
– faxes (no monster faxes, small faxes only)
– household items, linens (clean, no stains, like what you'd buy at a garage sale)
– household items, kitchenware, small tables, lamps
– books (kids, especially)
– $ for fuel costs (100% of donations go directly to fuel)

We will start gathering coats and blankets in August, for when it starts getting to 30 degrees in the gulf in October. We will start gathering new toys starting in September, for the holiday rush.

***NOTE: We are also so seeking to organize sharing of computer parts by encouraging others to list their parts in our database. Call:

We always need packing supplies and help, and transport to Methuen warehouse.

We help people gather donations and ship them to the gulf. $50/pallet for properly packed and labeled boxes from Methuen, Massachusetts (by New Hampshire) to anywhere in the gulf region. Less than $200/pallet from other locations that are serving hurricane victims from the West Coast. Less than $100/pallet from the MidWest.

We are currently focusing on RECYCLED BUILDING MATERIALS, including kitchen cabinets, courtesy of the Boston Recycled Materials Resource Center. And we are focusing on computers/office equipment for community groups, as well as focusing on sporting equipment for the FEMA camps. Let's keep these kids occupied!

And thanks to Katie and Ann Brainard! They will be making it possible to create a steady stream of these supplies to the gulf by raising $$$!

Yippee! Gotta love fundraisers!

ALL financial donations go to fuel costs. Please make checks out to United Way of Tri–County and mail to:

Citizen Action Team
PO Box 2525
Acton, MA 01720

The United Way is a 501c3, thus allowing you the tax deduction. The United Way, in cooperation with CAT, and Barrett Industries has arranged for shipping via UPS/Overnite Transportation. ALL monies goes through the United Way directly to UPS Freight. UPS Freight is doing this for barely the cost of fuel, by letting the pallets go through the system in the "excess" space of the shipping hub system. The cost per pallet from Massachusetts to anywhere in the gulf, for example, is $50/pallet. This is part of an innovative humanitarian shipping system designed by Tim Barrett of Barrett Industries. Please give these folks a BIG round of applause.

If you want details about how your community group can use this program to ship your gathered donations, please contact us at:

978 266 2778, or terra@citizenactionteam.org

Services offered: Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Disaster Relief System Development Guidance; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Community Groups; First Responder, Gulf Region; First Responder, Mid–Atlantic Region; First Responder, MidWest Region; First Responder, NorthEast Region; First Responder, SouthEast Region; Flooring, Tile, Floor (sq ft); Puppet Stages Curriculum Guide; Recycling, Art Supplies; Recycling, Clothing; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Household Items; Recycling, Packaging Materials; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Recycling, Toiletries, Sample Sized NEW ONLY

Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Gifts in Kind; United Way; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), Associate Member/Informal Affiliation
Updated May 14, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/299

Allston Co-Op (Housing Co-op inspired by Rainbow Mansion in Cupertino, CA)

Shelter · Open

Allston, MA
Service Temporary

from BCN list, 2015:

Our co-op in Allston/Brookline is looking for a new housemate to join our community starting May 1st. We are a friendly group ranging in age from mid-20's to mid-30's, and we are open to people of all ages, genders, ethnicities, orientations, and backgrounds. Our shared house is loosely inspired by Rainbow Mansion in Cupertino, CA, and is made up of socially conscious people who enjoy tinkering, making, and learning! Activities include board games, dinner parties, outdoor adventures, bike riding, film viewings, and occasional themed events such as Pi day and storytelling night. Though we all have different jobs and schedules, we enjoy participating in the community and hanging out when we're home.

We share food, and cook vegetarian house meals on a semi-regular basis (a few of us are veggie, but omnivores are welcome). Communal dinners are important to us and we love being able to sit down and eat together when we can. Things here are generally tidy and organized: we have a creative chore system and hold twice-monthly house meetings. We also like to improve our living space via once-monthly workdays – we all contribute ideas and enthusiasm to keep things evolving in a positive direction. This is a house where creativity and unconventionality are valued, and residents seek to learn from each other and do stuff!

Practicalities: We have one large room available for $875. It is the biggest room in the house and located on the quiet 3rd floor. Utilities average $70/month, and our bulk/shared food system allows us to keep a fully stocked kitchen for quite cheap ($140/month). The house is a massive 3-story, 7bed/3bath single-family home which has been functioning as a co-op since 2013. We are lucky to have a traditional layout – the common areas are on the ground floor and all bedrooms are located upstairs, allowing us loads of space to be social while preserving a feeling of privacy and quiet in our individual rooms. The living room can be closed off to accommodate overnight guests, and also has a piano! For outdoor space, we have a small balcony, a big front porch, private tree-shaded backyard, and a full basement with bike storage, workbench space, and coin-op laundry. We're located very close to the B line as well as the 66 bus, and within 10 minute walking distance of Coolidge Corner.

If you're interested, please visit our google form here:https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Zh2G5AbjX9FEkPxxkuT15h62MsR-mqNZx05or0iTmKs/viewform?c=0&w=1
Thank you!

Services offered: Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co-Housing, Co-Op Housing, Intentional Communities
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Rainbow Community; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Mar 1, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9928

People's Market Food Co-op (NOT FREE)

Open Business* · Open

Amherst, MA
Web www.umass.edu/rso/peoples
Service Temporary

Services offered: Social Enterprise (low-profit BUSINESS)
Campaigns: Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9793

Common Ground, Massachusetts

Info/Hotline · Open

Private Citizen Volunteers
Andover, MA
Phone 978-852-6457, Evan Greer

Terra talked to Evan. They want to be volunteer coordinators. Not clear how many people they've got, or if they actually get their hands dirty or not.

Not sure if it's an "official" outshoot of the Common Ground people in Louisiana or not. But then again, CG is so loosely organized, perhaps it doesn't matter. Perhaps anyone can establish a CG operation anywhere. Wouldn't that be nice...
Terra

> Original Message
> From: Amatul Hannan

> To: AQuarii Arts
> Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 12:22 AM
> Subject: Northern New England Flooding: A Call for
> Solidarity and Action
>
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> PLEASE PASS IT ON: FOLKS MAY NEED HELP, DRINKING
> WATER, ETC
>
> Hello Friends,
> Evan Greer here from Andover, MA. I've been a medic
> / organizer in the
> Boston community for a while, but have been away in
> New Orleans, for those of you who don't know me. You
> may or may not be hearing about it on the news, but
> there is currently major flooding going on in many
> towns to the north of Boston in Massachusetts, New
> Hampshire, and Maine.
> There are dams that may burst overnight, sewage
> plants have been flooded, and hundreds of millions
> of gallons of toxic sewage are flowing into the
> Merrimack River Watershed; residential areas are
> losing power and drinkable water.
>
> THIS IS A CALL FOR HELP AND SOLIDARITY
> If you want to help, please call me ASAP:
> 978–852–6457,
> or write: evan@riotfolk.org
>
> I just got back from working with the Common Ground
> Collective in New
> Orleans, doing grassroots relief work in the
> aftermath of Hurricane
> Katrina. Having seen the damage that flooding can
> do, and the racist and
> classist response that officials took there, I feel
> strongly that it is our
> responsibility as activists and allies in Boston to
> take action NOW and get
> involved in the emergency–response, rebuilding, and
> relief efforts.
>
> I have a pick–up truck, a canoe, and a safe place to
> stay in Andover (my parents
> are offering to open their home to activists and
> volunteers.) I am looking
> for ANYONE who wants to come and help out as soon as
> this evening (Monday)
> and over the next several days / weeks. Whether or
> not you have Medical or
> Emergency Response skills, there will be plenty of
> clean–up, distribution,
> coordination and general aid work to do.
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> I am contacting various community groups in the
> hardest hit areas: Lawrence, Lowell, Haverhill,
> Peabody, etc., and attempting to determine where
> they most need help and exactly what they need. I
> will try to act as a link between those groups and
> the activist community in Boston, to help people who
> want to plug in with groups looking for volunteers.
> Please call me: 978–852–6457.
>

> I don't want to be the only link, as well, so others
> who want to make this a more
> collective relief endeavor are more than welcome to
> come and get involved in the coordination efforts.
>
> I spent most of today driving around surveying the
> scene.
> Most rivers and streams are over their banks, many
> roads are closed into and out of the hardest hit
> areas. Residential areas are under significant
> amounts of
> water, and Hit hardest, of course, are communities
> of color, which in this area are generally built
> along polluted rivers, in low-lying areas where rain
> is collecting the most. Over the next several days,
> we can expect that wealthier white neighborhoods
> and corporate areas will receive the most attention
> and resources, so it is our responsibility as allies
> to go to and help in the areas that need it most.
>
> Again, if you want to help, please get in touch:
> 978-852-6457,
> evan@riotfolk.org
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> In solidarity and struggle,
> Evan Greer
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Campaigns: Common Ground; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Jun 23, 2006 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/502

Redgate Farm

Walk-in Resource · Open

Ashfield, MA

Web www.redgatefarm.org/program-seed-bank
Service Temporary

from the website:

Red Gate Farm Seed Bank

The Red Gate Farm Seed Bank Project serves the local community by growing, saving and distributing quality, local seeds. Our goals are

1.) To provide community access to quality, local seeds. 2.) To preserve local, heritage and heirloom seed varieties. 3.) To promote seed saving. 4.) To develop and distribute seeds that are optimum for our unique New England soils and climate. 5.) To collect the social histories of our local seeds.

What is a Seed Bank Grower? A Grower is someone who grows seeds from the Seed Bank and then saves some seeds to be returned back to the Seed Bank.

If I grow for seed saving, can I still eat vegetables from my garden? Yes. Most plants have an abundance of seeds, and so there is usually plenty of product to be harvested and eaten.

Can anyone grow seeds for the Seed Bank? Yes. Families, school groups and others are encouraged to plant their small gardens with RGF Seed Bank seeds and grow seeds for the Seed Bank! You do not need to be a commercial or big grower. We ask that seeds be grown using organic methods and practices and we prioritize seeds that are grown locally.

Do Seed Growers get seeds for free? Yes. We are interested in getting as many different Seed Growers as possible, and want to help you help us! We will provide you with seeds and often have starter plants available in the early growing season. Just contact us and we will help you get started.
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Seed Bank / Seed Exchange / Seed Library / Seed Preservation
Updated Jan 21, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10148

Stone Soup Food Pantry, Community Center

Walk–in Resource · Open

Ayer, MA
Web m.facebook.com/FeedJust1
Service Temporary

Stone Soup Kitchen Ministries

@FeedJust1

The Original Potluck

The story of "stone soup" exists all over the world. In my favorite variation, a hungry traveler appears in a village with nothing but an empty cooking pot, a spoon, and his appetite. When the suspicious villagers will not show him any hospitality, he sets up his cooking pot in the village square and begins to boil water with a simple stone in it.

As the curious townsfolk pass by and ask him what he is doing, he stirs the pot and tells them that he is making stone soup. Further, he explains that at the end of the day when the soup is ready, everyone will be welcome to come and share it with him.

Eventually, one person ventures that the soup might taste better with a few onions. Soon the villagers are each bringing a couple of carrots, a potato, a little salt, whatever they have on hand to add to the stone soup.

At the end of the day, the whole town shares a delicious pot of soup (minus the stone, of course), and they have also learned a valuable lesson about the joys of sharing.

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Since July 2019, Living Water Fellowship in Ayer MA has been the home for Stone Soup Kitchen. The aim was to help provide a gathering place for anyone from the surrounding communities to get together, eat, and fellowship.

It is a mandate of the church to help those who need it. You will see that the name of the Facebook page has been updated to “Stone Soup Kitchen Ministries,” because it better reflects the totality of the community that we are building at Living Water Fellowship. Along with our weekly potlucks, we also have a food pantry and cold weather clothing. Other members of the community visit with us, offering substance abuse counseling, hair cuts, job counseling, and wellness counseling. We are looking to expand this part of our ministry!

We love our community, and so appreciate all of you who have gotten involved in contributing to our stone soup! If you wish to support the work we are doing, you can make monetary donations online at https://iccreditunion.goodcoins.io/causes/4125555 Checks made out to Stone Soup Kitchen can be sent to Living Water Fellowship at the address below. And food donations and gift cards can be left at Ayer Shop n' Save, a wonderful supporter of our program. We are a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

Here is the address:
Living Water Fellowship
41 Littleton Road
Ayer MA 01432

To God be the glory, and my deepest gratitude and love to all of you wonderful people who raised your hands and said, "Here I am...I'll help!" when we thought we wouldn't be able to go on. Your encouragement, love, concern, and support has meant the world to us during this really difficult and emotionally draining time. We love you all <3

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The Potluck dinners at Stone Soup Kitchen Ministries operate under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Part I, Title XV, Chapter 94, Section 328A. We are instructed to let everyone know who comes to eat with us that neither the food nor the facilities have been inspected by the state or by a local public health department.

stonesoupkitchenministries@gmail.com

stonesoupkitchenministries@gmail.com

https://www.facebook.com/FeedJust1

Services offered: Clothing, Adult Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types); Clothing, Adult Sizes, Winter Clothes, New or Gently Used; Clothing, Children, Winter Clothing, New or Gently Used; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Potluck Meals; Facility: Community Center; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Food Distribution, Meals, Soup Kitchen
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Jul 22, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10474

Restoration Project, The

School · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
Pleasant Street, Belmont, MA

Phone 978 263 0416
Contact Eloise Newell, Director
Email info@restorationproject.org
Eligibility Adults with developmental disabilities or mental illness
Service Permanent

The group moved to Belmont, on Pleasant Street

THIS GROUP NEEDS RAGS and OLD CLOTHES that can be used for rags. They are CONSTANTLY using cloth to refinish furniture.

From their website:

Rehabilitation through craftsmanship

Restoration Project is a nonprofit vocational rehabilitation program teaching traditional methods of furniture restoration to adults with mental illness, head injuries, and at–risk adolescents.

We teach participants to refinish and upholster furniture to build the confidence and work habits needed for success. Furniture restoration is especially suited to this goal because it is difficult and at the same time, so rewarding. Each job is broken into manageable, cumulative tasks, and mistakes are easily fixed.

In the end, the participant has created something beautiful.

We expect our participants to accomplish a great deal – to enjoy meaningful, fulfilling and self–sustaining lives. Since 1992, over 200 individuals have worked at Restoration Project, and seventy percent (70%) are currently employed, which represents years of employment for some. (In contrast, the national employment rate for adults with mental illness is 10%.)

The ingredients of our rehabilitative success are:

– A peaceful, congenial and supportive environment
– Apprenticed with mentor craftsmen, continual learning and problem solving fosters individual growth
– A skilled handicraft that promotes concentration and hand/eye coordination
– A difficult task that improves work habits and tolerance
– Artistic expression that involves and inspires
– A marketable product that makes time and quality meaningful
– A paycheck

Restoration Project is the 2001 winner of the Lilly Reintegration Award for Occupational Therapy. We are also almost famous from our search for Babe Ruth's piano!

We are a grass–roots nonprofit organization that relies on the generosity of its supporters.

Services offered: Advocacy, Special Needs Folks; Advocacy, Special Needs Folks, Seniors/Elders; Assistance, Referrals, Services for Special Needs Folks; Demographic Served: Disabled, Persons With Disabilities; Demographic Served: Special Needs; School, Adult Education/Adult School; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Services, Employment, Internship Program; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Communication Skills; Training Classes, Life Skills (Special Needs)
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Oct 15, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3859

Beverly Boostraps (household goods recycling)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Beverly, MA

Web www.beverlybootstraps.org/thrift_shop.html
Service Temporary

Furniture & Household items; no mattresses – check website for more info on limited pickups.

Located at 198 Rantoul St. Beverly, MA

978–927–1561 (main #)
978–921–4710 (for pickup)

Services offered: Donations, Pickup, Pick Up Service; Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Jan 27, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9630

Beacon Hill Friends House

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston, MA

Web www.bhfh.org
Service Temporary

from a BCN email:

Dear Friends,

The Beacon Hill Friends House will have a vacancy starting May 1st, and we are looking for the right person to join our community! Living here is a unique, exciting opportunity to discover the benefits and energy of community living, in an ideal location in the center of Boston. Here are a few highlights of our house:

– We welcome adults of all ages – we currently have residents aging from their 20s to their 60s.
– Our community is rooted in the Quaker tradition, and our residents have a diversity of spiritual, religious, and nonreligious identities.
– We support the ideals of social justice, spirituality, peace, integrity, simplicity and the dignity of the human person.
– We share meals and household chores. Our bimonthly house meetings operate via consensus–based decision–making.
– We strive to create a diverse and inclusive space for people of all ages, gender identities, sexual orientations, races, and cultural experiences.

Rooms start at $628 per month, including all utilities. Board costs $331 per month for a fully stocked communal kitchen, and dinner prepared by the house chef five nights a week.

For more information or to request an application, call us at (617) 227–9118, write to admissions @ bhfh.org <directors @ bhfh.org>, or visit www.bhfh.org today!

In Peace,
Ben

Ben Sachs–Hamilton
Beacon Hill Friends House
6 Chestnut St.
Boston, MA 02108
617–227–9118
www.bhfh.org

Beacon Hill Friends House promotes diversity in many forms, including but not limited to age, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, gender, sexual preference or orientation, gender identity, relationship status, and (dis)ability.

Services offered: Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business models", housing; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Training Classes, Education, Parenting
Campaigns: American Friends Service; Arts Community / Artist Network; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Food Not Bombs; Neighborhood Network; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Quakers; Rainbow Community; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Feb 26, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9923

Boston Bike Sharing Program

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston, MA
Service Temporary

http://www.boston.com/yourtown/news/back_bay/2011/07/bike–sharing_stations_coming_t.html

Back Bay,Beacon Hill,Downtown,Fenway–Kenmore
Boston rolls out new bike–sharing program
Posted by Sara Brown July 28, 2011 05:48 PM

Riders in Boston's bike share program head out from City Hall plaza today.

By Sara Brown, Town Correspondent

Boston's new bike–sharing program officially launched today, with bicycles eventually available at 61 stations for jaunts around the city.

Mayor Thomas M. Menino presided over the ribbon–cutting ceremony for the program at 11 a.m. at City Hall Plaza. To celebrate its launch, registered Hubway members and employees of sponsors will ride 200 of the bikes around the city today.

“This is a great day for Boston,” Menino said. “New Balance Hubway promotes a new, environmentally friendly way of getting around and I hope that all residents use the system."

Some new customers welcomed the new outlet to traverse Boston.

Karly Burke, a Bay Village resident, said she joined the Hubway program last week and was excited about its arrival. As she checked out a bike in front of the Boston Public Library, she said she planned to use the bikes mostly "around town, for errands, and to meet people out."

As around one dozen of the first people to test the bikes cycled down Newbury Street, they said they were greeted with cheers and applause from onlookers.

“It was a really great ride, and nice having a big group,” said Kelly Gray, 30, a digital marketing manager at New Balance, the title sponsor of the new program. “There was a lot of excitement around the city.”

Gray, who owns and regularly rides her own bicycle, said the brand new, three–gear Hubway bikes were sturdy, easy to use, and the seats were “super comfortable.”

“I just rode from City Hall and my butt doesn’t hurt,” she said.

Of the bike stations, about 18 will be in the the Back Bay and Fenway–Kenmore, with four around the Boston University campus and Kenmore Square, stations near Fenway Park, Northeastern University, and Colleges of the Fenway, and Back Bay stations ranging from the Newbury Street to the Boston Public Library.

Bikes will also be available at three Beacon Hill stations: on Cambridge Street at Blossom Street; at the Charles Circle footbridge, and on Beacon Street at Brimmer Street. In Allston, there were seven active stations as of today.

The Hubway program allows people to rent one of about 600 bikes for short rides around the city. There are three membership options with varying prices: an annual subscription, a three–day membership, and a 24–hour membership.

Rides shorter than 30 minutes are free for all members, with charges accrued for each half–hour of riding time.

Washington, D.C., Montreal, and London have similar systems.

Also on–line: The Globe's Eric Moskowitz tested the Washington bike–sharing system.

Correspondent Jamie Lutz contributed to this report.

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Energy; Bicycles, Bikes * (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Transportation * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/ Services; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Sep 22, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8986

Boston Cares (Volunteer/Community Center, Community Development)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Community Development
Boston, MA
Web www.bostoncares.org
Service Temporary

from the website:

Boston Cares offers a wide array of programs and opportunities that make it easy for you to volunteer no matter how busy your schedule is. Each month we manage more than 150 direct service volunteer projects through our Calendar program. These projects include:

– planting community gardens,
– serving meals to the homeless,
– cleaning parks,
– painting community centers,
– tutoring children,
– caring for sheltered animals,
– ushering at cultural performances,
– and much, much more.

Boston Cares offers several specialized programs. For corporate citizenship, our Hands at Work program provides comprehensive project planning to ensure meaningful service for employees. For young people, we offered both BOOYAH! and Campus Initiative programs. BOOYAH! (Boston Young Active Hands) provides volunteer projects that school–age kids can enjoy as a group or with their families. Campus Initiative engages college students in service. For volunteers looking to delve deeper

into current events and issues affecting the community, we offer Citizen Academy. We also offer a wide range of long–term and specialized volunteer opportunities through our Community Grapevine & Skills Bank.

Boston Cares is the largest organization in New England dedicated to team oriented volunteering on a flexible basis. In 2007, more than 16,000 Boston Cares volunteers contributed 49,000 hours to 165 non–profits in the Greater Boston area.

Boston Cares is a member of the HandsOn Network and Points of Light Institute, an international organization which inspires, equips, and mobilizes people to take action that changes the world. At the center of the network are 250 affiliates serving 83% of the American population and 12 international communities.

Services offered: Cleanup, Trash Pickup, Volunteer Services; Cleanup, Tree Cutting and Removal, Volunteer Services; Cleanup, Tree Removal & Chipping, Volunteer Services; Cleanup, Yard Cleanup, Volunteer Services; Community Beautification, Volunteer; Community Garden Program; Community Garden, Volunteer; Community Outreach, Volunteer; Community Service, Volunteer; Events, Community Meetings; Facility: Community Center; Management, Community Coordinator, Volunteer; Reception / Registration Site/Location, Volunteer; Volunteers, Elder/Senior Volunteers (This facility accomodates Elder Volunteers); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteers, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Teen Volunteers (This facility accomodates Teen Volunteers); Volunteers, Youth Volunteers (This facility accomodates Youth Volunteers) ; Volunteer, Volunteer Referral Services; Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online
Campaigns: 2010 Massachusetts Flooding; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Hands On Network; Points of Light Foundation
Updated Jun 8, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4719

Boston Co–Op Houses Network (online email list, meetings, sharing, advice about co–operative housing situations)

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston, MA
Web bostoncoop.net
Service Temporary

to subscribe: BCN@lists.bostoncoop.net

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Events, Community Meetings; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Housing, Online Housing Directory Resource; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business models", housing; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Neighborhood Network; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Feb 23, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9782

Boston Food Swap

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston, MA
Web www.bostonfoodswap.com
Service Temporary

from the website:

About Us
By day, Lyn Huckabee works for the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources. By night, she's an avid home cook who tested recipes for Boston UnCommon, the Junior League of Boston Cookbook, spoke on a panel at TechMunch Boston 2011, and helps organize events for the Boston chapter of Green Drinks.

Susan Johnston is a full–time freelance writer who covers food, beverages, and other lifestyle topics for publications including The Boston Globe, Citysearch, Cheers, and Pizza Today. She also teaches at Boston Center for Adult Education and will be speaking at the ASJA 2012 conference in New York City.

Tara Bellucci grew up in her family's Connecticut kitchen where she developed a passion for simple Italian home cooking. Tara spends her non–Food Swap time as a blogger and photographer for Apartment Therapy, a popular interior design blog, and creating marketing for luxury real estate in Boston.

Not surprisingly, the three of us met and bonded through our love of food. We joined a cooking club in the summer of 2006, and while most of the club's original members have moved on, the three of us continue exploring our love of food by hosting potluck dinners, swapping recipes (and extra veggies), and trying out new restaurants.

For years, Lyn scrambled to use up or give away a bushel of tomatoes or zucchini from her CSA farm share before it went bad. So, after spotting a New York Times article about a food swap in Brooklyn, we brought the concept to Boston in the summer of 2011. Armed with our love of homemade goodies and our social media networks, we immediately caught the eye of The Boston Globe's food section, NPR's Public Radio Kitchen, and foodies throughout the Boston area.

The goal of our monthly swaps is to create outlet for sharing surplus goods and offer an alternative to store–bought items, helping swappers eat locally, sustainably, and affordably. We're active in the swapping and local food communities, and we're working to grow the swap through blogging, social media, and partnerships with like–minded organizations.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Events, Community Meetings; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Farmer's Market, Local/Regional; Transition Towns (Transition Network)
Updated Mar 13, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9121

Boston Public Schools Office of Opportunity Gaps [identifying and rectifying inequitable gaps in curriculum/programs]

School · Open

Boston, MA

Web bpsog.drutopia.org
Service Temporary

Welcome to the Office of Opportunity Gaps. Our mission is to help build capacity and provide the vision, innovations and supports the district and its individual schools need to foster opportunities for marginalized students (Black, Latino, ELL, students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged) to flourish and close gaps in proficiency across all areas of their education.

Eliminating gaps in opportunity is not only a moral imperative but also vitally important for the survival and future success of our democratic, pluralistic society.

Who We Are

We are a passionate team that intentionally and unapologetically pushes for change to the interface between our school district and historically marginalized populations. Through our programs, initiatives, professional development, and systemic work, we attempt to mitigate, deconstruct, and reverse structural and cultural inequities. We engage all layers of the system and believe that opportunity gaps are ecological and multifaceted problems that require engagement with all the stakeholders of BPS.

Services offered: Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; New "Business" Models, Education; School * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Gross Inequity; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; Government, City/Town Agency; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jun 23, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10402

Boston Resource Network

Info/Hotline · Open

Community Service
Boston, MA

Phone no phone: online directory: www.bostonresourcenet.org
Web www.bostonresourcenet.org

The web site you are viewing right now represents a significant step for human services into Internet–based information sharing. ResourceNet also represents a special collaboration between two very different human service organizations in Boston—Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD), Boston's anti–poverty agency, and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), the nation's first public health department. These two organizations have come together to provide visitors like you with accurate and up–to–date information on the wide variety of human services available across the city of Boston.

ResourceNet is a collaboration which is not only unique in Boston's human service community, but nationally. The availability of ResourceNet to the general public denotes the first steps of human service provision into the internet age. The benefits of the Internet have been slow to reach providers of human and social services, but the development of tools such as ResourceNet will improve the abilities of human service communities to take advantage of the ways in which the internet can defy time and geography.

ResourceNet is accessible from anywhere in the country at any hour. It can locate information on nonprofit organizations which provide child care services in Portuguese in Dorchester in the blink of an eye. No matter how specific your need for information on a particular kind of organization, ResourceNet can help you find it. Accurate and timely information is often a luxury in the human service community—ResourceNet hopes to make it a standard.

ResourceNet maintains information on 2,000 organizations and agencies. Any listed organization with a website is provided with a link to that website. Updates are conducted annually, but listed organizations can update their entries online at any time and new entries are also accepted online. ABCD and BPHC remain committed to providing hard copies of ResourceNet for those members of our human service family without internet access. To receive a print version of ResourceNet, please contact us.

Feedback from users is critical to the success of information products like ResourceNet. Please share with us how you find this site useful, or ways in which it does not facilitate your search for information by contacting us.

Services offered: Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Hotline, Food Bank/Pantry Hotline (Find Emergency Food Help); Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types)

Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Oct 11, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1533

Boston Solidarity

Volunteer Camp · Open

Boston, MA
Web www.facebook.com/BostonSolidarity
Service Temporary

boston@solidarity-us.org

Services offered: Mutual Aid
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 3, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10661

Center for Teen Empowerment

Walk-in Resource · Open

48 Rutland St, Boston, MA
Phone 617.536.4266
Contact various people, see below
Web www.teenempowerment.org
Service Temporary

This group also works with the Warren Gardens "Higher Ground" neighborhood improvement program: https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8987

CONTACT INFO for Teen Empowerment:

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mlewis @ teenempowerment . org

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kit@teenempowerment.org

EGLESTON SQUARE SITE:
Teen Empowerment Program
2010 Columbus Avenue
Roxbury, MA 02119
Phone: 617-442-4684
Fax: 617-442-4687
jen @ teenempowerment . org

WARREN GARDENS SITE:
Teen Empowerment Program
130 Warren Street
Roxbury, MA 02119
617-652-8014
craig @ teenempowerment . org

ROCHESTER SITE:
Teen Empowerment Program
392 Genesee Street
Rochester, New York 14611
Phone: 585-697-3464
Fax: 585-413-1951
doug @ teenempowerment . org

SOMERVILLE SITE:
Teen Empowerment Program
165 Broadway
Somerville, MA 02145

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marlon @ teenempowerment . org

from the website:

THE TEEN EMPOWERMENT MODEL

The Teen Empowerment Model, upon which the Center for Teen Empowerment's programming is based, is a comprehensive methodology for working with groups that has wide-ranging applications in both youth and adult settings. It is made up of a clearly articulated set of beliefs that are actualized through a system of group building, skill development, decision making, and behavior management methods.

A. Beliefs
The first four in this set of beliefs have particular ramifications for youth program structure and approach, while the final two apply more broadly to both youth and adults in terms of how education and training are provided and how these constituencies work and relate together in groups.
There is a connection between feeling powerless and increased risk of engaging in dysfunctional behaviors.

* When youth, particularly those at greatest risk, do not have access to legitimate sources of power, they are more likely to be attracted to negative behaviors as a means of acquiring power.
* While most youth do not have input into decisions about how schools and communities function, they often have easy access to negative forms of power, such as dealing drugs or using weapons.
* Providing varied opportunities for a broader range of youth to access legitimate forms of power reduces the need among young people to pursue destructive forms of power.

Analysis + Decision-making + Action + Success = Power
Teen Empowerment provides youth with the tools they need to analyze the issues in their communities and schools, to identify those issues they consider to be most important, and to make decisions concerning the best ways to address these issues. Adults then provide the necessary support to ensure that these efforts are as successful as possible. While people can and do learn from their failures, the TE Model is based on the belief that people of all ages usually learn more from success than from failure and are more likely to be inspired by success to continue traveling down a positive path.

Youth have the ability to make real and meaningful changes in their schools and communities.
The work done at Teen Empowerment is not merely an exercise that is good only for the youth involved. Teen Empowerment youth organizers are engaged in real work with the expectation that their efforts will result in the achievement of powerful and positive changes in their schools and communities.

To make real change, youth need access to adequate resources to implement their ideas.
Teen Empowerment actualizes this belief by paying young people to work as youth organizers, and providing them with the resources they need to implement their organizing strategies. Every TE site has access to the financial resources needed to carry out their chosen community and school change strategies.

The most effective forms of youth and adult leadership are facilitative rather than command in nature.
The role of a Teen Empowerment leader is to facilitate a process by which the group identifies the best solutions to the problems it faces and makes decisions about the actions that need to be taken.

In both youth and adult group settings, there is a connection between the skillful use of interactive group work methods and the ability of the group to reach consensus and to maximize the amount of productive work they are able to accomplish.
Interactive methods used skillfully can help to form deep relationships among group members and to build a trusting environment where people are willing to take chances and experiment with new forms of creative problem solving. Furthermore, these methods can build real consensus in a group by bringing out voices, thoughts, and feelings that might otherwise remain hidden. This genuine consensus provides a significantly more powerful basis for action because the chosen actions are more fully supported by all group members.

B. Methods
This section first gives an overview of Teen Empowerment's interactive methodology and its centrality to all of TE's work. It then describes the procedures by which the TE Model carries out its youth organizing mission: selecting and training the youth organizer group, working with the group to plan and implement social-change initiatives, and creating and maintaining a highly productive group by managing behavior and practicing effective communication skills.

1. The Innovative Use of Interactive Modes of Learning and Work
One of the important factors enabling TE's success is the Teen Empowerment Model's unique approach to group facilitation, which emphasizes interactive modes of work and communication as a means of significantly increasing productivity. This reliance on interactive methods is based on the belief that groups function optimally when everyone's voice is heard and when group members are given the tools they need to develop relationships based on trust. In this kind of caring and safe environment, people of all ages become willing to take chances and experiment with new forms of creative problem solving. Furthermore, the use of interactive methods brings out thoughts, feelings, experiences, and skills that would otherwise remain hidden, thus creating a much broader basis for reaching a consensus to take action and for maintaining the motivation to ensure that the chosen actions are successfully implemented.

Teen Empowerment uses these interactive methodologies in every aspect of our work with both youth and adults. We have found that the thoughtful application of these methods helps groups to effectively achieve their goals –– from goals as simple as learning names to more sophisticated goals such as resolving dysfunctional classroom dynamics or developing innovative curricula that enable populations with special needs or learning challenges to succeed. Furthermore, TE uses interactive techniques to continuously reinforce the vital link between the group's mission and its current work, thereby increasing the group's investment in its work and in the ultimate success of its organizing efforts. Thorough integration of these methods into all aspects of our work allows TE to engage the hearts, minds, and energies of diverse groups of students, teachers, and other youth and adults in finding solutions to difficult problems.

2. The Participant Selection Process
The initial phase of the Youth Organizing project at each site is the Participant Selection Process, which is used to select young people who will work as a youth organizer group. The selection process includes an extensive recruitment of applicants; a first interview consisting of a two hour interactive group session and a ten minute individual interview; and a second interview, using the same methods as the first, conducted with about one third of the initial applicants.

Following the second round of interviews, staff considers each of the applicants. At each site, TE seeks to hire a group that is gender–balanced, reflects as closely as possible the diversity of the school or community where the group will work, and includes those who are considered to be at–risk. Through this process, staff identifies youth who are connected to all of the various subgroups of the targeted school or community and are willing and able to exert a positive influence over those subgroups.

3. Initial Training Modules
During the first week of the project, youth organizers complete a detailed curriculum designed to:

* Build group and individual relationships.
* Identify key issues in the community or school where the project is based.
* Place identified issues within a larger social context.
* Develop 2–3 strategic action steps to begin addressing the identified issues.
* Begin implementation of the first strategic initiative using TE's 10 Step Planning Process.
* Orient group members to Teen Empowerment's Behavior Change System.

4. Ongoing Training and Planning Sessions
After the initial training period, youth organizers continue to meet for interactive work sessions four or five days per week. The first session each week is used to address group issues and implement the Behavior Change System (see below). Each of the other sessions uses the TE meeting format, as follows:

* Introduction, covering the purpose of the day, the timeline of upcoming initiatives and projects, and a review of the day's agenda.
* Warm–Up Question, which poses a question to be answered by each member of the group. Facilitators select the question to highlight some aspect of the group's work, to educate the group regarding a societal or community change dynamic, or to work with a particular group dynamic.
* Springboard Exercise, which consists of a physical or intellectual group challenge that is designed to generate and focus group energy, to highlight a societal, community, and/or group dynamic, and to connect group members to the purpose of their work together.
* Work Section, consisting of decision–making and educational activities that take place in the whole group, and of small group work (such as planning logistics, producing graphic materials, and writing and practicing speeches, skits, or raps) needed to carry out the chosen organizing strategies. When participants work in small groups, the groups report back on what they accomplished and in some cases demonstrate what they have produced and get feedback from the group.
* Summation, in which the facilitator speaks briefly about what has been accomplished and what is coming up for the group, makes announcements, and addresses any logistical issues such as assignments or handouts to be distributed.
* Evaluation, in which group members rate and comment on the day's work.

5. Implementation of Social Change Initiatives
Every year at each Teen Empowerment site, youth organizers plan and implement numerous initiatives designed to achieve their goals for positive change. Read about recent initiatives at our sites here.

6. The Behavior Change System
TE's Behavior Change System is used to manage behavior and to develop appropriate work, learning, and communication skills within the context both of TE Youth Organizing groups and of the larger community. The system also has broad application and has been used in a variety of projects that seek to employ participants in a group work setting while addressing communication and behavioral issues. The system used by TE's Youth Organizing projects includes:

* Weekly Feedback: In this element, participants learn how to give and receive both criticism and praise and to view feedback as a set of skills that can be improved through practice and reflection. Feedback aims to connect positive emotions with both positive and negative information about each group member. In the weekly session, facilitators first lead the group through exercises designed to surface group issues. They then provide training in feedback skills. Finally, the facilitators open the feedback session; facilitators give feedback to group members, and group members give feedback to one another and to the facilitators.
* Youth Organizer Work Contract: The Youth Organizer Work Contract details exactly what is expected of each group member and the precise consequences for failing to meet the expectations. Expectations are clearly outlined and cover some 25

behavioral categories, including motivation and attitude within the group and behavior within the classroom or the community. Here is an example of how the contract works: The first time a participant is late for group, he/she is warned; the second time, the participant loses two hours pay; the third and fourth times, he/she loses three hours pay; and the fifth time, the participant is fired. Participants can earn back an assessed fine if they work for a specified amount of time without incurring that infraction. If a participant is fired, he or she may, at the discretion of the staff, reapply in writing and, after volunteering in the program for a week with no contract infractions, be rehired.
* Intensive Feedback: Once a year, each TE site participates in a daylong Intensive Feedback session that takes place on a school holiday or a weekend. In the morning of the session, an outside facilitator conducts interactive exercises designed to surface group issues. The afternoon consists of further training in feedback skills, time to prepare feedback, and about three hours of giving and receiving feedback, using one of several formats. Intensive Feedback sessions are life–changing in nature and result in significant individual growth, resolution of group tensions, and noticeable gains in the group's ability to work productively for the improvement of their school or community.

C. Operational Structures
Teen Empowerment programming is implemented through a common–sense operational structure that consists of three components:

* Youth organizing. TE has sites in Boston, MA, Somerville, MA, and Rochester, NY. At each site, youth are hired and trained to identify critically important issues and to design and implement effective actions to address these issues. In addition, youth in each city come together to work on citywide initiatives, most notably the annual Youth Peace Conferences.
* Consulting and training. TE trains teachers, school administrators, police officers and other adults working in human service organizations in the use of our unique and effective methodology.
* Dissemination of instructional materials. Teen Empowerment is developing a series of publications and videos that will make TE's methodology accessible to a national audience. The first of these is Moving Beyond Icebreakers©: An Innovative Approach to Group Facilitation, Learning, and Action.

D. Conclusion

The Teen Empowerment Model is a comprehensive system for bringing people together into working groups that function effectively to reach their goals for creating positive change. TE is committed to continuously refining the model and to learning through practice and reflection how best to fulfill our organizational mission. In addition, we are immersed in ongoing efforts to disseminate what we have learned and to broaden the scope of the model to serve other populations that could benefit from this work. Through this process, Teen Empowerment is building an ever more sophisticated system for increasingly productive, meaningful, and significant institutional development.

See materials for these topics at this link:
http://www.teenempowerment.org/model.html

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Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Child Advocacy; Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Employment, "At–Risk" Job Applicants; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Advocacy, Social Justice; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Business Internship Opportunities for Young Adults; Community Outreach Programs; Community, Recreation, Recreational Programs; Community Service Program; Counseling, Career Counseling; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Social Peers;

Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Teens; Demographic Served: Teens, Troubled; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Youth Services & After-School Programs; Documentation, Volunteer Instructions; Documentation, Volunteer Management Guidance; Education, Communication with at-risk teens; Education, for Parents, about teens' risky behaviors; Education, Parenting at-risk teens; Events, Community Meetings; Facility: Recreation Center; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Demographic Information; Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; Information Resource, Youth Services; New "Business" Models; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Employment, Internship Program; Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Family, General Family Assistance; Services, Youth Services, Crime Prevention Programs; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, for Teens; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Networking Group, Employment/Professional Networking; Social Events, Party / Festival; Training, Activism; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Communication Skills; Training Classes, Computers Skills; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training Classes, Literacy Training; Training Classes, Volunteer Orientation & Training; Training, Employment, Job Skills, Youth; Training Government, Training on How it Works; Training, Job Training; Training, Micro-Economic Entrepeneurship; Training, Services, Employment /JobTraining ; Trainin, Social Awareness; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Youth, After-School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Big Brothers Big Sisters; Boy's & Girl's Club; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Head Start Program; Neighborhood Network; New "Business" Models
Updated Sep 23, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8988

Community Church of Boston [activism-oriented, non-demoninational, community space]

Walk-in Resource · Open

Green line-Copley T Stops; 565 Boylston Street, 2nd fl., Boston, MA 02116
Web www.communitychurchofboston.org/home
Service Permanent

Justice work: http://www.communitychurchofboston.org/home/?page_id=4

regular events, see website
La Pena, Saturdays, once a month, Central American Open Mic, music, poetry, food, community

Services offered: Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Oct 20, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10747

Community Cooks (people cooking in their own homes, for people in need)

Donor · Open

Boston, MA
Web communitycooks.org/?page_id=6
Service Temporary

Mission Statement
Community Cooks is a network of volunteers who offer free, home-cooked meals to vulnerable populations seeking assistance from direct-service agencies in the Greater Boston area. We proudly partner with these agencies that, due to lack of funds and/or facilities, struggle to provide food for those they serve. In contributing nutritious and much-needed food, Community Cooks aims to:

feed our hungry neighbors who might otherwise go without;
build a bridge of caring between volunteers and community members in need;
support conditions for program participants to achieve success by alleviating their hunger needs.

Who We Are
We are a diverse group of volunteers from varied ethnic and economic backgrounds; we are young and old, women and men, students, workers, professionals, at home parents, retirees. But we are joined by a common thread - a wish to reach out to vulnerable neighbors. We share the idea that delivering home-cooked food carries a message from the heart, that your neighbors care about you.

In this way Community Cooks offers individual volunteers the opportunity to join other like-minded community members in helping to create a more caring and compassionate society.

It's nice that people take time to cook for us. Times are hard sometimes so it makes a difference that some people care.

- LV, at the Transition Living Program, Transition House

Services offered: Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Home Delivered Meals; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services, Social Services, General Social Services
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Neighborhood Network; New "Business" Models; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jan 26, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9629

Critical Mass Bike "Army" (social justice / protest actions)

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston, MA
Web boston criticalmass.org
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9786

Dollars & Sense Magazine

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston, MA
Web www.dollarsandsense.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Disasters in the Making/Disasters Waiting to Happen (reports of risk of disaster); Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Documentation, Economic; Documentation, Economic, Tax Haven Analysis; Documentation, Standards, Health & Human Rights; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Information Resource, Management Advice; Media, Online News Reports; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9770

Don't Call The Police [Mutual Aid resources for alternatives to 911]

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston, MA
Web dontcallthepolice.com/boston
Service Temporary

see list of resources and map at the link
Campaigns: Don't Call The Police.com; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Apr 22, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10424

Encuentro Five (E5) (social justice advocacy, meeting space)

Walk–in Resource · Open

9 Hamilton Place, Boston, MA
Web www.encuentro5.org/home/node/13
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Potluck Meals; Events, Protest Actions; Facility: Meeting space; Office Space, Conference Room; Office Space, Workspace/Desktop; Services, Tech, Computer Access; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; American Friends Service; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Food Not Bombs; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 14, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9838

Facilitation / Strategic Planning Services (sliding scale, co–op oriented) Nora Berson

Open Business* · Open

Boston, MA
Service Temporary

Have you ever been frustrated that your meetings are unproductive, your group feels fragmented, or your organization keeps getting stuck on the same kinds of conflicts and roadblocks? I am excited to work with you to optimize your meetings, help you get the most out of your collaborations, and feel energized about your organization's future!

I offer the following services:
–focused and motivating meeting facilitation

–strategic planning and visioning support
–structured brainstorming to harness group creativity
–team building for more effective collaboration
–trainings on consensus decision making techniques, and facilitation skills to empower you to improve your own meetings
–Spanish/ English interpretation for improved accessibility

I have experience facilitating in co–ops and community organizations. I'm based in the Boston area and offer these services on a sliding–scale basis. Please contact me if you or any organizations you are connected with are interested so we can figure out what works best for you!

Thanks,
Nora
nora.berson @ gmail.com

Services offered: Business Services, Co–Op oriented; Business Services, Counseling for Small Businesses; Business Services, Facilitation / Mentoring / Consulting; Local Businesses, Social Enterprises; Local Businesses, Startups; New "Business" Models; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Mar 4, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9930

Free Food on Thursdays

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston, MA
Service Temporary

HRI, Food for Free, the Boston Area Gleaners, Whole Foods Markets and many more are hosting eight weeks of sharing food. All food at this event is 100% free.

Tuesdays at Riverside Press Park, Cambridge6pm – 7:30pmJuly 11 – August 28

Thursdays at Trolley Square Park, 2401 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge6pm – 7:30pmJuly 12 – August 3

Homeowner's Rehab Inc., Food For Free, and the Boston Area Gleaners are partnering to offer free markets (not farmers markets) in Trolley Square and Riverside Press Park this summer. The market in Trolley Square is intended for residents of Trolley Square complex while the Riverside Press Park market is open to the public. *These markets are designed to serve people who struggle to afford the healthy food they need, and we encourage anyone who needs this assistance to shop at the markets*. The mission of Food For Free and the Boston Area Gleaners is to provide food to people in our community who are not able to purchase it for themselves. We are committed to a strong regional food system and encourage everyone to purchase their food at a local farmers market whenever possible.

Services offered: Food * (ANY/ALL Types); New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/ Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; New "Business" Models; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jul 18, 2017 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10016

Greater Boston Permaculture Meetup

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston, MA
Web www.meetup.com/Boston–Permaculture
Service Temporary

from the website:

"What we're about

This group is about learning and sharing skills and techniques to thrive and build resilience through the challenges presented by climate change, peak oil, environmental degradation and cultural shifts.

Gather with likeminded folks for fun, sharing, and learning. There is a place for you here to respond positively to these challenges through edible landscapes, gardening, food forests, farming, renewable energy, green building, local currency, rainwater harvesting, composting, soil regeneration, mushroom cultivation, local food, herbalism, simple living, food preservation, time

exchanges, conservation, community–building, relocalization"
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 28, 2019 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10144

Industrial Workers of the World (Massachusetts Organizing, worker–run democratic unions)

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston, MA
Web www.iww.org/branches/US/MA/Boston
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Events, Protest Actions; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services, Legal Assistance; Social Event, Networking Group, Employment/ Professional Networking
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Jobs with Justice; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Unions; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 13, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9832

Jamaica Plain Forum (Speaker Series, Social Change Events, etc)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston, MA
Web jamaicaplainforum.org
Service Temporary

from the site:

The Jamaica Plain Forum is a free public speaker, workshop, and film series bringing together neighbors, scholars, and organizers around issues of peace, justice, the environment and civic engagement. We promote true democracy and challenge concentrated wealth, corporate influence, and military power. We host timely community–based conversations on the great issues shaping our neighborhood and our planet.

A program of the Institute for Policy Studies hosted in The First Church in Jamaica Plain, Unitarian Universalist, the Jamaica Plain Forum hosts speakers from the Jamaica Plain community who are involved in dynamic and stimulating work near and far, as well as regional and national authors, activists, artists and thinkers.

Chuck Collins, a local neighbor and activist founded the Jamaica Plain Forum in 2008. Currently, Tracy Bindel serves as the JP Forum Coordinator.

All are welcome to attend the Jamaica Plain Forum. All programs follow the principles of tolerance, respectfulness and inclusiveness.

Although no fee is required for attendance, donations contribute to building–use fees and JP Forum expenses.

All Jamaica Plain Forum activities are wheelchair accessible unless otherwise published.

Contact the JP Forum at info @ jamaicaplainforum.org.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Consumer Issues; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Community Service Program; Disasters in the Making/ Disasters Waiting to Happen (reports of risk of disaster); Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Facility: Meeting space; New "Business" Models, Education; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Films/Cinema/Movies/Lectures; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Training, Activism; Training Classes, Disaster * (Any & All Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Transition Towns (Transition Network); Unitarian Universalist (UU) Church
Updated Feb 26, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9925

Lucy Stone Co–Operative (Housing Co–op)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston, MA
Web www.lucystonecoop.org
Service Temporary

from BCN list, 2015:

The Lucy Stone Cooperative is looking to fill two rooms for June 1st.

We will have open houses at 7:45pm on Monday, March 2nd and 6:30pm on Sunday, March 15th,with dinner at 7pm. Come for a tour and to get your questions

answered. Please RSVP if you can so we have a head count for dinner. Open houses strongly encouraged as part of the application process.

To apply to be a housemate, please fill out this form by 11:59pm on Sunday, March 15th:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1tVeIz170cDNU91Rmg2VARc02YLcG87UaQzrabAdCIdY/viewform
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1tVeIz170cDNU91Rmg2VARc02YLcG87UaQzrabAdCIdY/viewform>

What do you mean by “Cooperative?”
The co-op is owned by a nonprofit called “Unitarian Universalist Community Cooperatives.” That nonprofit is run by a board, the majority of whom are Lucy Stone housemates. Since being a member of Lucy Stone Co-op means also being a member of it’s nonprofit owner, housemates also play a role in supporting UUCC. Learn more about Lucy Stone and UUCC online: http://uucommunitycoops.org/.

Tell me about the house.
The Lucy Stone Cooperative is home to 12 people. Many of us have jobs outside the house, including roles such as teacher, minister, video game developer, therapist, nanny and organizer. We share five meals a week together and often spend time together inside and outside the house. Our house is 5,000 sq. ft. on a corner lot. It’s a single-family with 11 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, a big kitchen and lots of common space. The yard is big and has an incredible tree on the corner.

What qualities are you looking for in a housemate?
We housemates diverse in race, class, ages, and stages of life. We encourage young adults, families, couples, seniors, empty-nesters, and everyone in between to apply. Our values are based in Unitarian Universalism, and we welcome anyone with an interest in integrating their spirituality with their daily life, no matter what their faith background or religious affiliation. We are looking for housemates that are committed to honest communication, consensus-building, and building both an internal community among housemates and an external community of neighbors, activists, and people of faith.

What are the resident responsibilities?
-About 10 hrs/week of house-related chores and activities.
-Participate in (and facilitate as able):
-house meetings every other Monday
-annual membership meeting of UUCC (held during normal house meeting time).
-spring and fall house retreats
-annual anti-racism/anti-oppression workshop (usually during a house retreat)
-spring and fall workdays
-Pay rent and other expenses on time
-Practice direct and open communication
-Respect the rules and agreements of the Cooperative (see LSC housemate handbook)

Where is this house?
A 19 min walk (1 mile) to the Roxbury Crossing T stop
An 8 min walk (.3 miles) to Dudley Bus (& silver line) station
44 mins to Harvard sq. on the #1 bus.
25 mins to Park st. (on the Silver Line bus)

Logistics:
Rent: $455 per month, plus food and utilities.
Co-op membership: We ask housemates to pay a $500 co-op member share when they move in. The same amount will be returned when the housemate moves out.

At Lucy Stone, we welcome applications from people of all occupations; races; ethnicities; colors; national origins; religions; classes; gender identities; family statuses; sexualities; relationship statuses, including non-monogamous; and people of all mental and physical abilities and health.

Our Mission Statement:
*The Lucy Stone Cooperative is an intentional community living the values

and tradition of Unitarian Universalism through cooperative home ownership.
We seek to grow a diverse community centered in justice. Through shared
resources and faithful action, we align our daily lives with our core
values of sustainability, spiritual practice, and social change.*

*Apply by **11:59pm, Sunday, March 15th*:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1tVeIz170cDNU91Rmg2VARc02YLcG87UaQzrabAdCIdY/viewform
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1tVeIz170cDNU91Rmg2VARc02YLcG87UaQzrabAdCIdY/viewform>

Living@lucystonecoop.org <Living@lucystonecoop.org>

Services offered: Advocacy, Housing, Fair Housing; Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; New "business models", housing
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Unitarian Universalist (UU) Church
Updated Mar 1, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9926

Make Shift (co–working space NOT FREE, but cooperative)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston, MA
Web makeshiftboston.org
Service Temporary

from the site:

MISSION
Make Shift Boston is a cooperative workspace of diverse working artists, activists, and creative people from across disciplines. We are also a gathering, exhibition, and community space. In all these capacities, we strive to support social justice activism, creative collaboration, solidarity, and the sustainability of values–driven businesses. We seek to create a space that is safe and liberating for all people. As artists and creatives committed to social justice, we live in radical, loving opposition and resistance to the forces that dehumanize us all.

EVENTS
Make Shift Boston provides event space in Boston's South End, with the following missions:

To provide a unique and affordable venue for community events and the arts in Boston
To provide a safe and supportive space for oppressed groups
To bring unity through collaboration, learning and positivity (including dancing, music, and sharing food)
To carry on the legacy of social justice in the South End
To invest in our South End neighborhood and its future, even through major economic and social changes
To generate funds for our continuation.

Services offered: Furniture, Office Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types); Office Space, Conference Room; Office Space, Workspace/ Desktop; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Arts Community / Artist Network; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Jobs with Justice; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 13, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9831

Mutual Aid Jamaica Plain & Roxbury

Volunteer Camp · Open

Boston, MA
Web docs.google.com/document/d/1sprOsMLFieTEU6fakfG5mqirp3AUUGKGz6JnDg29n78/edit.
Service Temporary

geri.medina at
gmail.com

See live links at website above.

Welcome to the Mutual Aid Jamaica Plain & Roxbury network! In these fast moving and uncertain times, it's important that we show up for each other and remember that we are not alone.
Please share this doc widely: https://bit.ly/jpmutualaid.

Mutual aid is a powerful way to build strong connections – we all have something to offer and we all have something we need. Feel free to fill out both "needs" and "offerings".

1. If you are looking for help:
Find your nearest Neighborhood Point Person on this map, and reach out to them for support: http://bit.ly/JPaidmap. They are here to help connect you with what you need.

Look at the Offerings Spreadsheet, to see if someone is already offering the help that you need, and reach out to them! If you do not see what you need on this spreadsheet, you can add your information to this Needs List, and someone from the core team will follow up. You can also use the Needs List if you're not comfortable reaching out to someone directly.

If you need money, you can request up to $150 from our pooled venmo fund, @JPRoxburyMutualAid. You can either email finance.mutualaidjp at gmail.com, call our hotline at (617) 858–6238, or directly request via Venmo (just include an email or phone number so we can follow up with you). Check out our fund overview for more information. Dear neighbor – We are currently waiting to replenish our funds after meeting over 229 requests and moving $35,069. We will be actively fundraising over the next few days and week, and hope to meet requests at that point.

If you need groceries delivered, call our hotline at (617) 858–6238 or email us at mutualaidjamaicaplain at gmail.com.

If you'd prefer not to add your name and contact information on the public spreadsheet, you can email us at mutualaidjamaicaplain at gmail.com with your request and we can add it to the sheet for you anonymously.

There is no ask that is too big and no one will ever be shamed for asking for what they need.

2. If you want to offer help:
First fill out this form: Mutual Aid Jamaica Plain/Roxbury Offerings.

This spreadsheet (which is public and non–editable) is where you can then see the resources, skills, etc. that community members (including you!) have offered to share. Using information from this public spreadsheet, others can reach out to you directly for support.

If you can donate any money to a pooled fund for your neighbors, please send money to @JPRoxburyMutualAid on Venmo. Check out our fund overview for more information.

If you have a car/bike and can help shop and/or deliver groceries to people in need, join our Deliveries Google Group!

After you've filled out the form offering help, please periodically check the Needs List, which will be updated regularly. Reach out directly to anyone you are able to help, and keep us updated via email about that communication!

After you've offered help, if something changes and your information needs to be edited, email us at mutualaidjamaicaplain at gmail.com. For example, if you've completed a request from someone, we can remove your name or a part of your response so that you won't receive more requests for help you can no longer offer.

3. If you want to create a neighborhood pod:
Pods are local groups created by you and your close neighbors, using text messages or phone trees to communicate. Since not everyone has access to online communication or will ever even see the above google docs, neighborhood pods are a way to reach more people, and to build community more locally. We'd love for you to sign up as a Neighborhood Point Person, where you'd take on the responsibility of reaching out to your neighbors, moderating a neighborhood group chat or phone tree (on whatsapp or another communication tool). You can also be in touch with other neighborhood point people for resource sharing. If you have the capacity to take on this role, please let us know ASAP by putting that info into the Offerings google form, and we'll set you up with a toolkit to help you get started.

Help us build:
We are looking for various kinds of support: these documents were put together in a few hours by a small group of friends and we definitely need help from more people to get this thing going on the scale that we need. Here are some roles that need to be filled:

Spreading the word – We need to spread the word about what we're doing in concise and clear ways to ALL parts of Jamaica Plain and Roxbury– help us make and distribute flyers, spread the word online, and reach out to your friends.

Translation/Language Justice – Please reach out if you have capacity to translate some of our materials into Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, or any other languages as needed!

Coalition Building – Why reinvent the wheel? JP/Roxbury is filled with awesome organizations that already have tons of resources and skills. We want to form networks with them to maximize mutual aid! Help us reach out to existing networks and figure out how to power up together. Here is a spreadsheet where we're keeping track of individuals and orgs we're reaching out to.

Budgeting – Determining distribution of donated funds based on principles of harm reduction and effectiveness.

Anything else! More ways that JP/Roxbury students who don't have access to school breakfasts/lunches still get fed? Virtual concerts with donations to musicians? Your brilliant idea?! Get in touch: mutualaidjamaicaplain@gmail.com
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Jobs with Justice
Updated Dec 3, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10286

Occupy Boston (social justice advocacy)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston, MA

Web occupyboston.com
Service Temporary

Avails:
computers
and local transit to deliver
Trucks:
Sage

The guy from the Armory
Josh Bloomer (via Cailin) for Pony Express fleet of trucks

Bike delivery:
Sage

SCROLL DOWN FOR THE DETAILED NEEDS LIST or connect via @OBLogistics

#occupyboston
@boston_occupy
http://twitter.com/#!/Occupy_Boston
http://www.facebook.com/OccupyBoston
http://www.livestream.com/occupyboston

Dewey Square, across from South Station. (On the Rose Kennedy Greenway...please stay off the flowers...it's a landscaping "gem").

Sleeping accomodations: https://sites.google.com/site/occupyrevolution/logistics–security/sleeping–accomidations

FAQs for protestors, including instructions and what to bring:
http://occupyboston.com/faq/general–faq/

See below for a DETAILED LIST of high priority longer term supply needs.

See the main webiste (http://occupyboston.com/) for a list of instructions for protestors...COME ON DOWN! BRING CAMPING GEAR if you plan to stay overnight. BRING YOUR OWN TARP! Read the instructions on how to behave, please... the police are part of the 99% too...

See also database record for Occupy Wall Street: https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8995

Pics of site:

http://jenniferbruni.wordpress.com/2011/10/05/occupy–wall–street–comes–to–boston/

http://www.democraticunderground.com/discuss/duboard.php?az=view_all&address=439x2055125

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Calendar, Community Events/Protest Actions; Camping Gear * (ANY/ALL Types); Camping Gear, Sleeping Bags * (ANY/ALL Types) New or Gently Used/CLEAN ; Camping Supplies, Tents; Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Events, Protest Actions; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Linens, Bedding, Blankets * (ANY/ALL Types); Transportation * (ANY/ALL Types); Vehicle, Truck * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Jun 3, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8997

Roslindale Community Fridge, 4140 Washington St / 1 Firth Rd [free food 24x7, take some leave some]

Walk–in Resource · Open

1 Firth Rd, Boston, MA 02131, Boston, MA 02131
Web opencollective.com/roslindale–community–fridge
Service Temporary

Roslindale Community Fridge

4140 Washington St., Roslindale, MA 02131 (Parking lot of Roslindale Market at 1 Firth Rd)

7 days a week, 24 hours a day.
7 días a la semana, 24 horas al día.
7 ngày một tuần, 24 giờ một ngày.
7 jou nan semèn, 24 èdtan nan yon jounen. □□ 7 □□□□ 24 □□□

1 Firth Rd, Boston, MA 02131

listed on Dorchester Food Access Map: https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1KwjHajrarjnlnWVgS8BmZXZ3GOai6rt–&ll=42.28651311742094%2C–71.10646533116248&z=14

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity
Updated Jul 12, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10448

Solidarity Supply Distro [mutual aid, free food during Covid 19]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Mondays 5:30 pm; Makeshift Boston; 549 Columbus Ave; twitter.com/BostonDistro, Boston, MA

Web www.facebook.com/SolidaritySupplyDistro
Service Temporary

bostonsolidaritysupplydistro "at" protonmail.com

Solidarity Supply Distro is a coalition of leftist and anti–capitalist organizers in Boston who are building community resilience to the COVID–19 pandemic.

Services offered: Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Apr 25, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10285

Southend Technology Center [mutual aid, education, tech support/supplies, direct action]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Boston, MA
Web southendtechcenter.org/sample–page–2
Service Temporary

Tech center, organizing around democratic cooperative principles...

covid 19 response
source: https://www.liberationnews.org/ppe–for–the–people–campaign–to–produce–and–distribute–masks–in–boston/

‘PPE for the People’ campaign to produce and distribute masks in Boston
By Susan Klimczak (SETC) and Joe Tache (PSL)
Apr 13, 2020

3D printed N95–style masks. Photo by South End Technology Center. Used with Permission.

The South End Technology Center @ Tent City and the Boston branch of the Party for Socialism and Liberation announce our campaign, “PPE for the People.” We are producing and distributing protective masks to frontline workers and people living in Boston’s oppressed communities, who are suffering disproportionately during this COVID–19 pandemic.

As Mel King, the founder of SETC always says, we want a city and a world that works for everyone. We cannot stand by and watch as this crisis lays bare the profound inequity and injustice in our city and country for all to see. Our Love for the People calls us into action; to both serve our communities and raise demands for a new form of society organized around human needs, rather than corporate profits.
a volunteer sews olsen masks at a sewing machine.

PSL and SETC volunteers make masks. Photo by South End Technology Center. Used with permission.

Both in Boston and across the country, new data reveals an alarming trend that COVID–19 is infecting and killing people of color at a disproportionately higher rate. As the U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams recently pointed out, Black, Latino and Native American people are not biologically or genetically predisposed to get COVID–19. People of color are predisposed to higher risk of exposure because most do not have jobs that allow them to work from home; because of inequities in healthcare and income that make them more likely to suffer diseases that put them at risk for severe complications from the virus; because — in the case of those living in places like the Navajo Nation and Detroit — they experience a lack of access to water for recommended frequent hand–washing. As of April 9, in Boston, 72% of those who have tested positive COVID–19 are people of color.

The question of wearing masks is also complicated by racism. People of color are increasingly saying that they don’t feel safe wearing masks. In a Boston Globe op–ed, Aaron Thomas wrote that the practice “could lead to unintended attention, and ultimately a life–or–death situation…[and that] the fear of being mistaken for an armed robber or assailant is greater than the fear of contracting COVID–19.” On the other hand, on April 11, a man in Philadelphia was dragged off of a public bus by police for not wearing a mask. This pandemic is shaped by capitalism and racism, and the fight against racism must be at the top of the list of priorities for any COVID–19 response.

Overall, as COVID–19 continues to rapidly spread in Massachusetts, workers in health care, grocery, custodial, food service and other sectors have clearly expressed their desperate need for personal protective equipment, including masks. Some of our most vulnerable such as elders, returning citizens and folks in recovery also have expressed needs. Additionally, on April 3, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officially recommended that all individuals wear face coverings in public settings where social distancing is difficult to maintain, as it is in cities like Boston. Clearly, the need for protective masks and the need to address the inequities and injustices at work in our community is dire, and demand will only increase as Massachusetts approaches its COVID–19 “surge.”

SETC youth, staff and volunteers, along with PSL organizers are fabricating four types of masks with laser cutters, 3D printers and sewing machines in Fab Lab Boston:

3D printed face shields with clear protective covers
sewn Olson face masks with filters inserted in pockets that can be fitted with skin–safe double–sided tape for those at higher risk for exposure

sewn face masks for everyday use by the people
and 3D printed N95–style masks that have demonstrated a potential to pass fit tests with proper filtering.

A young man wears a 3d printed face mask and holds two hand sewn masks

Photo by the South End Technology Center. Used with permission.

PPE for the People has already provided over 150 masks to people like the residents and Community Table workers at the Haley House, who are serving 70 free meals per day during the pandemic, to workers in the temporary shelter tents set up for people experiencing homelessness in Lower Roxbury, to young people distributing meals to elders at Madison Park, to nurses, to grocery workers, to families living in subsidized housing and to workers serving students with disabilities. The campaign will be expanding distribution in the coming days and weeks. Essential workers and families, particularly in Grove Hall, South End and Roxbury, are encouraged to reach out if their work and/or living conditions puts them in need of protective masks.

While the PPE for the People will do everything in its power to provide masks to those who need them, the campaign will inevitably be limited in scope. Neither the SETC nor the PSL — or the entire network of Boston area Fab Labs and makerspaces — have the manufacturing capacity to meet the vast need for masks in Boston. Ultimately, the responsibility and moral imperative for addressing this crisis falls on the U.S. government. Both Governor Baker and Donald Trump have special powers to take immediate action on this issue. As reported by The Boston Globe, the state of emergency currently in place in Massachusetts allows Governor Baker to "take possession (1) of any land or building, machinery or equipment…which may be necessary or convenient… for the better protection or welfare of the commonwealth or its inhabitants." The Defense Production Act of 1950 grants President Trump similar powers to rapidly ramp up the production of critical goods, as well as set price controls, nationally. Organizations including the Party for Socialism and Liberation and at least 18 U.S. Senators have called upon President Trump to fully invoke the Defense Production Act.

A massive intervention is required to slow the spread of this pandemic and reverse the disproportionate impact it is having on oppressed populations. To this end, the organizers of "PPE for the People" demand the following:

The state and federal governments must compel companies that otherwise prioritize their profits over societal wellbeing to produce critical goods: COVID–19 test kits, ventilators, protective equipment and medical equipment at cost to meet the urgent need.
Provide free testing for the whole population.
Free testing only works with free treatment. Healthcare must be provided for free for all.
All essential workers must be provided PPE, paid sick leave, and hazard pay.
Provide secure housing for all. Empty dwellings should be immediately seized to provide shelter for all people without housing.
Release massive numbers of incarcerated people including but not limited to those in pretrial detention, elderly and other at–risk prisoners, and ICE detainees.
Native reservations, Black, Latino and other oppressed communities must be guaranteed equal access to treatment.

Our collective goal is that this city, our communities and world WORK FOR EVERYONE. The goal is NOT a return to what was "normal" before the pandemic. We believe that this crisis gives us the opportunity and moral imperative to change the persistent injustice and inequities exposed by this pandemic. This is, as theologian and Co–Chair of the Poor People's Campaign Liz Theoharis has pointed out, "a call to come together in new ways in order to survive, hold the powerful responsible for their unjust policies and the lies they've told to cover up injustice, and rebuild on foundations of love and justice" (Sojourners Newsletter). PPE for the People will be a local outlet for community and solidarity, and a step on the path towards a total transformation of our society.

For more information, follow the SETC and PSL on social media. Facebook: facebook.com/pslboston; Instagram: @southendtechnology center, @bostonpsl; Twitter: @zackboston.

Media contacts: Susan Klimczak and Michael King (SETC, miguelkingone@gmail.com & klimczaksusan@gmail.com, 617–578–0597), and Joe Tache (PSL, j.b.tache@gmail.com, 617–297–8372).
boston, COVID–19, PPE

Services offered: Communications, Technical Support, Volunteer Services; Masks, Face Masks, N95 (w/Respirator/Cartidges); Masks, surgical masks, cloth; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian; Training, Activism; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Computers Skills
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Mayfirst Solidarity Movement
Updated Apr 14, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10278

Valley Green Feast (NOT FREE, bike delivery of farm fresh foods, worker–owned, cooperative)

Open Business* · Open

Boston, MA
Web www.valleygreenfeast.com
Service Temporary

low income qualified discount
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Worker Owned

Co-Operatives
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9807

Circle (A)mory Collective house (Co-op Housing)

Shelter · Open

Asticou Rd, Boston – Forest Hills, MA

Web tinyurl.com/amoryapplication
Service Temporary

Hey folks! The Circle (A)mory Collective house is currently seeking a housemate applicant for a single room!

Deadline for applications is ongoing – WE ARE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS UNTIL THE SPOT IS FILLED. We hope to hear from you. Move-in date is April 1st or later (flexible, but the sooner the better)
We'll get in touch and let you know if we think you might be a good fit!
~ Circle (A)mory

Apply at: http://tinyurl.com/amoryapplication <http://tinyurl.com/amoryapplication>

The house: Circle Amory

– Location: Asticou Rd in Jamaica Plain. 1 min walk to Forest Hills T Orange Line and many other bus connections.

– LGB, Queer, and Transgender/Genderqueer friendly + welcoming

– Vegan-friendly (all collective meals are vegan), but inclusive of a wide range of diets, including omnivores + allergies

– Sober-friendly (many members of the house do not drink or smoke)

– Activism & social justice work is a high priority for all of us

– Our work in Boston-area activism and projects include:

Free Tarek (http://www.freetarek.com/ <http://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.freetarek.com%2F&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCNHk15AK_ocoxBg1L0gof6HNeyUaZQ>
)
Lucy Parsons Center (http://lucyparsons.org/ <http://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Flucyparsons.org%2F&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCNF-oksHpj2TCfwiy3LdiVLCi2K_Lw>)

NAPAWF (https://www.facebook.com/napawfgreaterboston <https://www.google.com/url?q=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fnapawfgreaterboston&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCNG3Y-J8CNlyuofaAeKGnbd_XWKMZQ>
)
SEIU Local 32BJ District 615

other hobbies and interests: professional cycling/racing, sexual health education and reproductive justice!

Current age-range is 22 to 31. We include a range of self-educated folks to people with degrees.

The room that is open is the largest of the house's single bedrooms, and has two large windows and two closets. One of the closets is a standard size, the other is larger with a storage nook where it's convenient to store luggage and storage bins. This is also a quieter room since it does not face the train station. The room is large enough for a queen bed (at least), and fits several bookshelves, dressers, and other shelves easily. There is also a small window ledge that could function as a reading nook, or an extra storage spot. The room is right across from the laundry room which is super convenient! It gets good light during the day, and at night you can watch the sunset and see the Prudential center in the distance as you are laying in bed. Some furniture may be in the room for you to use but can be moved out if needed. Rent is $690/month plus utilities (~$30/month).

*We are looking for someone who is interested in being an active house member, who wants to challenge oppression and privilege in themselves and the world around them. We strongly encourage people of color, women,

queers, and transfolks to apply. We like pro–active people who take initiative on house projects! ∗

We prefer long–term housemates, but might consider short–term ones too.

Diana Mai

Services offered: Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Demographic Served: LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender); Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing ∗ (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Meals, Vegan
Campaigns: AFL/CIO (Unions); Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Lucy Parsons Center; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Mar 24, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9942

JP Transition.org (Transition Town, Post–Carbon Transition Economy)

Volunteer Camp · Open

Boston – Jamaica Plain, MA
Web jptransition.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Assistance, Referrals ∗ General Information & Referral; Disasters in the Making/ Disasters Waiting to Happen (reports of risk of disaster); Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Documentation, Economic; Documentation, Environmental Education; Events, Community Meetings; Information Resource ∗ (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Information Resource, Responsible Buying Guides; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental, Reports of Greenwashing; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Government; Information Resource, Watchdog, Transparency & Accountability; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling Network, Database for Trading/ Re–use (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Transition Towns (Transition Network)
Updated Feb 26, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9924

Mutual Aid Eastie

Volunteer Camp · Open

434 Chelsea St, Boston / East Boston, MA
Web mutualaideastie.org
Service Temporary

At Mutual Aid Eastie, we believe in the power of community and collective support to meet each other's needs and build a community where everyone thrives. We are a network of neighbors creating community spaces that build unity, trust, solidarity, and community care. We promote solidarity through mutual support – and in the belief that everyone has abundances and needs. Connect with us at Office Hours

Join us for our weekly Office Hours and connect with our team and your neighbors in East Boston:
Thursdays: 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Fridays: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location: 434 Chelsea St, East Boston, MA 02128

Schedule an Appointment:
Call or email us to schedule a one–on–one meeting with a member of our team. Whether you need support, resources, or simply a friendly conversation, we're here for you.

Phone Number: 857–816–9151
Email: info@mutualaideastie.org

Services offered: Mutual Aid
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 3, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10664

Seed Pod Housing Cooperative

Shelter · Open

Boston / Fields Corner, MA
Web bcc.coop/coops/seedpod
Service Temporary

from the site:

We're a group–equity co–op, which means that we all pay in a small ($565) member share to join that is returned when a member moves out. The house is owned by BCC rather than by individuals.

We share vegetarian dinners, chores, house meetings and food purchases. We enjoy eating good food, having good conversations, and spending time together as a community while also making room for our own lives and space.

The Seed Pod Co–op is in the Fields Corner area (very close to the Red Line T station) and is a big triple decker with lots of porches, common space, and room to be creative and transform the space into what we want. We currently have 12 people and two cats (the cats are contained to one floor of the house so not to have a large effect on those with allergies).

Rooms cost between $495 and $611 monthly for rent and $50 for utilities/month plus money for shared food/supplies ($135/month).

Services offered: Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; New "business models", housing
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9797

Boston area community fridge (map/list)

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston area, MA

Web boston.eater.com/maps/community–fridges–boston
Service Temporary

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Mutual Aid
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Gross Inequity
Updated Dec 3, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10666

Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC)

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston Area, MA

Web barcc.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Domestic Violence; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Health Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Short–Term Housing Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Mental Health Resources; Case Management, Battered, Abused Women; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Counseling, Crisis Counseling; Counseling, Domestic Abuse Support; Counseling, Rape Crisis; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Counseling, Support Group, Rape; Counseling, Support Group, Survivors, Violence; Demographic Served: LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender); Demographic Served: Survivors, Violence; Demographic Served: Teens, Troubled; Demographic Served: Victims of Sexual Exploitation; Demographic Served: Women; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Crisis Hotline (For Survivors of Disaster); Hotline, Domestic Violence Hotline; Hotline, Rape; Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); Mental Health, Counselors/Psychologists; Mental Health Services; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Women's Services; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 10, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9824

Restaurant Worker Mutual Aid of Greater Boston

Volunteer Camp · Open

Boston area, MA

Web rwma617.org
Service Temporary

from the website, 12–3–24

The Story of RWMA's Start: Fighting Food Insecurity in the Food Industry

RWMA was organized in March 2020 when Massachusetts mandated restaurants to close due to the Covid–19 pandemic. Alex Gladwell and Kaitlyn Sullivan did what restaurant workers do, they sprung into action, pooling together resources to provide food for their fellow restaurant worker.

Alex Gladwell, with a background in Hunger Studies and Public Policy, in conjunction with extensive restaurant experience, knew that restaurant closures would mean too many people facing immediate food insecurity. Particularly impacted, those who are the very foundation of the industry, undocumented workers. With this, Alex approached her friend and fellow industry worker, Kaitlyn Sullivan.

Without skipping a beat, Kaitlyn offered the space of Abigail's Restaurant to begin aquiring donations. Week one, Kaitlyn and Alex organized and provided grocery items for 10 households. Since then, this two women team– in collaboration with an amazing group of industry friends volunteering their time– has been able to reach more households than ever predicted.

The restaurant industry highlights how when resources are pooled, and people work together, how much can be accomplished. Just think of a night out to dinner at your favorite restaurant or out on the town at your local bar (I know, it's been awhile). Behind the food coming to your table or that drink being shakin' up, so much coordination and labor has taken place.

What we need to remember and value are the undocumented workers who make it all possible. From the production and distribution of the very food that finds its way into the restaurant; to the preparation and execution of your favorite dish- there are countless undocumented workers. It all starts and ends with immigrant laborers, who work tirelessly and too often without recognition or appreciation.

The irony that those very individuals that make the food cycle of our country function disproportionally face food insecurity (both pre-Covid, and now at an alarmingly growing rate) is not lost on RWMA. It is a message that is core to our very foundation.

Kaitlyn and Alex are humbled at the opportunity to be able to support their restaurant community. In a small way, we hope it shows that they are valued; and despite the message our government sends by failing to provide assistance, they are not forgotten. Without the immigrant community, the industry very well would not exist. If we hope to reestablish the restaurant industry, we need to do so with inclusivity and equity.

This is an opportunity to be better equipped as a society. To show our hard working community members that they are of value. No one should be facing food insecurity, and especially not those so central to the very function of our food systems.

What can you do in support?

Consider donating: volunteering your time or offer financial support (with RWMA or an organization local to you);
Be advocates! Reach out to your representatives. Educate yourselves. Have these important conversations.

We can do better. We need to do better. In the mean time, Alex, Kaitlyn, and the network that makes up RWMA will continue to do what necessary, with hope of a better, more just future.

Services offered: Mutual Aid
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity
Updated Dec 3, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10669

Boston Community Network (BCN email list) for housing coops/co-ops/feaux-ops

Info/Hotline · Open

online, Boston Region, MA

This is an amazing email list where people post rooms available in housing coops/co-ops/feaux-ops.
Most of these are actual community oriented houses, inclusive, reasonably affordable. The communities most often have community activities, like movie nights, game nights, etc
Email admin to get on the list:
bcn-owner@lists.riseup.net

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Oct 16, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10745

Roslindale Cares Mutual Aid Network

Volunteer Camp · Open

Boston Roslindale, MA

Web www.roslindalecares.com
Service Temporary

Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID-19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Apr 25, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10284

Dorchester Community Fridge, Mutual Aid, Free Food, Dorchester "Take what you need, leave what you can"

Walk-in Resource · Open

1471 Dorchester Ave in Dorchester, Boston, Dorchester, MA

Web linktr.ee/DotCommunityFridge
Service Temporary

7 days a week, 24 hours a day.
7 días a la semana, 24 horas al día.
7 ngày một tuần, 24 giờ một ngày.
7 jou nan semèn, 24 èdtan nan yon jounen. □□ 7 □□□□ 24 □□□

Also, see their Instagram page: https://www.instagram.com/dotcommunityfridge/

Also listed on this map of food resources for Boston:
https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1KwjHajrarjnlnWVgS8BmZXZ3GOai6rt-&ll=42.29978342275533%2C-71.05995827208967&z=16

original source: https://caughtindot.com/dorchester-community-fridge-take-what-you-need-leave-what-you-can/

old webform: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_2TWMQZWcTNEIuwd8EQOIX10LRqMJjr48j0-v9z73WrFZgQ/viewform

Services offered: Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jul 12, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10374

Community Fridge, Free Food, Jamaica Plain

Walk-in Resource · Open

Boston, Jamaica Plain, MA
Web www.instagram.com/bostoncommunityfridge
Service Temporary

On the corner of Centre Street and Forbes Street in Jamaica Plain, a spray-painted refrigerator sits on the sidewalk. The words “free food” are written across the top freezer in white letters; underneath that in Spanish, “comida gratis.”

source: https://www.boston.com/food/local-news/2020/09/22/community-fridges-in-boston

Services offered: Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Food Not Bombs; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Sep 26, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10376

Jamaica Plain "Time Exchange" [barter network]

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston, Jamaica Plain, MA
Web hourworld.org/bank/?hw=1296
Service Temporary

Not sure how privacy issues are handled, because the app looks cloud-based, but we hear VERY good things about these folks. Maybe people can have an anonymous log in?

from the website:

"We members of the JP community want to support stronger mutual aid networks and a vibrant time bank here in our neighborhood.

There is value in every person. Everyone's needs are valid, and everyone has something to offer, no matter what their traditional "credentials" may suggest. We all have gifts that the market economy may not honor or make use of. We want to find ways to honor those gifts in networks of mutuality.

We realize that different members of the community will participate in mutual aid and time banking for different reasons. Some are motivated by financial concerns, others hope to make community connections, and others bring yet other reasons. We honor and value this diversity.

Lastly, given current large-scale economic and ecological trends, we believe it is an opportune time to experiment with mutual aid, time banking, and alternative forms of exchange."
Campaigns: Bartering Network; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 28, 2019 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10142

Restoring Roots Cooperative (Edible Landscaping and Design)

Open Business* · Open

Boston, Jamaica Plain, MA
Phone 617.942.0561
Contact Noah McKenna, worker-owner
Email restoringroots@gmail.com
Web www.restoringroots.net
Service Temporary

posted 4/21 on the WorkerOwned list WORCN:

Hello Friends,
Restoring Roots, your local permaculutre landscaping cooperative, is hiring for a full time worker-owner track position!
Please have a look at the job description and share it with anyone you feel might be interested.
Thank you,
-Noah

Hiring 2020.pdf
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_YlwYfSbJPdUcO53I8BO84TA-Nn-sZSF/view?usp=drive_web>

Worker-Owner
Restoring Roots Cooperative
Healing Land, Nourishing People
http://restoringroots.net/
restoringroots@gmail.com
617.942.0561

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Environmental, Wildlife; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Agriculture School, Plant Stock; Community Garden Program; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Directories, Organic/Local Food Producers/Users; Disaster Mitigation, Economic, Community; Disaster Mitigation, Environmental; Facilities: Farm, Urban (this site is a farm); Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Food, Organic ($ NOT FREE); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; Jobs, Paying; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling, Composting; Recycling, Natural Resources; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Social Enterprise (low-profit BUSINESS); Tools, Agricultural Tools * (ANY/ALL Types); Training, Micro-Economic Entrepeneurship
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Edible Communities; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Northeast Organic Farming Association; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Apr 21, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9858

Roxbury Community Table Saturdays 5 pm (Pay-What-You-Can)

Walk-in Resource · Open

Boston, Roxbury, MA
Service Temporary

Dear all,

JOIN US EVERY SATURDAY for a delicious and healthy pay-what-you-can dinner starting at 5 pm at Haley House Bakery Cafe, located at 12 Dade St in Roxbury.

Come for good conversation over locally sourced food regardless of your financial means. Great time for community building and reaching out to fellow Bostonians. We believe in always feeding our people and sharing stories as the starting point for activism. Bring your friends and colleagues! See you there!

Community Tables
Every Saturday
5 PM
12 Dade St, Haley House Bakery Cafe

Thank you!
Tanya Nguyen
tanya.m.nguyen @ gmail.com

Services offered: Events, Community Meetings; Facility: Recreation Center; Food Distribution, Meals, Soup Kitchen; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Dinner; Meals, Pay-what-you-can; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty
Updated Oct 8, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9727

Boston Area Gleaners (rescuing food and giving it to food agencies)

Donor · Open

Boston-area, MA
Web www.bostonareagleaners.org/recipient-agencies.html
Service Temporary

from the website:

Our Mission: Boston Area Gleaners, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to rescuing surplus farm crops for people in need.

How We Do It: We distribute high–quality, locally grown produce to food banks, pantries, and meal programs by working closely with farmers, providing volunteer labor to harvest what would otherwise be plowed under.

Our Goal: To build a sustainable supply chain of nutritious surplus produce from local farms to people in need.

Services offered: Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Gleaning Program; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Bartering Network; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Farmer's Market, Local/Regional; New "Business" Models; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jul 18, 2017 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10015

Agaric.coop [solidarity oriented techies, web design, custom online tools, fomenting cooperation]

Open Business* · Open

Boston/Cambridge, MA
Web www.agaric.coop
Service Temporary

[see WAY more at the website above]

What are Agaric's initiatives, you ask?

We do much more than build websites. We build tools that work for the social change we want to see. We teach and empower others to use digital technology safely, responsibly, and effectively. We participate in building and supporting communities that are founded on democratic–ownership and knowledge–sharing. We engage in a plethora of movements, and we look for ways to bridge the gaps between them. Akin to the mushrooms after which we are named, we work across vast nutritive networks so that we can bring nourishment to our human ecosystems. This page is our feeble attempt to showcase the meaning behind Agaric Tech Cooperative.

Services offered: Business Services, Co–Op oriented; Local Businesses, Social Enterprises; New "Business" Models; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Alternative Societies; Center for Global Justice; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Mayfirst Solidarity Movement; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Nov 15, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10400

Building Materials Resource Center

Walk–in Resource · Open

In–Kind Donations Bank
100 Terrace Street; Boston's Roxbury Crossing neighborhood, Boston/Dorchester, MA
Phone 617–442–2262 / 617 442 8917
Web www.bostonbuildingresources.com/index.php/shop

This group takes in donated supplies and sells them at very low rates to lower income folks and community groups. They give away a lot of stuff, too. Cabinets, appliances...all kinds of stuff.

Things aren't totally free here. They sometimes are. Most times not. If they have extra stuff, you can often get it for free, but you should really give them some $ to support the facility.

from the website:

Boston Building Resources is a name that encompasses two related organizations located at 100 Terrace Street in Boston's Roxbury Crossing neighborhood. (You can download our most recent newsletter by clicking the icon on the right.)

The first is a consumer co–op, or a store owned by and operated for its members. The co–op was founded in 1978 under the name Boston Building Materials Co–op. It provides new materials for home improvement with a special focus on kitchen cabinetry, windows, doors, energy–saving products, and green products. Anyone can join, and you can also shop without joining. Being a co–op means that we are not in business to maximize profits, but to benefit our members.

The Reuse Center at Boston Building Resources is a charitable nonprofit that accepts donations of new and gently used materials for resale. It opened its doors in 1993 and was known until recently as the Building Materials Resource Center. Anyone can shop at the Reuse Center. Additional discounts are given to Plus members—people who meet our income guidelines, as well as any charitable nonprofit organization. Standard members and the public will pay a slightly higher price on Reuse Center items, but the extra income helps this nonprofit to be sustainable and grow.

BBR provides high–value, affordable materials, both new and used, for home maintenance and improvements. But beyond simply buying products, customers can find expert advice, technical assistance, and hands–on workshops that teach home improvement skills.

Boston Building Resources is also focused on benefiting the environment. The organization is a source for energy–efficient, water–saving, and environmentally friendly items such as rain barrels, home compost bins, weather stripping, and materials

made from recycled components. Further, needless waste is reduced when reusable materials are donated to the Reuse Center at BBR instead of being sent to landfills.

If you have questions that are not answered on our Web site, please feel free to email info @ bostonbuildingresources . com or call us at 617–442–2262.

Services offered: Building Materials, Discounted Rates ($ NOT FREE); Building Materials / Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Construction, Building Material Reclaim/Reuse/Recycle; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Donations, In–Kind Donation, Services; Recycling, Household Items; Warehouse, Warehouse Space
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Aug 3, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1904

Lucy Parsons Book Shop (some free stuff, worker–owned/run)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston/Jamaica Plain, MA
Web lucyparsons.org
Service Temporary

Books about new economic and governance models, anarchy, marxism, co–operatives, sustainable economics, no–currency models of solidarity–based communities.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Advocacy, Voters Advocacy; Advocacy, Womens Rights; Books * (ANY/ALL Types); Business Internship Opportunities for Young Adults; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Documentation, Standards, Health & Human Rights; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Potluck Meals; Events, Protest Actions; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Booklets, Resource Materials for Volunteers; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Management Advice; Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; Meals, Vegan; Media, Print News Outlet (newspaper, magazine, etc); New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Occupy Working Groups, Occupy the Economy; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS)
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Food Not Bombs; Lucy Parsons Center; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9772

Haley House (food pantry, co–operative cafe: meals, live–in community/ housing collective, meeting space) Covid 19 mutual aid

Walk–in Resource · Standby

Live–in Center:; 23 Dartmouth StreetBakery:; 12 Dade St; Dudley Square, Boston/Roxbury, MA
Phone 617.236.8132, 617.445.0900
Web www.haleyhouse.org
Service Temporary

Covid 19 response
https://www.liberationnews.org/ppe–for–the–people–campaign–to–produce–and–distribute–masks–in–boston/

‘PPE for the People’ campaign to produce and distribute masks in Boston
By Susan Klimczak (SETC) and Joe Tache (PSL)
Apr 13, 2020
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‘PPE for the People’ campaign to produce and distribute masks in Boston

3D printed N95–style masks. Photo by South End Technology Center. Used with Permission.

The South End Technology Center @ Tent City and the Boston branch of the Party for Socialism and Liberation announce our campaign, “PPE for the People.” We are producing and distributing protective masks to frontline workers and people living in Boston’s oppressed communities, who are suffering disproportionately during this COVID–19 pandemic.

As Mel King, the founder of SETC always says, we want a city and a world that works for everyone. We cannot stand by and watch as this crisis lays bare the profound inequity and injustice in our city and country for all to see. Our Love for the People calls us into action; to both serve our communities and raise demands for a new form of society organized around human needs, rather than corporate profits.
a volunteer sews olsen masks at a sewing machine.

PSL and SETC volunteers make masks. Photo by South End Technology Center. Used with permission.

Both in Boston and across the country, new data reveals an alarming trend that COVID–19 is infecting and killing people of color at a disproportionately higher rate. As the U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams recently pointed out, Black, Latino and

Native American people are not biologically or genetically predisposed to get COVID–19. People of color are predisposed to higher risk of exposure because most do not have jobs that allow them to work from home; because of inequities in healthcare and income that make them more likely to suffer diseases that put them at risk for severe complications from the virus; because — in the case of those living in places like the Navajo Nation and Detroit — they experience a lack of access to water for recommended frequent hand–washing. As of April 9, in Boston, 72% of those who have tested positive COVID–19 are people of color.

The question of wearing masks is also complicated by racism. People of color are increasingly saying that they don't feel safe wearing masks. In a Boston Globe op–ed, Aaron Thomas wrote that the practice "could lead to unintended attention, and ultimately a life–or–death situation…[and that] the fear of being mistaken for an armed robber or assailant is greater than the fear of contracting COVID–19." On the other hand, on April 11, a man in Philadelphia was dragged off of a public bus by police for not wearing a mask. This pandemic is shaped by capitalism and racism, and the fight against racism must be at the top of the list of priorities for any COVID–19 response.

Overall, as COVID–19 continues to rapidly spread in Massachusetts, workers in health care, grocery, custodial, food service and other sectors have clearly expressed their desperate need for personal protective equipment, including masks. Some of our most vulnerable such as elders, returning citizens and folks in recovery also have expressed needs. Additionally, on April 3, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officially recommended that all individuals wear face coverings in public settings where social distancing is difficult to maintain, as it is in cities like Boston. Clearly, the need for protective masks and the need to address the inequities and injustices at work in our community is dire, and demand will only increase as Massachusetts approaches its COVID–19 "surge."

SETC youth, staff and volunteers, along with PSL organizers are fabricating four types of masks with laser cutters, 3D printers and sewing machines in Fab Lab Boston:

3D printed face shields with clear protective covers
sewn Olson face masks with filters inserted in pockets that can be fitted with skin–safe double–sided tape for those at higher risk for exposure
sewn face masks for everyday use by the people
and 3D printed N95–style masks that have demonstrated a potential to pass fit tests with proper filtering.

A young man wears a 3d printed face mask and holds two hand sewn masks

Photo by the South End Technology Center. Used with permission.

PPE for the People has already provided over 150 masks to people like the residents and Community Table workers at the Haley House, who are serving 70 free meals per day during the pandemic, to workers in the temporary shelter tents set up for people experiencing homelessness in Lower Roxbury, to young people distributing meals to elders at Madison Park, to nurses, to grocery workers, to families living in subsidized housing and to workers serving students with disabilities. The campaign will be expanding distribution in the coming days and weeks. Essential workers and families, particularly in Grove Hall, South End and Roxbury, are encouraged to reach out if their work and/or living conditions puts them in need of protective masks.

While the PPE for the People will do everything in its power to provide masks to those who need them, the campaign will inevitably be limited in scope. Neither the SETC nor the PSL — or the entire network of Boston area Fab Labs and makerspaces — have the manufacturing capacity to meet the vast need for masks in Boston. Ultimately, the responsibility and moral imperative for addressing this crisis falls on the U.S. government. Both Governor Baker and Donald Trump have special powers to take immediate action on this issue. As reported by The Boston Globe, the state of emergency currently in place in Massachusetts allows Governor Baker to "take possession (1) of any land or building, machinery or equipment…which may be necessary or convenient… for the better protection or welfare of the commonwealth or its inhabitants." The Defense Production Act of 1950 grants President Trump similar powers to rapidly ramp up the production of critical goods, as well as set price controls, nationally. Organizations including the Party for Socialism and Liberation and at least 18 U.S. Senators have called upon President Trump to fully invoke the Defense Production Act.

A massive intervention is required to slow the spread of this pandemic and reverse the disproportionate impact it is having on oppressed populations. To this end, the organizers of "PPE for the People" demand the following:

The state and federal governments must compel companies that otherwise prioritize their profits over societal wellbeing to produce critical goods: COVID–19 test kits, ventilators, protective equipment and medical equipment at cost to meet the urgent need.
Provide free testing for the whole population.
Free testing only works with free treatment. Healthcare must be provided for free for all.
All essential workers must be provided PPE, paid sick leave, and hazard pay.
Provide secure housing for all. Empty dwellings should be immediately seized to provide shelter for all people without housing.
Release massive numbers of incarcerated people including but not limited to those in pretrial detention, elderly and other at–risk prisoners, and ICE detainees.
Native reservations, Black, Latino and other oppressed communities must be guaranteed equal access to treatment.

Our collective goal is that this city, our communities and world WORK FOR EVERYONE. The goal is NOT a return to what was "normal" before the pandemic. We believe that this crisis gives us the opportunity and moral imperative to change the persistent

injustice and inequities exposed by this pandemic. This is, as theologian and Co–Chair of the Poor People's Campaign Liz Theoharis has pointed out, "a call to come together in new ways in order to survive, hold the powerful responsible for their unjust policies and the lies they've told to cover up injustice, and rebuild on foundations of love and justice" (Sojourners Newsletter). PPE for the People will be a local outlet for community and solidarity, and a step on the path towards a total transformation of our society.

For more information, follow the SETC and PSL on social media. Facebook: facebook.com/pslboston; Instagram: @southendtechnology center, @bostonpsl; Twitter: @zackboston.

Media contacts: Susan Klimczak and Michael King (SETC, miguelkingone@gmail.com & klimczaksusan@ gmail.com, 617–578–0597), and Joe Tache (PSL, j.b.tache@ gmail.com, 617–297–8372).

[mailto:bakery@haleyhouse.org bakery]
[mailto:info@haleyhouse.org main office]

Thursday nights there's an Community Open Mike called Art Is Life, where people can make announcements, and do short sets of poetry reading, etc. Featured artist follows. People can purchase food at the café and eat while watching the artists.

Before the open mike, groups can meet. The café is still open. Groups wanting to increase visibility and/or offer workshops to help the community, have given workshops/lectures there.

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Employment, "At–Risk" Job Applicants; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Housing, Fair Housing; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Community Garden Program; Counseling, Career Counseling; Demographic Served: Artists/Artist Communities; Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender); Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Violence; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Teens; Demographic Served: Teens, Troubled; Demographic Served: Undocumented Individuals; Demographic Served: Unemployed; Demographic Served: Uninsured; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Demograpohic Served: Previously/CurrentlyIncarcerated/Prisoners/Ex–Cons; Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Facilities: Farm ("available" = this site is a farm); Facilities: Farm, Urban (this site is a farm); Facility: Meeting space; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Food Bank (Public Distribution Available); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Housing, Fairly Priced Rental Housing for Disaster Survivors; Housing, Residential Group Shelter Home, Housing; Housing, Transitional Housing; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Mutual Aid; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; School, Adult Education/Adult School; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS); Support for "All Local" Disasters; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Homelessness Relief Services; Neighborhood Network; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Oct 15, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9047

Boxborough Free Bee free market/food rescue

Supply POD · Open

Rt 111, Boxborough / Acton, MA

Web sites.google.com/abuw.org/freebeemarket/home

Services offered: Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Free Store; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Environmental Sustainability
Updated Oct 14, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10741

Brighton Allston Congregational Church United Church of Christ

Walk–in Resource · Open

Church

404 Washington Street, Brighton, MA 02135

Phone 617–254–4046
Contact write or call for details
Email brightonucc@verizon.net
Web www.brightonucc.org
Eligibility all are welcome, for free dinner, income eligibility applies
Service Permanent

from the website:

We are an open and diverse congregation of gentle folks representing many lifestyles and at least ten nationalities located in the Allston Brighton section of Boston. Together with word and action, worship and service, we seek to nourish heart, mind, body,

and spirit in our ministry together. Our Wednesday Community Supper (soup kitchen) and Saturday Food Pantry welcome all in the community.

Staff:
Rev. Karen Fritz – Pastor
Fernando Michelin – Musician
Lois Corman – Administrator

Come bring your happy and hurting hearts,
your searching and supple spirits,
your wise and whimsical beings,
so God may embrace and empower us for good.

The Brighton–Allston UCC is an "Open and Affirming" Congregation

We have a community supper every Wednesday evening at 6 PM. There is no cost and all are welcome to attend!

Worship
10:30 Sunday Service

Handicap accessible
Large print bulletins

Information about the Nearly New Thrift Shop can be found at www.baccthriftshop.blogspot.com

"Open and Affirming": http://www.ucc.org/lgbt/ona.htm
Lesbian/Gay/Bi/Transexual Supportive Community

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Advocacy, Domestic Violence; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, How to, File Food Stamp Application; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Clothing, Women's, Maternity Clothing, New or Gently Used/CLEAN * (ANY/ALL Types); Community Outreach Programs; Community Service Program; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Clothing Distribution (To the Public); Donations, In–Kind Donation, Services; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Donation Drive; Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Facilities: Restrooms; Facility: Community Center; Facility: Food, Emergency Food Center; Food Distribution, Emergency/ Disaster Food Distribution; Food, Distribution, Emergency Food Program; Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Food Distribution, Meals, Soup Kitchen; Hotline, Food Bank/Pantry Hotline (Find Emergency Food Help); Household Items (small) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals (Elders/ Seniors); Meals, Dinner; Meals, Hot Meals; Recycling, Art Supplies; Recycling, Clothing; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Food; Recycling, Furniture; Recycling, Household Items; Recycling, Kid Stuff; Recycling, Packaging Materials; Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Recycling, Toiletries, Sample Sized NEW ONLY; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Church/Worship Services; Services, Emergency Services; Services, Social Services, General Social Services; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Thrift Store
Campaigns: Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Meetings; Churches of Christ Disaster Response Team; Church of Christ Disaster Relief Effort; Congregational Church; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; UCC ~ United Church of Christ
Updated Nov 21, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3894

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Quaker Social Justice Action, Cambridge

Info/Hotline · Open

Cambridge, MA
Web www.afsc.org/office/cambridge–ma
Service Temporary

from the site:

Cambridge, MA is home to four of AFSC's Northeast Programs:

The Healing and Transformative Justice Program works with survivors of crime, those convicted of crime, and their families and communities.

The Material Assistance Program (MAP) gives clothing and basic house goods to people in need in the Greater Boston area.

The Peace and Economic Security Program (PES) works for nuclear abolition, coordinates international peace building efforts, and advocates for peace here at home.

Project Voice advocates for better immigration policies, educates immigrants and low wage workers about their rights, and organizes a host of related community campaigns.

In addition, our Cambridge–based New England Regional Office coordinates the efforts of our New Hampshire, Western Massachusetts and South East New England programs, all of which engage their regions in a variety of peace and justice efforts, and our Wabanaki program, which works for justice and healing in Maine's Native communities.

Film lending library, must–see documentaries about war, racism, and other ills:
http://tools.afsc.org/bigcat/mustsee.php

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Community Outreach Programs; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Community Service Program; Distribution, Clothing Closet; Distribution, Clothing Distribution (To the Public); Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; Household Items (small) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Library Services * (ANY/ALL Types) ; LIbrary Services, Film lending; Linens, Bedding * (ANY/ALL Types of Bedding) New or Gently Used/CLEAN; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster, Repository (For Lost Articles/Artifacts Found Post Disaster); Services, Humanitarian Aid ; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Films/Cinema/Movies/Lectures; Support for "All Local" Disasters; Toiletries * (ANY/ALL Types); Toiletries, Personal Hygiene Products * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Warehouse, Warehouse Space
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; American Friends Service; Big Brothers Big Sisters; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Quakers; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 14, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9837

BADHouse Cooperative Living Space

Walk–in Resource · Open

Cambridge, MA
Web badcoop.weebly.com
Service Temporary

from the site:

The BADHouse is a 9–person cooperative in Cambridge, MA. We've been renting the second and third floors of an awesome old house in Central Square for over a decade now. Some of our values include: sharing dinner, laughing really hard, interesting conversations around the kitchen table, fun pets, and friendship.

You've probably found this site because you're interested in living here, or you already know us, or one of us has recently become wildly famous. Either way, have a look around, and hit us up at badhause @ gmail.com with any questions!

from the last time they were looking:

The BADHouse Cooperative is looking for one more member starting March 1st!

We are a 9 person house close to the T in the Central Square area and are full of grad students & post–docs, musicians/artists, chefs, sciencey types, and other fun people / pets.

We have a communal veggie food system, a CSA, a roof deck & garden,
at–least–monthly meetings, a projector, a guest room, and spend a lot of unstructured time together outside of the house as well.
More info here:
badcoop.weebly.com .

We have one rooms available starting March 1 which is approx $380 per month. Please keep in mind that our veggie–food system and utilities come to be about $250 extra per month, depending on the time of year.

Services offered: Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; New "business models", housing
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Arts Community / Artist Network; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Feb 23, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9920

Cambridge Co–Op (Housing Co–op)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Cambridge, MA
Web cambridgecoop.wordpress.com
Service Temporary

from BCN, March 2015:

The room is available March 1st–May 1st with possibility of extending. Rent is $700 including utilities and food! You will live in a great coop with 10 other people The house is all three levels of a traditional Bostonian (everyone has their own room)with an amazing kitchen, hardwood floors, and wonderful roommates. We have weekly Wednesday night dinners with the entire house and friends. It is located between Porter and Harvard Square, right next to Harvard Law and the Divinity School. Laundry is in unit as well!

You can't beat this! If you are interested email me and let me know about yourself and why you are interested in the coop. Here is a little more about the coop: https://cambridgecoop.wordpress.com/

Thanks!
Mary
hanse20m @ gmail.com

Services offered: Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co-Housing, Co-Op Housing, Intentional Communities
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Mar 1, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9927

Cambridge Cooperative Club (Housing Co-Op)

Shelter · Open

Cambridge, MA
Web cambridgecoop.wordpress.com
Service Temporary

from BCN list, March 2015

Room Available in Cooperative Living House

(Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA)

The Cambridge Cooperative Club (http://cambridgecoop.wordpress.com), an eleven person housing cooperative located between Harvard and Porter Squares in Cambridge, is seeking a friendly, cooperative-minded person of any age or background to join the house starting May 1st.

Founded 50 years ago, The Cambridge Coop is comprised of eleven, lively and mature housemates spanning in age range from mid-20s to early-80s. Housemates have included teachers, musicians, writers, meditators, researchers, students, farmers, dancers, photographers, and organizational leaders. The house seeks to create a safe space where all feel welcomed, and house members are committed to recognizing and working to transform deeply-rooted discrimination of all kinds in ourselves, our community, and our society so that we may more fully contribute to building communities of peace and cooperation in the world.

Housemates all share a common interest in living purposely within a communal setting. There is a communal dinner once a week as well as a house meeting every two weeks that housemates are expected to attend. Housemates are also expected to complete weekly chores related to cleaning & organizing the house, and/or cooking & shopping for the household. Also, each member takes on a role in one of three committees related to maintenance, finances and community development which work monthly to manage broader issues for the household*. *In addition, housemates spend additional time together socially while also balancing their other life priorities and have held potlucks, gatherings, and workshops to educate and entertain themselves and to build community.

The house itself is spacious, well-kept and well-suited to cooperative living. Among a number of great features, there is a large kitchen, a sizable back deck and a small food garden.

Services offered: Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co-Housing, Co-Op Housing, Intentional Communities
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Mar 4, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9929

Cambridge, List of Places to get Free Meals

Info/Hotline · Open

Free Meals
Cambridge, MA
Service Temporary

From the Project Bread website:http://www.projectbread.org/site/DocServer/2008_Project_Bread_Funded_Programs.pdf?docID=3281

Bread and Jams, Inc, Drop-In Center
Cambridge Cares About AIDS – Youth on Fire

Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee – CEOC Food Pantry
Cambridgeport Baptist Church – Harvest Food Pantry
City of Cambridge Council on Aging – Senior Center Food Pantry
CommonCare
East End House, Inc. – Emergency Food Program
First Church Shelter
Food for Free Committee
Harvard Square Churches Meal Program, Inc.
Loaves & Fishes Meal Program – First Korean Congregational Church
Margaret Fuller Neighborhood House – MFNH Emergency Food Pantry
Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers
– Cambridge Senior Center
Massachusetts Avenue Baptist Church – Project Manna
Pentecostal Tabernacle Food Pantry
Salvation Army / Cambridge Corps
Shelter Inc. – Cambridge Shelter
St. James Episcopal Church – Helping Hands Food Pantry
St. Paul AME Church Food Pantry
Union Baptist Church – Project Uplift

Services offered: Demographic Served: Hungry; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Food, Holiday * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Breakfast; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals (Elders/Seniors); Meals, Dinner; Meals, For Homeless Residents; Meals, Hot Meals
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Homelessness Relief Services
Updated May 3, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4316

Community House rooms for rent [to MIT students] + low cost meal plan/events for non–residents [MIT & non–MIT community]

Shelter · Open

69 Chestnut; [off Brookline St, parallel to Putnum], Cambridge, MA
Web pika.mit.edu/mealplan.html
Service Temporary

All invited! meals at 6:15. Other various events on–going

the following is from 1–11–2024
[for updates, live links, application... go to the link above]
seems like a magical place!

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About the Meal Plan [see more about the house below or at the link above]

Signups

Signups for mealplan happen at the beginning of each quarter. If you're on our social mailing list, pika–social@mit.edu, the signup form will be sent to you then. If you are not on the list and/or want to join mid–quarter; email yfnkm@mit.edu to sign up.
Who can join?

Short answer: anybody! pika's mealplan is open to residents and non–residents alike. Non–resident membership is not at all unusual; the mealplan is often only half residents! Non–MIT students and even non–students can also join––we usually have a few of them around as well.
Pricing and Kitchen Duties

Mealplan is typically around $100 per quarter, which comes out to just a couple dollars per meal.
Half vs. Full Plans

pika offers two mealplan options:

– Full mealplan: Kitchen duty every week, come to dinner pretty much every day.
– Half mealplan: Kitchen duty every two weeks, come to dinner pretty much half the days.

Both plans are the same price; the only difference is frequency of kitchen duty. All residents have full mealplan included in rent. Non–residents typically choose half mealplan.

Kitchen Duties

Mealplan members can either cook or clean. Kitchen duties are done in pairs or triples and usually accompanied by music through our kitchen stereo system, but we pretend it's work anyway.

Other Details [see website at above link]
Dietary Restrictions and Balanced Meals [see website at above link]

Part of cooking for pika is making sure other pikans are healthy. All our meals have vegetables and protein. We always have gluten–free and vegan options, including vegan protein. Also, we post a spreadsheet of mealplanners' favorite and least favorite foods; it's previously been standard to offer cilantro–free and mushroom–free options as a courtesy to mealplanners with strong preferences.
Fancy Dinners

Once a week, we have a fancy supper that we advertise to our social mailing list.

Lates

If you're going to be late for dinner, put in a request to lates.pikans.org and the cooks will save you a take–home box!

Baking

Sometimes, pikans and mealplanners use pika's kitchen and house groceries to make extra things, usually baked goods. As long as the results are shared with the house, and the dishes are cleaned afterwards, this is totally OK!
Baking Parties

Sometimes, pikans get together and bake. We don't actively advertise this, but if you hang around after dinner on the right nights and ask the right questions, you might be lucky enough to find yourself in the midst of one of these spectacular events.

About the house:
[see housetoor at above link]

Basement/Laundry

Free laundry! 2 washers, 2 driers.

Reuse

"Reuse" is MIT jargon for stuff that, rather than having been thrown away, was put in a designated place for other people to pick over. We keep our own, which contains mostly clothing but occasionally tech/tools/outdoor supplies/random other stuff.

Cave

Study room that's good for quiet work in isolation from the usual buzz of activity.

Textbooks/Printers

We have printers. We also have a "textbook library", where pikans put their used textbooks for others to access.

Pantry

We store surplus non–perishable food in this walk–in pantry. Once, many years ago, we had an issue with people leaving the door to the rice/pasta/cereal storage open, and some rodents got in. To fix this, a system was installed such that if you leave the door open for too long, a red light flashed and a casette player starts telling you to close the door in a strange, half–pleading half–irritated tone.

Burrow

Tiny study room with a desk and a chair, and not much else.

TV Room

Sometimes we gather to watch movies and TV here. It also stores most of our board game collection, and several shelves of books.

Label Your Shit

This is the storage room where residents can put their stuff. There's one rule––can you guess what it is?

Shop

We have a nicely–stocked machine shop, suitable for smallish projects or bike repair.

First (Ground) Floor

Murph

The heart of pika, where everyone gathers for house meetings, casual hangouts, and jam sessions.

Dining Room

The second heart of pika, where everyone gathers to eat and talk.

Kitchen

Our massive industrial kitchen, complete with all the spices one could ever want.

Sex Dungeon

Not actually a sex dungeon––this is just our kitchen counter. There are a few stories about the name. One goes that we put up a camera so people could see a live feed of what was being served for dinner, and thought it would be hilarious to put this feed at a URL with "sex dungeon" in it, so that if people were for some reason looking for an MIT sex dungeon, they would just find us serving each other food. We still find it pretty hilarious to send out emails like "Vegan chocolate–chip cookies on the sex dungeon! Come and get them!"

Jazz Lounge

A bunch of couches next to the dining room that's often a nice place for socializing. There are a bunch of abstract paintings on the walls, but no one is really sure how they got there.

Octopus

One of the first floor bathrooms. Has an octopus mural.

Pineapple

One of the first floor bathrooms. Used to be called the Champion, but then an old RA painted pineapples on it.

The Veggie Patch

Name: When this was the RA room, our RA painted a bunch of vegetables on it.

Features: Loft, windows on both sides.

Noise: Quiet (unless your neighbor in the Electric Bluegaloo is loud).

Typical Capacity: Single.
Electric Bluegaloo
Name: A resident painted the whole thing electric blue, and the name stuck. The room was previously called the Sink.

Features: The Electric Bluegaloo is the only room in pika with a sink. It also has a double loft and built–in shelving.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single or double.
The Drug

Name: Some summer residents left a bunch of unusually sketchy drug paraphernelia here once.

Features: Sleeping closet (not in use in the pictures above; if in use, there is much more floor space.)

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Double.
The Fractal

Name: Cool fractal–y murals!

Features: Aforementioned cool murals.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single.
The Neptune

Name: Used to be called "The End", because it was at the end of the hall.

Features: Right next to a bathroom and a door out to the deck. View of back yard. Loft.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single.
Second Floor
The Rush

Name: There are two rumored stories; first, that this was the room interested freshmen would crash in during rush, and second, that this was the room antisocial pikans would hide in during rush. Take your pick.

Features: Corner room (windows on two sides). Cool leopard mural. Window to the second floor balcony.

Noise: Not quiet; above the Murph. Light sleepers should be wary.

Typical Capacity: Double.
The Flower

Name: There's a beautiful flowery mural on the door.

Features: Corner room (windows on two sides). Window to the second floor balcony.

Noise: Not quiet; above the dining room. Typically not as loud as the Rush or the Knot.

Typical Capacity: Double.
The Knot

Name: Many people initially assume the name is related to the net hanging from the ceiling. Actually, it's from the intricate Celtic knot on the door.

Features: Net hanging from ceiling (has been tested up to supporting 2 medium–sized humans). Corner room (windows on two sides). Sleeping closet. Door sawed in half for more extensive door configuration possibilities. Sleeping closet.

Noise: Not quiet; above the dining room, and sleeping closet borders the Party Shower.

Typical Capacity: Double.
The Rainbow

Name: Used to have a big rainbow flag and a rainbow painted radiator. Then it had a Dark Side of The Moon Resistor Color Chart mural. Now it's just an unassuming double.

Features: Door to the second–floor back deck. Brick wall. Loft. Door sawed in half for more extensive door configuration possibilities.

Noise: Not quiet; above the kitchen. Lilah also sometimes mewls to be let in at the deck door.

Typical Capacity: Single or double.
The Wood

Name: Used to have ugly retro fake wood paneling. Then it had a mural of the woods. Neither of these remain, but the name does.

Features: Elegant stork mural. Large closet. Loft.

Noise: Moderate to quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single or double.
The Closet

Name: It's a pretty small room.

Features: Loft.

Noise: Moderate to quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single.
The Coke

Name: Originally, the door of the Coke was the front of an old–fashioned Coca–Cola vending machine. Due to fire code, we had to replace it with a real door, which we of course painted to resemble a Pepsi vending machine.

Features: One of the largest rooms. Lofts. Corner room (windows on two sides).

Noise: Moderate to quiet.

Typical Capacity: Double or triple.
The Toastie

Name: Once had a mural of a toasted sandwich ("toastie" in the UK) on the door.

Features: Door to the back deck. Loft. Ample shelving.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single or double.
The T

A bathroom on the second floor, themed around the Boston T system.
Max Occ

A small bathroom named after the sign on the door, which reads "MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY 8000 PERSONS".
Party Shower

The fanciest bathroom in pika, equipped with two showerheads, an extra–large shower, a Bluetooth speaker, and LED party lights.
Third Floor
The Darkness

Name: Once known as "the most hardcore room in pika", painted mostly black. Now it's a little more unassuming.

Features: Skylight. Window to the back deck. Vertical space. Loft. Access to the "void", which is essentially the crawl space between ceiling and roof.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single.
The Loeb

Name: Comes from the Loeb measure in mathematics; all of the walls are kind of at funny angles.

Features: Door to back deck. Corner room; windows on two sides. Loft; bottom of loft lights up.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single or double.
The Maze

Name: Once had a maze mural on one of the walls. Then it was painted over, and then another maze mural was painted. Then that was painted over too.

Features: Corner room; windows on two sides.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Double.
The Dragon

Name: Unknown.

Features: Funky slanted ceiling with stars on it. Nice view over front yard.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single.
The Compass

Name: Comes from the spinner on the wall. You spin once, and land on an adjective from one of the circles of words. Spin again to get a noun from the other circle. Then explain what this combination would be like as a sex position. Oscillating centaur, anyone?

Features: Compass game. Corner room; windows on two sides. Loft. Roof access through a window. Interesting door with what appears to be a porthole.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single or double.
The Skylight

Name:A tiny single originally named "the coffin" for the coffin–like cubby where residents often put their bed. Most of this room used to be wasted space under the roof. Then one day, a pikan who had scored low in the singles lottery asked the house if he were to create a new single, could he live in it? When they agreed, he knocked down the walls of a small third floor closet and recovered the lost space into a really cool room. More recently, a pikan installed a skylight during work week, and got everyone to call it "the skylight".

Features: Skylight. Interesting shape.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Double or triple.
The Pirate Ship

Name: Once had a big projector and screen, and some took to calling it the screening room. Then they started calling it the pirate ship. Guess why.

Features: Very large room. Nice pirate–themed murals. Corner room; windows on two sides.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Double or triple.
Murphlet

A small common area with couches and a workbench alternately used for arts and crafts, sewing projects, and electrical engineering projects.
The Operating Room

We got the door for the third–floor bathroom when a bio lab was being demolished––it used to go on one of the big specimen freezers. So the bathroom has an old–school–sanitorium aesthetic.

Deck

Our wooden deck spans all three stories of the house!

FAQ:

How do I apply to live at pika?
Our rush process is described here.
How do I get on the mealplan?
Email yfnkm at mit.edu to sign up! Feel free to come over and try it out a few times first.
Whom do I contact with questions?
pika–questions at mit.edu
How do I hear about events at pika?
Sign up for pika–social, our low–volume announcement list! We keep a sign–up sheet in the dining room, or you can email pika–questions at mit.edu. This mailing list will only inform you about big events, not the smaller, more private ones––for that you'll need to get to know people a little.
What if I don't know anyone?
Come over anyway! All of our best friends used to be strangers, and it's not unusual to have a couple new people at dinners (especially during rush, or on Fridays).
What is an ILG?
An ILG is an Independent Living Group, which is MIT's category for living groups that are not dorms and not greek. We live in a house in a residential neighborhood, which we own, and are entirely self–managed. We answer to neither a national organization nor MIT–installed officials.
How much does it cost to live at pika?
Definitely less than a dorm would cost you. We're a pretty thrifty bunch, and we have complete control over how our money is spent. Rent is decided by house consensus each semester, and is typically in the $3000–$3500 range.

Note: this does not apply to summer pricing, which is fixed each semester before summer begins and based on number of roommates.
Do I need to wear clothes at pika?
Nope! pika is clothing–optional. This doesn't mean everyone is naked all the time, but it does mean that occasional non–sexual nudity is something residents are expected to be okay with.
Does pika allow smoking?
Yes, as long as it's not so public and/or excessive that it bothers other people. We call this rule "keep it ignorable".
Does pika allow drinking?
Same as our smoking policy above.
Does pika have/allow pets?
We have communally owned house animals (in the past we've had cats, chickens, turtles, and bees), but currently do not own any. However, as of 2023, we have residents with cat allergies, so we can't keep cats that would roam freely around the house. If you are the human to cats and would be okay with keeping them strictly in your room, then email us about it and we can discuss. However, reptiles, small rodents, and fish are fine.
Can I live at pika if I'm not an MIT student?
Unfortunately, no. We're supported by MIT as an Independent Living Group, and part of that designation is that we can only house MIT students. However, non–MIT folks can live at pika over the summer!
Can I come for dinner if I'm not on mealplan?
Yep! We welcome everybody! If you want extra brownie points, you could even come early and help cook. ;)
Can I come for dinner if I'm not an MIT student?
Absolutely!
Can I be on mealplan if I'm not an MIT student?
Yep! We pretty consistently have a few non–MIT mealplanners and we always welcome more.

Services offered: Art Project; Community Service Program; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Facility: Community Center; Facility: Meeting space; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals; Meals, Cooked Meals; New "business models", housing; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Volunteers, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Arts Community / Artist Network; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; New "Business" Models; Social Change Initiative
Updated Aug 10, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10631

Cornerstone Co–Housing (housing co–op)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Cambridge, MA
Web www.cornerstonecohousing.org
Service Temporary

from a BCN mailing:

We share a lovely living room, dining room, modern kitchen and two full baths in a large, sunny, modern two–story condo in Cornerstone Cohousing (www.cornerstonecohousing.org). North Cambridge

The apartment faces south and, with plenty of window space and double sliding glass doors out to a small balcony, is light and bright. It has hardwood floors, high ceilings, skylight, gas stove, washer/dryer on the same floor as the apartment, some basement storage, and relatively easy bike and on–street parking. The available bedroom, on the second floor, is large and has carpeted floors and a huge walk–in closet. The community is on the bike path and is a 5 min walk to Alewife, 10 min to Davis Square, and 20 min to Porter Square.

As part of the community you will have access to common spaces including a common dining room and kitchen, den, arts and crafts room, large sundeck off the building, kids' playroom, exercise room and gardens. You will be welcomed to participate in community activities – for example, shared dinners and parties.

http://boston.craigslist.org/gbs/roo/4885011259.html

–– Let your thoughts be positive for they will become your words. Let your words be positive for they will become your actions. Let your actions be positive for they will become your values. Let your values be positive for they will become your destiny. – Mahatma Gandi

Services offered: Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; New "business models", housing
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Feb 26, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9922

Democracy Center, The (meeting spaces and small dance hall)

Walk–in Resource · Standby

45 Mt Auburn, Cambridge, MA
Web www.democracycenter.org
Service Temporary

from the website:

WHAT IS THE DEMOCRACY CENTER?

Headquarters For 7 Non Profit Organizations
Host To Over 100 National & Local Organizations
Home To Over 500 Events Per Year & growing

MISSION

The Democracy Center works to foster a more vibrant local and global democracy by supporting more sustainable, united and stronger communities of action. We do this by providing non–profits and other groups, which directly promote our mission, affordable space for meetings, events, fundraisers, etc. and by connecting student organizers to local campaigns.
HISTORY

Since its founding in 2001, the Democracy Center has gone through many changes. The Center is a vibrant activist and progressive community space located in the heart of Harvard Square. In a city where independent non–commercial space is rare, the Center provides an exciting alternative space for a variety of student and community groups in and around the Boston area.

The Center has become a true progressive community hub. From 60 families who pick up their farm shares every week in the summer, to local youth after–school programs, to author and Obama's transition team strategist Mike Lux presenting his new book, the Center offers the progressive community a place to meet, network, collaborate and participate in other cultural and educational activities. In addition to providing space for events, movie showings, meetings, workshops, and classes, we are taking the first steps to develop our student–community organizing initiative. Our work lies in providing both student and community groups with the necessary information, training, and tools to work together in order to achieve our common goals for justice and peace.

To book a room go to the site and look for the button to book a room

Services offered: Events, Community Meetings; Events, Potluck Meals; Facility: Library; Facility: Meeting space; Facility: Recreation Center; Information Resource, Booklets, Resource Materials for Volunteers; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights, First Amendment; New "Business" Models, Education; Pamphlets, Educational Pamphlets; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Films/Cinema/Movies/Lectures; Social Event, for Teens; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Party, Anniversary Event; Training, Activism; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Oct 15, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9847

The Algebra Project [financial literacy]

School · Open

Cambridge, MA
Service Temporary

the website didn't have much info on what the group does. so we went to wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Algebra_Project

"The Algebra Project is a national U.S. mathematics literacy program aimed at helping low–income students and students of color achieve the mathematical skills in high school that are a prerequisite for a college preparatory mathematics sequence.[1] Founded by Civil Rights activist and Math educator Bob Moses in the 1980s, the Algebra Project provides curricular materials, teacher training, and professional development support and community involvement activities for schools to improve mathematics education.[2]

By 2001, the Algebra Project had trained approximately 300 teachers and was reaching 10,000 students in 28 locations in 10 states."

"The Algebra Project was founded in 1982 by Bob Moses in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Moses worked with his daughter's eighth–grade teacher, Mary Lou Mehrling, to provide extra tutoring for several students in her class in algebra. Moses, who had taught secondary school mathematics in New York City and Tanzania, wanted to ensure that those students had sufficient algebra skills to qualify for honors math and science courses in high school. Through his tutorage, students from the Open Program of the Martin Luther King School passed the citywide algebra examination and qualified for ninth grade honors geometry, the first students from the program to do so. The Algebra Project grew out of attempts to recreate this on a wider community level, to provide similar students with a higher level of mathematical literacy.

The Algebra Project now focuses on the southern states of the United States, where the Southern Initiative of the Algebra Project is directed by Dave Dennis."

"Founded in 1996, the Young People's Project (YPP) is a spin–off of the Algebra Project, which recruits and trains high school and college age "Math Literacy Workers" to tutor younger students in mathematics, and is directed by Omowale Moses. YPP has established sites in Jackson, Mississippi, Chicago, and the Greater Boston area of Massachusetts, and is developing programs in Miami, Petersburg, Virginia, Los Angeles, Ann Arbor, and Mansfield, Ohio. Each site employs between 30 and 100 high school and college age students part–time, and serves up to 1,000 elementary and middle–school students through on and off site programs.

In 2005, the Algebra Project initiated Quality Education as a Civil Right (QECR), a national organizing effort to establish a federal constitutional guarantee of quality public education for all. Throughout 2005, YPP worked with students from Baltimore, New Orleans, Los Angeles, Oakland, Miami, Jackson, Chicago and Virginia to raise awareness about QECR. The Algebra Project and YPP students from Jackson and New Orleans hosted conferences, organized a Spring Break Community Education Tour to Miami and participated in QECR planning meetings at Howard University, the University of Michigan, and Jackson State University."

Services offered: Training ∗ (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity
Updated Jun 23, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10543

Food For Free [mutual aid]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Cambridge / Somerville, MA
Web foodforfree.org/about–us
Service Temporary

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSed0cSIoOc7–Fvoms3VHR1Lc44fjql–vTNknz_a–7T_sKDnrw/viewform

Have their own farm at Lindentree, Lincoln MA
Deliver food
Food rescue
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Apr 25, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10225

New England Alpaca Fiber Pool [helping small farmers]

Open Business∗ · Open

Fall River, MA
Web neafplander.squarespace.com/how–it–works
Service Temporary

helps small Alpaca farmers be fiscally sustainable with shared processing, manufacturing

from the website:

"Alpaca fiber, one of the world's greatest natural fibers, is grown by thousands of alpaca farms across the USA. By working together & pooling their fiber, farms are able to bring a wide variety of finished clothing and accessories to market, reaching the widest possible audience, at the highest profit margin on the fiber they produce."

"Starting in 2002, Chris and Shelley Riley of Golden Touch Alpaca Farm, proudly continue the legacy of the 3 original NEAFP founders. By utilizing economies of scale, Alpaca Farms pool their fiber together to gain access into commercial scale U.S. Textile Mills. This allows them to bring a wide variety of quality clothing and accessories to market – reaching the widest possible audience – at the highest possible profit margin."

“Alpaca Farms of any size are able to offer 60+ finished U.S. Alpaca products to their local communities without having to navigate commercial textile mill minimums, juggling production schedules, or managing the inherit risk of getting a new product off the ground from prototype to production."
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 26, 2019 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10140

Metrowest Worker Center [Canasta Solidaria] Legal Aid to recover wage theft]

Walk–in Resource · Open

Framingham, MA
Web www.mwc–casa.org
Service Temporary

Fighting Wage Theft
Wage theft is rampant in industries with low–wage immigrant workers. Although The Fair Labor Division of the Office of the Attorney General in Massachusetts processes thousands of wage theft cases annually, the A.G. herself confirms that the office is overwhelmed and relies on worker centers like MWC–Casa to help prioritize cases and provide support. Wage theft is exacerbated by companies who utilize law–breaking sub–contractors in low–wage industries like landscaping, construction, cleaning, and restaurants. These employers avoid legal responsibility for wage theft by hiding behind the subcontractors who have the formal legal responsibility but against whom workers are unable to collect.

[also MUTUAL AID]

In response to the Coronavirus Pandemic, we have begun Canasta Solidaria (Solidarity Basket).
Throughout the summer, we gave culturally appropriate groceries to over 500 families in Framingham & Milford. During early fall, we've taken a break to find a new location and more funding. Canasta restarted in Milford on October 24th and will restart in Framingham on November 21st.
We estimate that this will cost about $10,000 every time we distribute. With your support, we can make that happen! Thank you to all who have already donated. There are two ways to donate:

Donate on our Fundrazr page
Send a check to Metrowest Worker Center with "Canasta" in the memo line; PO Box 409, Framingham, MA 01704

If you or someone you know is in need, please call us at 508–848–0560 and leave your name & telephone number and we'll be sure to call you back. Or email us at casa @ mwc–casa.org.

Services offered: Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Worker Rights; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Services, Legal Assistance
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Legal Aid Society; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Mar 28, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10399

Nu Cafe (responsible food/business)

Open Business* · Open

Gardner, MA
Web www.nucafe.com
Service Temporary

Services offered: Jobs, Paying; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 21, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9846

Potter Hill Farm

Walk–in Resource · Open

Grafton, MA
Web potterhillfarm.com/about
Service Temporary

from the website:

About

Our goal at Potter Hill Farm is to create a robust agricultural ecosystem in which to raise nutritious vegetables and livestock in a manner that builds the fertility of the soil, adds vitality to the local community, and beautifies the landscape.

At Potter Hill, we have a 2–acre market garden in which we grow a mix of heirloom vegetables, flowers, and cover crops. We have a small herd of beef cattle, which we graze intensively over 25 acres of hillside pasture. We also raise pigs at the farm. They help us turn the compost pile while also consuming waste from the garden in addition to organic and non–GMO grain. While we are not certified organic, we do not use any synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, antibiotics, or hormones.

Services offered: Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Seeds, Heirloom vegetables
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Seed Bank / Seed Exchange / Seed Library / Seed Preservation
Updated Jan 21, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10147

Berkshire Co–Op Market (NOT FREE)

Open Business⁎ · Open

Great Barrington, MA
Web www.berkshire.coop
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9790

Thayer Family Farm

Open Business⁎ · Open

Harvard, MA
Web www.facebook.com/ThayerFamilyFarm
Service Temporary

Living wage, closes gender wage gap [pays women more], no pesticides [working toward organic certification], uses local compost from schools

Services offered: Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 26, 2019 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10138

Fresh Start, Furniture Bank [free sharing]

Warehouse · Open

Hudson, MA
Web www.freshstartfurniturebank.org
Service Temporary

Fresh Start is located at 16 Brent Drive in Hudson.

Fresh Start Furniture Bank is a volunteer based charity which provides free furniture and home goods to people in need. All of the items that we distribute have been donated.

In 2018 we expect to furnish ~660 households (1,770 people) with ~18,000 items at about $100/household!

Mission:
Fresh Start Furniture Bank helps restore hope, dignity, and stability in our community by recycling donated furniture and housewares, for free, to people in need. Our secondary goal is to keep these items out of the waste stream.

Who we serve:
The people served by Fresh Start have at least one thing in common — they need help during a difficult time.

Fresh Start's customers are individuals and families in transition who need help to rebuild their lives. They include:

Women and children escaping abusive domestic situations
People coming out of shelters or halfway houses
Individuals and families in recovery from physical and mental illness
Veterans
Victims of fires, floods or hurricanes
Refugees and recent immigrants to the U.S.
The working poor

What we do:

Fresh Start collects donations of furniture and home goods from the public and distributes them, for free, to people in need. In order to receive furniture people must obtain a referral from a social service agency. They then have 30 days to come in and select their items. We stock just about everything to furnish a household. They may place the items on hold for up to 1 week while they arrange transportation for the items.

Some Statistics:
Agencies Families Helped Items Distributed
2014 75 180 2,435
2015 140 257 4,115
2016 196 328 8,244
2017 265 439 15,184
2018 (est) 320 600 19,000
2019 (est)
380 770 24,000

Budget:

Our 2019 budget, our budget is quite simple: We have a $120K budget which basically consists of $80K for rent, $21K part time employee, $5K to run our truck and $14K for other expenses such as insurance, dumpster, Internet, utilities, etc. Due to this tight fiscal management, we can furnish an entire household for about $150. Think about that...

Obtaining a Referral

If you need furniture or household goods, you must go to one of the following agencies and have them submit an on–line referral.
https://www.freshstartfurniturebank.org/agency_map.php
You may only receive 1 referral over your life–time. This referral is valid for 30 days.
You will have a maximum of 3 visits to select your items.
We stock sofas, upholstered chairs, dressers, beds, night stands/end tables, kitchen tables & chairs, cabinets, shelves, pots, pans, dishes, linens, small appliances and many other items.
We do not stock mattresses, TVs or large appliances.
If we have an item in stock, you must select from our existing stock.
You should be at the store a minimum of 45 minutes before it closes.
If you do not speak English, please bring someone who can interpret for you.
We have volunteers in the store who will assist you in selecting items.
We do not provide a delivery service.
Plan to take items with you on the day that you visit.
You may place items on hold 1 time while you obtain transportation.
Items placed on hold must be picked up within 7 days.
If you bring children with you, you must supervise them at all times.
Our customer policies can be downloaded in either English, Portuguese or Spanish

Estimated Inventory, January 2019 [see updates at: https://www.freshstartfurniturebank.org/inventory.php

The following is an ESTIMATE of what we have in inventory. You may find more or less of what the following shows. This is updated twice a week and in between items may have gone out or come in. Do not base your decision to come to Fresh Start upon these numbers. Remember that your referral will close 30 days from when it submitted and you will not get another referral.

"Qty On Hand" is what we estimate we have in the store.
"Qty On Hold" is what is being held for customers.

Group Item Name Qty On Hand
Beds Bunk Bed 0
Headboard: Full/Twin 28
Headboard: King/Queen 4
Metal Bed Frame 11
Toddler Bed 0
Cabinets Bookcase/Shelf 16
Buffet/Sideboard 1
China Cabinet 0
Dresser/Armoire 29
Hutch – Kitchen 0
Storage Cabinet 9
Trunk 0
TV/Microwave stand 8
Lamps Floor Lamp 1
MassSave LED bulbs 1168
Table Lamp 39
Misc Artwork 99
Mirror 9
Rug 6
Seating Couch/Sofa 15
Dining/Kitchen Chair 107
Footstool/Ottoman 4
Loveseat 5
Misc chair/Bar Stool 38
Rocker 3
Upholstered Chair/Recliner23
Tables Coffee Table 12
Desk 4
End Table/Nightstand 39
Kitchen/Dining table 14
Misc table 2

Services offered: Furniture, Chairs * (ANY/ALL Types); Furniture, Children's Furniture; Furniture, Furniture Bank; Furniture, Living Room, Couch; Furniture, Storage, Book Shelves; Furniture, Tables * (ANY/ALL Types); New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Warehouse, Warehouse Space
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jan 7, 2019 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10129

Bikes Not Bombs (bike/bicycle services, recycle bike parts)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Jamaica Plain, MA

Phone See Notes, two locations
Web bikesnotbombs.org
Service Temporary

BNB Has 2 Locations

Bikes Not Bombs Hub
(Office, Youth Programs, International)
284 Amory St.
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Phone: 617–522–0222
Fax: 617–522–0922

Bikes Not Bombs Bike Shop
(Sales, Repairs, Youth Job Training)
18 Bartlett Square
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Phone: 617–522–0226
Fax: 617–522–0228
* The Bikes Not Bombs Hub is located in The Brewery complex on Amory Street, and BNB is a member of the Brewery Businesses Association.

Also warehouse:
10 Harvard Street
Dorchester, MA 02124

Bike donation guidelines: http://bikesnotbombs.org/about?q=donate

BNB Staff:
Executive Director
Sam Wechsler
sam @ bikesnotbombs . org

Youth Programming Coordinator
Elijah Evans
elijah @ bikesnotbombs . org

Youth Development Coordinator
Sarah Braunstein
sarah @ bikesnotbombs . org

Alumnae Services Coordinator
Jessica Stein
jessica @ bikesnotbombs . org

International Programs Director
David Branigan
david @ bikesnotbombs . org

Director of Grassroots Fundraising & Events
Allie Hunter
allie @ bikesnotbombs . org

Outreach Coordinator and Office Manager
Arik Grier
arik @ bikesnotbombs . org

Bike Shop Director
Matt Coe
matt @ bikesnotbombs . org

Bike Shop Sales Manager
Darrah Bowden
darrah @ bikesnotbombs . org

Bike Shop Service Manager
Charlie Schubert
charlie @ bikesnotbombs . org

Bike Donations & Bike Drives Coordinator (volunteer)
Stephen Bosco
stephen @ bikesnotbombs . org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Bikes Not Bombs simply couldn't function without our tremendous volunteer support! Volunteers earn credit by the hour, which can be cashed in for used parts, frames, or even whole bikes. Join our volunteer email list and we'll keep you updated with opportunities as they roll around! To join the email list, just click here. For more info on volunteering, check out some of the options below and see what fits right for you.

Wednesday Volunteer Nights

Taking apart bikes Get your hands dirty with a wrench, flattening bikes to prepare them for international shipment, stripping bikes for parts, or sorting used parts. Or, help our office staff with database updates or mailings. Anyone is welcome to drop in to the Bikes Not Bombs Hub between 7pm and 10pm, on every Wednesday night (barring special events and holidays). A supervisor will show you what to do, and no experience is required. Groups are asked to schedule with at least 2 weeks notice to Jeremy Hanson at jeremy@bikesnotbombs.org or 617–522–0222, and limit their attendance to 5 or fewer people. Because of issues of capacity, not all group volunteering requests can be accommodated.

International Bike Shipments

Come help load a 40–foot container with bicycles and parts to send overseas. Nine or ten times a year we bring in lots of volunteers for most of a weekend day to do this.Join our email list to get the announcements, or check the Events list on our homepage.

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Social Justice; Bicycles, Bikes * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Education, Energy Conservation; Information Resource, Environmental Education , Recycling; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; New "Business" Models; Recycling, Bicycles; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities; Warehouse, Warehouse Space; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Arts Community / Artist Network; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Apr 12, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8722

Community Servings

Walk–in Resource · Open

Community Service
18 Marburry Terrace, Jamaica Plain, MA

Phone 617 522 7777
Contact Rebeca Ober
Email rober@servings.org
Web www.servings.org
Eligibility Critically Ill, Home–Bound, Local
Service Temporary

per Boston Globe article, December 24, 2009
Ami Albernaz

This Jamaica Plain–based program delivers free meals to critically ill people who can't shop or cook for themselves, and it's always looking for people to help prepare and package food. The time comitment is flexible; after attending an orientation session, volunteers can schedule in advance when they would like to come in (time slots are at least two hours). Drivers are also needed to deliver meals on Saturday mornings once a month. For more info, see www.servings.org/volunteer. To get started, contact Rebecca at the email address above.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Alzheimer's Patients; Demographic Served: Critically Ill, Home–Bound; Demographic Served: Disabled, Persons With Disabilities; Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Demographic Served: Special Needs; Distribution, Mobile Distribution of Disaster Relief Supplies; Food Distribution, Canteen, Mobile Food Canteen; Food Distribution, Food Pantry, Mobile Food Pantry; Meals, Home Delivered Meals; Meals, Home

Delivered Meals (For Seniors/Elders); Meals, Mobile Meals; Meals, Mobile Meals, Disaster Survivors (Available To); Meals, Mobile Meals (For Seniors); Meals On Wheels, Volunteer; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities
Campaigns: Community Servings [homecooked meals delivered to critically ill people and their families]; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Apr 17, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5791

Congregational Church of Littleton (free meals, community sewing/knitting, social events)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
308 King St, Littleton, MA
Phone 978–486–9331, 978–486–3245
Contact Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Vern Swett
Email office@ccol.org
Web web.ccol.org/wordpress
Service Permanent

Weekly dinners...

This site NO LONGER has the "Stork Support" Program: Free baby equipment, furniture, baby and maternity clothes. An email from the office said this, a reply asking where this program went was not returned. But they did it for years...alas...

More email contacts at this page:
http://web.ccol.org/administration.html

Services offered: Community Garden Program; Community Outreach Programs; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Dinner; Meals, Pay–what–you–can; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Church/Worship Services; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Arts & Crafts; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Films/Cinema/Movies/Lectures; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Recreation *(any/all types); Social Event, Sewing/Quilting/Kniting/Crochet, Knitting Circle; Social Event, Sewing/Quilting/Knitting/Crochet Circle; Youth Outreach
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Congregational Church; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Nov 25, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3849

Littleton Community Farm

Walk–in Resource · Open

Littleton, MA
Web littletoncommunityfarm.com/seed–library–littleton
Service Temporary

Services offered: Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Facilities: Farm ("available" = this site is a farm); Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Northeast Organic Farming Association; Seed Bank / Seed Exchange / Seed Library / Seed Preservation; Social Change Initiative
Updated Apr 20, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9947

Lowellians, Lifting Lowellians Mutual Aid Facebook group

Info/Hotline · Open

Lowell, MA
Web www.facebook.com/groups/2658623527701727/?ref=group_header
Service Temporary

Lifting Lowellians: Assistance and Mutual Aid (LLAMA) is a volunteer effort to keep people connected in this difficult time. During the COVID–19 crisis, LLAMA will be dedicated to helping local Lowell residents stay up to date with local news, and make sure everyone has the resources they need to get through the crisis.

This group is dedicated to Mutual Aid in this crisis, and it can also be a space for sharing information and concerns. NOTE: We don't have a lot of rules here, but comments that don't treat other people with basic respect will be deleted.

Mutual Aid
LLAMA is working to match people who offer resources with those who need it in the community.

Here are some things that our own members may able to offer:
Delivering food and supplies to those who cannot leave the house
Individual childcare
Housing for students at closed schools
Immigrant and refugee support

Use this form: https://lowell–mutual–aid.com/form/ to submit needs or offer help. You can also call us at 978–222–7877 or 978–941–3570 en español.

Services offered: Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group
Campaigns: Black Community; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Lowellians, Lifting Lowellians Mutual Aid Facebook group
Updated Oct 8, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10389

Hummingbird "Green" Cleaning Cooperative (NOT FREE, sustainable, worker–owned)

Open Business⁎ · Open

Malden, MA

Web hummingbirdcleaningservices.net/aboutus.html
Service Temporary

Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 13, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9826

Maynard Food Pantry

Walk–in Resource · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
P.O. BOX 55, Maynard, MA 01754, Maynard, MA

Phone (978) 897–8340
Contact Mary Brannelly
Email mjtbrannelly@comcast.net
Hours Mondays from 10 AM to 12 noon and by appointment
Bring We request a letter from a clergy person, social worker, etc after a client's fourth visit and regularly request updates of these letters.
Service Permanent

Serving Maynard since 1992
The purpose of the Food Pantry is to provide food assistance to any individual or family in need. We are committed to providing the greatest degree of confidentiality with the least amount of information being requested of our clients. Although the Maynard Food Pantry has been established primarily to help Maynard residents, we will not refuse assistance to residents of other towns.

Maynard Food Pantry
Most Needed Items
Canned fruit
Snack Crackers
Canned hash, beef stew, tuna fish
Pudding/Jello mixes
Coffee (instant and ground)
White rice/instant potato
Stuffing mix
Cocoa, tea bags
Canned soups
Macaroni & Cheese
Hamburger helper mixes
Pancake mix/syrup
Canned pasta meals
Sugar/Flour
Canned spaghetti sauce
Baby food/formula
Jelly/Jam
Canned corn, carrots, potato
Laundry Detergent
Tooth Paste, brushes
Paper Goods (toilet paper/paper towels)
Soap, deodorant, shampoo

Program Activities
The Maynard Food Pantry provides non–perishable items consisting of canned fruits, canned vegetables, pasta, baby food, cereals, rice, soups, canned meats, beverages and health care items to our clients.

The Maynard Food Pantry is open on Mondays, 10 AM to 12 noon for our clients to shop for food items free of charge. It is located at 12 Bancroft Street (Coolidge School) at the rear of the building. The Food Pantry is handicap accessible. We request a letter from a clergy person, social worker, etc after a client's fourth visit and regularly request updates of these letters.

Residents of Maynard are allowed to shop two times per month. Clients who living in the surrounding towns can shop once per month. If any individual or family is need of food assistance on a weekly basis, they may also shop at the local food pantries in Acton, Stow and Sudbury during the weeks they are not shopping at the Maynard Food Pantry. The Maynard Food Pantry also provides Thanksgiving and Holiday dinner baskets for clients.

Approximately 80% of our clients (including many children) live in Maynard. On a weekly basis, we will assist between 30 to 35 families. We allow them to shop for quantities of food based on the size of their household.

Help us help others
We are a non–profit 501C3 corporation, operated totally by volunteers. The Board of Directors is made up of Mary Brannelly, President, Ken Demars, Robert Gilligan, Barbara Horman, Terry Herring, and Maureen Monsen.

Approximately 40 Food Pantry volunteers assist in stocking shelves on Friday mornings, operating the Food Pantry on Mondays for our clients, picking up food donations from various locations throughout town, picking up grocery orders on a regular basis and assisting with food drives throughout the year.

Close to 100% of our funding is utilized to purchase food to keep the Food pantry well stocked for our clients. We receive funds from a variety of sources including the Maynard Community Chest, Project Bread, United Way and quite a number of individuals, local companies and local organizations.

The Maynard Food Pantry is also the recipient of many annual food drives in town. They include the Boy Scout food drive (November), Cub Scout food drive (January), Girl Scout food drive (March), Green Meadow Breakfast food drive (May) and Post Office food drive (May). Additionally, many organizations and companies will hold food drives for our benefit.

Donations are always greatly appreciated and should be sent to the address below. Anyone interested in volunteering or in need of information pertaining to needed assistance should call Mary Brannelly at (978) 897–8340. The Food Pantry is open on Fridays from 10 AM to 12 noon to receive food donations from the general public. If this time is inconvenient, other arrangements can be made by calling the same telephone number.

MAYNARD FOOD PANTRY
P.O. BOX 55
MAYNARD, MA 01754

(978) 897–8340 (contact – Mary Brannelly)
mjtbrannelly@comcast.net

HOLIDAY COLLECTIONS FOR FOOD BASKETS

Services offered: Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Food, Holiday * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers)
Campaigns: Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 1, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1537

New England Demolition & Salvage (recycling house parts)

Open Business* · Open

New Bedford, MA

Phone 508– 992– 1099
Contact info
Email HomeNEDS @ aol. com
Web www.nedsalvage.com
Service Temporary

Services offered: Construction, Building Material Reclaim/Reuse/Recycle; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Recycling, Building Materials * (ANY/ALL Types); Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/ Services
Updated Oct 24, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9017

A Yard And A Half (Co–Op Principled, Sustainable Social Enterprise NOT FREE, but reasonable!)

Open Business* · Open

Newton, Watertown, Brookline, Jamaica Plain, Wellesley, and Lexington, MA

Web ayardandahalf.wordpress.com/about
Service Temporary

from the site:

Selected as one of Inc. Magazine's "Winning Workplaces" for our open–book management and innovative employee development, A Yard & A Half Landscaping is a landscaping company committed to sustainable and organic practices. Our

mission is to design, build, and maintain beautiful and healthy outdoor spaces that enrich the lives of our co–workers, clients, and community. A Yard & A Half Landscaping has been designing, installing and maintaining Boston–area landscapes since 1988.

The landscape structures and stonework we install are meant to last. If for some reason they don't, we replace, repair, or redo them at no additional cost to you. We call that our "Guarantee & A Half" — a serious, satisfaction–guarantee you can believe in.
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 2, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9751

Amherst Survival Center

Walk–in Resource · Open

Non–Profit
PO Box 9629; 1200 N. Pleasant St.; (just north of Pine Street), North Amherst, MA 01059

Phone 413–549–3968
Web www.people.umass.edu/support/asc
Hours M–T–Th–F 11 am–3 pm – Th 3–7 pm
Serves Amherst, Belcherville, Deerfield, Hadley, Leverett, Pelham, Shutesbury, Sunderland
Service Temporary

Food, clothing and household goods for people in need; hot lunches and groceries weekdays except Wednesdays; 100 people a day.

The Mission:

To provide a welcoming community where families and individuals who are struggling to make ends meet can come for food and clothing, for companionship and relief from isolation, and to share their material resources, information, concerns and frustrations. No one is turned away. An equally important function of the Center is to help people move beyond a condition of need, to help them to help themselves and each other.

Volunteering is encouraged among all who want to play a bigger part in the cycle of giving and receiving that defines the Center.

SERVICES:

BAKED GOODS and FRESH PRODUCE are collected Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, courtesy of Whole Foods, Stop & Shop, Atkins Farm, Henion Bakery , and Trader Joe's. DISTRIBUTION starts at 11 am on those days.

LUNCH is from 12 noon to 1 p.m., Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Friday. 549–3968 ext 203 for details.

Our FOOD PANTRY provides nutritional staples to eligible families and individuals. Please, contact us for details, 549–3968 ext 204.

CLOTHING & HOUSEHOLD GOODS: Everyone who comes to the Center may select clothing, house wares, and personal items. We try to accommodate emergency requests. 549–3968 ext 206 for details.

DROP–IN CENTER: The Center provides a friendly, supportive environment for a wide variety of people including those who feel isolated because of circumstances of disability, poverty, and cultural differences.

INFORMATION & REFERRAL SERVICES: Our staff can help find the right person or program for you in your particular situation.

We are always looking for volunteers to sort clothing, prepare lunch, pick up food donations, enter data, assist with the regularly scheduled jobs, or help with an unexpected need. People with computer proficiency, fundraising, recycling, and carpentry knowledge are especially needed.

Are you interested in helping out? We want to hear from you. To talk about volunteering individually or with your group, please call 413 549–3968, ext. 205.

Services offered: Advocacy, Volunteer, Resource Referrals; Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Household Items (small) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals; Meals, Lunches (Hot); Thrift Store

Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; United Way
Updated Jan 23, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1029

River Valley Market (NOT FREE, Co–op market)

Open Business* · Open

Northampton, MA

Web www.rivervalleymarket.coop
Service Temporary

Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9791

Boston Tech Collective (NOT FREE, well except for the free workshops!) worker–owned co–operative

Open Business* · Open

Somerville, MA

Web boston.techcollective.com
Service Temporary

Services offered: Information Resource, Tech; Services, Tech, Computer Consulting Service; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Computers Skills
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 10, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9823

Parts and Crafts (UnSchooling/FREESCHOOL for kids AND adults, makerspace/thinkerspace! $ for those who can afford it)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Somerville, MA

Web partsandcrafts.org/about–us
Service Temporary

Services offered: Art Project; Art Therapy Program For Disaster Survivors; Assistance, Referrals, Childcare/Childrens Programs; Business Internship Opportunities for Young Adults; Community, Recreation, Recreational Programs; Community Service Program; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Education, Unschooling; Entertainment, Arts; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/ Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; New "Business" Models, Education; Resource Bank; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; School * (ANY/ALL Types); School, College, Community College; School, Elementary; School, Kindergarten; School, New Educational Concept; Service, Bartering; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Family, Children, Recreation, Kid's Cafe Program (Youth); Services, Family, Children, Recreation, Summer Camp; Services, Family, General Family Assistance; Services, Youth Services, Crime Prevention Programs; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Tool Bank, Community; Tool Lending; Training Workshops, Art Workshops; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Program
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Neighborhood Network; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jan 6, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9903

Somerville Food Security [mutual aid]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Somerville, MA

Web somervillefoodsecurity.org/get–involved
Service Temporary

Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Mar 21, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10227

Somerville Homeless Coalition (Project Soup)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Grace Baptist Church; 59 Cross St., Somerville, MA

Phone 617–776–7687
Web www.somervillehomelesscoalition.org/default.htm
Hours M, T, F 10:00 – 2:00 PM, Wednesday 12:00 – 4:00 PM, Thursday 3:00 – 6:00 PM
Checks payable to Somerville Homeless Coalition or go to: http://www.somervillehomelesscoalition.org/My_Homepage_Files/Page5.html

Project Soup, New England's first free supper program, opened in 1969. Recognized for its work to combat hunger. Project Soup serves 70 people a day. Food

donations, monetary contributions, and volunteered time are always welcome and needed.

The mission of the Somerville Homeless Coalition is to provide vulnerable individuals and families with personalized supportive services and tailored housing solutions. We are committed to treating people with dignity and respect, always with the understanding that they are part of our community.

PANTRY HOME DELIVERY

Monthly groceries delivered to eligible elderly and disabled individuals in Somerville and Cambridge. By application only.

SERVE NEW ENGLAND

“Double–your–money” food package including meats, fresh fruits and vegetables, staples. $15 regular, $9 meat, $16 veggie package, and two hours community service monthly.

NUTRITION CLASSES

Project SOUP in collaboration with Operation Frontline offers nutrition classes in both English and Spanish. All classes are free, and conducted by local chefs in the Boston area.

BENEFIT OUTREACH

Project SOUP provides benefit outreach to our clients with food stamp application assistance, referrals to other agencies, health and nutrition outreach, etc.

Grace Baptist Churst
59 Cross Street, East Somerville
M, T, F 10:00 – 2:00 PM
Wednesday 12:00 – 4:00 PM
Thursday 3:00 – 6:00 PM

East Pantry
100 Temple Street
Tuesday 3:00 – 5:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 – Noon

West Pantry
139 Alewife Parkway
Wednesday 11:00 – 2:00 PM

Dollar–A–Bag
59 Cross Street
Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00 PM

Community Suppers
First Congregational Church of Somerville
89 College Avenue, Davis Square
Monday – Beginning at 5:00 PM

Services offered: Advocacy, Disabled/Handicapped; Assistance, How to, File Food Stamp Application; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Disabled, Accessible Housing Referrals for Disabled; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Food Distribution, Food Pantry, Mobile Food Pantry; Shelter, Homeless Shelter
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Apr 15, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1008

Somerville Tool Library NOT FREE ($50/yr, free tool loans, fix it advice)

Open Business∗ · Open

Somerville, MA

Web www.somervilletoollibrary.com/faq2.html
Service Temporary

See live links at website above:

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is a tool Library

2. Where is the Tool Library Located?

3.How do I become a member?

4.What are the rules and policies?

Answers

1. A tool library is a library that loans tools. For a yearly membership fee, borrowers over 18 can borrow up to 7 tools per week from our growing collection of power and hand tools.
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2. The Somerville Tool Library is located inside Parts and Crafts, the family hackerspace located at 577 Somerville Ave. across from Conway Park outside of Union Square. Street parking is available.
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3. Membership costs $50 per year. You must be 18 years or older and sign the Membership Agreement and a Waiver. You can pay by paypal via this form or by making out a check to The Somerville Tool Library and mailing it to: The Somerville Tool Library 577 Somerville Ave. Somerville MA 02143

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4. The rules and policies of the Tool Library are laid out in the Membership Agreement

Services offered: Building Materials, Green Building Materials; Construction, Building Material Reclaim/Reuse/Recycle; Demographic Served: Artists/Artist Communities; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Unemployed; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Directories, Recycling; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; Library Services ∗ (ANY/ALL Types) ; Library Services, Not–Just–Books Lending; LOAN ONLY, Power Tools; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling Network, Database for Trading/Re–use (NO FEE); Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Services ∗ (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Bank; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Saw Horse; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS); Social Event ∗(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Arts & Crafts; Social Event, Networking Group ∗any/all types; Social Event, Sewing/Quilting/Kniting/Crochet, Knitting Circle; Social Event, Sewing/Quilting/Knitting/Crochet Circle; Social Events, Party / Festival; Tool Bank, Community; Tools ∗ (ANY/ALL Types); Tools, Drill; Tools, Garden Tools; Tools, Hand Tools (Srewdrivers, etc.) ∗ (ANY/ALL Types); Tools, Masonry Tools ∗ (ANY/ALL Types); Tools, PowerTools ∗ (ANY/ALL Types); Tools, Prybar; Tools, Saw ∗ (ANY/ALL Types); Tools, Tape Measure; Tools, Tool Set, Electricians Tool Set; Tools, Tool Set, Plumbers Tool Set
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Transition Towns (Transition Network); Tribal Communities
Updated Jan 6, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9902

Somerville Yogurt Making Co–Op (NOT FREE)

Open Business∗ · Open

Somerville, MA

Web sites.google.com/site/somervilleyogurtcoop/home
Service Temporary

Services offered: Events, Potluck Meals; Food ∗ (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Dairy ∗ (ANY/ALL Types of Dairy Products: Milk, Cheese, Eggs, etc.)
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9799

Herbert Simpson Co–op (housing cooperative)

Shelter · Open

Somerville – Davis Square, MA

Service Temporary

Do you like giant potlucks with lots of friends and new faces, music,
movies, and adorable tiny humans? If so, you might be a good person to join
our humble but mighty co–op in Davis Square. We are seeking a new housemate

starting April 1st or earlier –– $775 rent (plus $200 per month for food and utilities)

About our co–op:

We value community, and hope to find a sixth member of our house who can add to the lovely homey feeling we have with each other. We are a more tightly–knit group than your average set of housemates (or even than your average co–op). We have all the usual co–op trappings, including a house account which we use to buy our CSA and groceries (mostly organic), and we like to host fun events like music soirees, storytelling nights, and indoor and outdoor movie nights. But, most importantly, we act like a small family: we share our lives and take care of each other.

About us:

There are five humans and one cat currently living in the house: a couple in their early 40s, their six–month–old baby, and two men in their mid–to–late 20s (...and the cat is nine years old). Among us are entrepreneurs, teachers, computer programmers, musicians, and travelers.

About our house:

We live in the top two floors of a classic Somerville house. Our apartment is beautiful and spacious, with a big kitchen (gorgeous gas stove) and two full bathrooms. It's newly renovated, with central AC. There is storage and free laundry in the basement. We have a shared driveway if you have a car, but the walk to Davis Square is 5–7 mins. The available room is the largest bedroom in the house with a massive walk–in closet.

About you:

We are looking for someone who enjoys hanging out with housemates but also has some of their own interesting passions. Ideally, you have experience living with groups and you look forward to inviting cool people to the social events we organize in our lovely home. Bonus points if you love cooking, playing instruments and activism.

About life with a baby:

The non–parents in the household can attest that living with a baby has been less challenging than you'd think. The parents do chores like everyone else, and we are now hosting events just like we did before the babe. And, as for the crying, current housemates haven't been disturbed. The house is fairly soundproof, the baby is fairly calm, and his adorableness supersedes any mild inconvenience.

If that sounds like a place you'd like to live, please fill out this mini–application <https://docs.google.com/a/mail.goucher.edu/forms/d/1NR13R1GiJhk4C2p1xwP9D–LbBqr––tURyUlIg–dDMs0/viewform>. We look forward to hearing from you!

Yours,
Herbert Simpson Coop

Services offered: Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; New "business models", housing
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Mar 11, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9932

Millstone Housing Cooperative

Shelter · Open

Somverville / Davis Square, MA
Web www.millstonecoop.org
Service Temporary

from the site:

Millstone Co–op is a community of 11 people living in a three–story apartment house in Somerville MA.
History

Founded in 1999, the co–op originally consisted of 8 friends living on two floors pooling money for food (and you can too). Eventually the house incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non–profit housing cooperative, although the house has never been tenant–owned.

In 2005, after a number of members left to start the Seedpod Co–op in Dorchester, the house dropped it's legal status and began functioning as an informal cooperative living arrangement or intentional community. In 2008, the remaining floor joined the co–op, and since then the co–op manages the entire house, with about 11–12 members.
Operation

We value local community, social justice, diversity, and environmental sustainability, and we try to make choices in what we buy, eat, and do that reflect these values. We make decisions by consensus and place an emphasis on open communication. We also engage in random projects, art, music, politics, events and discussions.

Membership includes chore sharing, cooking and attending weekly house meetings. We share house food, eat three vegetarian dinners together per week, host a monthly community potluck brunch, buy food in bulk, get CSA produce, grow vegetables, make bread and yogurt, and raise chickens for eggs. Learn more about what we do and how you can get involved.
About the house:

3 story house, 11 bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms
Directly on the Bikeway, a 5–7 min walk to Davis Sq T, buses even closer
2 shared kitchens, 2 shared living rooms, 1 shared library/guest room
6, that's right, 6 porches!!
Wireless & wired internet, washer and dryer
Off–street parking for cars and bikes, basement workshop, loads of storage space
Lovely backyard, vegetable garden and four chickens!

Services offered: Advocacy, Housing, Fair Housing; Food, Dairy * (ANY/ALL Types of Dairy Products: Milk, Cheese, Eggs, etc.); Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"
Campaigns: Bartering Network; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Edible Communities
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9798

City of Springfield (Project Bread's Summer–Free–Meals program)

Info/Hotline · Open

City Run
Springfield, MA
Web www.springfieldcityhall.com/COS/celebrat–summer–meals.0.html
Service Temporary

from the website:

Springfield is one of four communities throughout the state piloting Project Bread's "Better Summer Meals" program, which was developed in partnership with the Harvard School of Public Health. These nutritional menus feature fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and low fat dairy products. In addition, many sites are serving fruits and vegetables from local farmers as part of Project Bread's Locally Grown Foods Initiative. Children who have access to nutritious meals throughout the summer return to school in the fall ready to learn.

The Summer Food Service Program in Springfield is a resource available to help families cope with the skyrocketing cost of food and gas. The goal is to make sure children and teenagers have access to free meals when school is out. The Kiley Middle School site is open to any child or teen who wishes to attend Monday to Friday for lunch from 11:30 A.M. until 12:30 P.M. and for snack from 2:30 until 3:00 P.M. through August 8. There are 47 additional summer meals sites in the city (no registration or identification is necessary). The meals are provided by Springfield Public Schools, Springfield Girls Club Family Center and the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts. Parents who want more information on where their children can access free meals in Springfield this summer can call Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline at 1–800–645–8333 or visit www.meals4kids.org.

About Project Bread
As the state's leading anti–hunger organization, Project Bread is dedicated to alleviating, preventing, and ultimately ending hunger in Massachusetts. Through The Walk for Hunger, the oldest continual pledge walk in the country, Project Bread provides millions of dollars each year in privately donated funds to 400 emergency food programs in 126 communities statewide. Project Bread also advocates systematic solutions that prevent hunger in children and that provide food to families in natural, everyday settings. For more information, visit www.projectbread.org.

Services offered: Meals * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated May 3, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4312

Stone Soup Collective, Cooperative Farm and CSA

Open Business* · Open

Springfield, MA

Web valleyworker.org/members/stone–soup–farm
Service Temporary

Services offered: Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS)
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/ Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 14, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9810

More Than Words (youth run bookstore/art/social/performance space)

Open Business* · Open

376 Moody Street, Waltham, MA
Phone 781–788–0035
Web mtwyouth.org
Service Temporary

info @ mtwyouth . org

Also, now in Boston!

Boston Store Info.

242 East Berkeley Street

Boston, MA 02118

Services offered: Books * (ANY/ALL Types); Business Internship Opportunities for Young Adults; Entertainment, Arts; Events, Community Meetings; Facility: Recreation Center; Facility: Theater/theatre; Jobs, Paying; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, for Teens; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Employment, On the Job, Training; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training, Job Training; Training, Micro–Economic Entrepeneurship; Volunteers, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Teen Volunteers (This facility accomodates Teen Volunteers); Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Program
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated May 29, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9156

Heirloom Farm CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) (mostly NOT FREE)

Open Business*

Westborough, MA
Web www.heirloomharvestcsa.com
Service Temporary

Services offered: Facilities: Farm, Urban (this site is a farm); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE)
Campaigns: Bartering Network; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9785

Wild Oats Food Co–Op (NOT FREE)

Open Business* · Open

Williamstown, MA
Web www.wildoats.coop
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9792

Woburn Social Concern Network (all kinds of services! food pantry, household goods, childcare, etc etc)

Info/Hotline

Woburn, MA
Web socialconcern.org/index.php?q=node/9
Service Temporary

We envision a viable agency providing quality services that meet basic and changing community needs in–line with our mission.

Our Core Values

– Serving Those In Need
– Respect & Dignity
– Integrity
– Quality
– Recognizing & Developing Potential
– Diversity & Sensitivity

Our Services

– Childcare Options
– Food Assistance
– Information & Referral
– Family Skill Building Services

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Education, Parenting at–risk teens; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Family, Children, Child Care Program; Services, Family, Children, Daycare Services; Services, Family, General Family Assistance; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Education, Parenting; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Feb 19, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9639

Andy's Attic [free clothing]

Volunteer Camp · Open

170 APRICOT STREET, Worcester, MA
Phone (508) 799–3325/ EXT. 50599
Web andysattic.org
Service Temporary

Andy's Attic is a non–profit 501(c)3 charitable organization run completely by student volunteers at South High Community School.

In the 2018–2019 school year, Andy's Attic filled over 2,000 bags of clothing for students and families throughout Worcester County.

With the hard work and dedication of South High Students and charitable donations, we were able to provide new socks, new undergarments, gently used clothing and even new sneakers to teenagers and their families.

Each day our students come to Andy's Attic during their free periods and after school to volunteer their time.

Students sort and put donations on shelves, fill orders, write thank you cards, track orders that have been sent out, write letters to organizations for donations, and make phone calls to organizations to let them know their orders are ready for pick up.

Services offered: Clothing, Adult Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types); Clothing, All Sizes, NEW Only * (ANY/ALL Types); Clothing, Baby/Infant Clothing, NEW Only * (ANY/ALL Types); Clothing, Children, New or Gently Used/CLEAN * (ANY/ALL Types); Mutual Aid; Volunteers, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types); Warehouse, Warehouse Space
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Gross Inequity; New "Business" Models
Updated Apr 3, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10563

Artichoke Food Co–Op (NOT FREE)

Open Business* · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.artichokecoop.org
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9794

Central Mass PermaCulture Meetup

Walk–in Resource · Standby

Worcester, MA
Service Temporary

the last we heard of this group was this link, which no longer works http://www.meetup.com/Central–Mass–Permaculture/events/155299912/

But we know you're out there! so we're keeping this listing in as inspiration to find you all! please touch base if you know what's happened to the group

Also, here's a greater Boston permaculture Meet up group which looks similar:
https://www.meetup.com/Boston–Permaculture/

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Solar; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Environmental, Wildlife; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Disaster Mitigation, Economic, Community; Disaster Mitigation, Environmental; Documentation, Environmental Education; Events, Community Meetings; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Education, Energy Conservation; Information Resource, Environmental Education , Recycling; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Films/Cinema/Movies/Lectures; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Training Classes, Agronomy

Campaigns: 350.org; Alternative Societies; Bartering Network; Community Supported Agriculture (CSA); Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Farmer's Market, Local/Regional; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Transition Towns (Transition Network)
Updated Dec 28, 2019 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9844

Diggers Co–operative (landscaping, permaculture, etc)

Open Business* · Open

Worcester, MA

Web www.worcesterroots.org/projects–and–programs/diggers
Service Temporary

Who are we? We are a landscaping cooperative operating in the Worcester County area. Permaculture, landscaping, gardening, maintenance and design. We do it all!

We are a Worcester based landscaping cooperative that provides a variety of yard and garden services specializing in permaculture. We are committed to working closely with homeowners to create functional, aesthetically pleasing, and sustainable spaces that fit into the client's lifestyle. Our members are experienced in various forms of landscaping, farming, permaculture, masonry, and construction. We love what we do and bring that passion with us to every job! We are available to work jobs of all scales and scopes; from weeding and routine maintenance to garden planting and permaculture design. For the safety of our clients, our workers, the environment, and future generations we practice sustainable landscaping. We avoid the use of dangerous chemicals, heavy machinery, and use loud equipment only when necessary. As a worker cooperative, we seek to keep our overhead low, allowing us a living wage while still keeping our services affordable. Its always cheaper when you don't have to pay a boss who does no work!

• Fall and Spring Clean Up
• Lead Soil Testing and Remediation
• Patios
• Invasive Plant Removal
• Lawn Care
• Raised Beds
• Gardening Design and Installation
• Composting
• Masonry and Stonework
• Foodscapes
• Permaculture

We are a worker cooperative, which means that the organization is run and owned by its workers, splitting costs and profits equally among our membership. In this way we create a more democratic way of doing business!
For landscaping that supports a local co–op and Worcester's Solidarity and Green Economy, give us a call!

CONTACT:
(774) 314–7344
diggerscooperative @ gmail.com

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Landscaping, Organic Lawn Care Products ($ NOT FREE); Recycling, Composting; Recycling, Natural Resources; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Tools, Agricultural Tools * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Neighborhood Network; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worcester Roots
Updated Apr 6, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9860

Energy Barn Raising (free/donation requested energy saving retrofitting)

Volunteer Camp · Open

Worcester, MA

Web www.worcesterroots.org/projects–and–programs/worcester–energy–barnraisers
Service Temporary

The Worcester Energy Barnraisers strive to promote environmental sustainability as well as social and economic justice though collaborative home energy efficiency projects. We organize energy barn–raisings which empower and inspire diverse groups of people to take energy conservation into their own hands. Through barn–raisings, volunteers have the opportunity to learn valuable, replicable skills from team leaders that they can use to gain experience for green collar jobs, and apply at home to trim down energy consumption and heating bills while simultaneously reducing our collective carbon footprint. We are translating the negative effects of climate change into inclusive community solutions that are accessible to everyone.

See video at the above link

Website: www.energybarnraising.org
Email: energybarnraising @ gmail.com
Phone: 508–377–3932

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Energy; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Construction, Green/Energy Retrofit; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Education, Energy Conservation; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services, Weatherization Services; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Transition Towns (Transition Network)
Updated Apr 6, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9861

Firehouse, The (The Firehouse) (Co–housing community)

Shelter · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.facebook.com/firehouseworcester
Service Temporary

from the Go! mailing list:

Right now there are a couple life–changing opportunities to live at The Firehouse <https://www.facebook.com/firehouseworcester> (especially 4 women/non–dudes)– what's this mean, what could you do? You could book a show, make a very large sculpture/painting, host a workshop, make a fire, tend a garden, eat good food, party at home, dance on main floor, play music in basement, be a mechanic in the garage, meet great people –– and that's just within the space, you can also run to green hill park, swim/walk trails at bell pond, eat at the amazing vegan jamaican soul food place, walk downtown/distant castle/highland/shrewsbury street/kelley square easily. You probably already know this, but it's more than just a place to crash –– it's a creative platform on which you fly your flag and simultaneously tap into a great community. Awesome situation, will actually change your life, I can attest!

Please get in touch if interested.

Love,

DC

firehouseworcester @ gmail. com

Services offered: Events, Community Meetings; Events, Potluck Meals; Events, Protest Actions; Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Housing, Crash Space; Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Pay–what–you–can; Meals, Vegan; New "business models", housing; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Films/Cinema/Movies/Lectures; Social Event, Music; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Events, Party / Festival
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Arts Community / Artist Network; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Neighborhood Network; New "Business" Models; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Mar 24, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9940

Food Not Bombs – Worcester (FREE FOOD and other SHARING)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.facebook.com/pages/Worcester–Food–Not–Bombs
Service Temporary

Worcester
We cook every Saturday at noon and serve food at 2 behind City Hall.
Contact: 774–239–2670
Email us at: fnbworcester @ gmail.com

Services offered: Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Pay–what–you–can; Meals, Vegan; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Environmental Sustainability; Food Not Bombs; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Homelessness Relief Services; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Dec 2, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9749

Funky Stuff (crafts and arts NOT FREE, worker–owned cooperative, FREE FOOD collection/distribution spot)

Open Business* · Standby

Worcester, MA

Service Temporary

we heard they are closed, but not sure, so changed the status to "standby"

Services offered: Entertainment, Arts; Events, Potluck Meals; Facility: Meeting space; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Canned ** (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Vegan; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Events, Party / Festival

Campaigns: Bartering Network; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Worcester Roots; Worker Owned Co–Operatives

Updated Dec 28, 2019 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9801

Massachusetts Farm to Schol (training program for kids to learn about food production)

School · Open

Worcester, MA

Web www.massfarmtoschool.org

Service Temporary

As posted on the Go Worcester List:

This is an AMAZING thing that we do with our kids, so apply!
TN

> On Dec 11, 2013, at 10:59 AM, "Burgess, Isabel" <IBurgess @clarku.edu> wrote:
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> Hey Go,
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> The Massachusetts Farm to School Project's Worcester Kindergarten Initiative is looking for interns and volunteers! The KI is a nutritional and agricultural education program for very young public school students here in Worcester. This semester, we are hoping to bring on a team of three interns and a group of five dedicated volunteers to help us with our work. If you are interested or would like more information, please email your resume and questions to Isabel at isabel@massfarmtoschool.org or Lauren at lauren@massfarmtoschool.org.
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> Thank you!
> Isabel
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> Isabel K. Burgess
> Kindergarten Initiative Evaluation and Education Specialist
> Massachusetts Farm to School Project
> isabel @massfarmtoschool.org
> (207) 632–9544
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Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Documentation, Volunteer Management Guidance; Events, Community Meetings; Facilities: Farm ("available" = this site is a farm); Facilities: Farm, Urban (this site is a farm); Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Youth Services; New "Business" Models; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; School * (ANY/ALL Types); School, Elementary; School, Kindergarten; School, New Educational Concept; Services, Family, Children, Recreation, Kid's Cafe Program (Youth); Training Classes, Agronomy; Training Classes, Education, Parenting; Training Classes, Gardening Instruction; Training, Farming, Organic; Training, Farming, Organic Farming; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Program

Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Northeast Organic Farming Association; Social Change Initiative

Updated Dec 21, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9842

Nu Cafe (responsible food/business)

Open Business* · Open

Worcester, MA

Web www.nucafe.com

Service Temporary

Services offered: Facility: Meeting space; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Recreation, Board Games
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 21, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9845

Nuestro Huerto (Community Urban Farm)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Worcester, MA
Web nuestrohuertoworcester.wordpress.com
Service Temporary

Services offered: Facilities: Farm ("available" = this site is a farm); Facilities: Farm, Urban (this site is a farm); Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Environmental Education , Recycling; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; New "business" models, Food Production/ Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Plants * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Food Not Bombs; New "Business" Models; Seed Bank / Seed Exchange / Seed Library / Seed Preservation; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worcester Roots
Updated Jan 21, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9948

SAGE Alliance, Worcester (Sustainable Economy Network)

Info/Hotline · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.worcestersagealliance.org/?page_id=239
Service Temporary

Services offered: Assistance, for non–profits (In General); Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Potluck Meals; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Management Advice; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Food Not Bombs; Social Activists/ Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worcester Roots; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 13, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9834

Stone Soup, Worcester (collective space, meetings, events, training)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.stonesoupworcester.org/stone–soup–mission
Service Temporary

Services offered: Events, Community Meetings; Events, Potluck Meals; Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Facility: Community Center; Facility: Meeting space; Meals, Pay–what–you–can; Meals, Vegan; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: Arts Community / Artist Network; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Environmental Sustainability; Food Not Bombs; Homelessness Relief Services; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 13, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9835

Straight Up Cafe (youth–run, community space)

Open Business* · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.straightup–worcester.com
Service Temporary

from the site:

Straight Up Cafe and Community Center is a non–profit social venture of Straight Ahead Ministries, Inc. All donations and proceeds benefit youth in our aftercare programs who are learning to take responsibility for their lives through business and service opportunities.

You'll find Straight Up Cafe and Community Center adjacent to The New You, an upscale resale store operated by our youth.

Services offered: Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Advocacy, Social Justice; Events, Community Meetings; Facility: Meeting space; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; School, Adult Education/Adult School; Services, Employment, Internship Program; Services, Family, Children, Recreation, Kid's Cafe Program (Youth); Services, Youth Services, Crime Prevention Programs; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS); Training Classes, Business Skills; Training, Job Training; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor

Program; Youth Program
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Food Not Bombs; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 14, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9841

Worcester FREE MEALS

Walk–in Resource · Open

Various, see notes, Worcester, MA
Service Temporary

Greater Worcester Housing Connection (formerly People In Peril: PIP)
701 Main Street, Worcester, 01610
508–757–8332
Meals served:7 Days Week (365 days year)
Breakfast 7:00–7:30AM, Lunch 11:00–11:30AM &
Dinner 4:00–4:45PM.

John Street Baptist Church
43 John Street, Worcester, 01609
508–753–4991
Meals served: Saturdays, 11 AM to 1 PM. Also has
emergency food box distribution at the same time.

The Mustard Seed
93 Piedmont Street, Worcester, 01609
508–754–7098
Meals served:
Monday through Saturday, Winter Hours: 4–6:30pm.
Sunday meal served at 12 PM.
(Summer Hours: 5–6:30PM)

Salvation Army Citadel–Sally's Place
640 Main Street, Worcester 01608
508–756–7191
Meals served:
Monday through Friday: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.
Sunday Dinner only.
Closed on Saturdays.

Source: http://www.foodbank.org/PDF/agencylist.pdf Dated October 2012.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Hungry; Facility: Food, Emergency Food Center; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Food Boxes, Emergency Food Boxes * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food Distribution, Meals, Soup Kitchen; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Breakfast; Meals, Dinner; Meals, Lunches, Misc.
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Oct 23, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9387

Worcester Poetry Collective (Poet Asylum)

Info/Hotline · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.poetsasylum.org/collective
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Arts Community / Artist Network; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 14, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9840

Worcester Roots (economic development for social justice, workshops, organizing)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.worcesterroots.org/about–2/about
Service Temporary

Co–Op workshops and collective organizing/learning

See materials: http://www.worcesterroots.org/calendar–of–events/co–ops/

WARNING: the online stuff is free, and some events are free, but the hard core training costs hundreds of dollars. I hear it's worth it. But just letting you know...

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Business Internship Opportunities for Young Adults; Business Services, Co–Op

oriented; Business Services, Counseling for Small Businesses; Business Services, Facilitation / Mentoring / Consulting; Community Garden Program; Counseling, Career Counseling; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; Facilities: Farm, Urban (this site is a farm); Facility: Meeting space; Facility: Recreation Center; Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental, Reports of Greenwashing; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Recreation *(any/all types); Support for "All Local" Disasters; Training, Activism; Training Classes, Agronomy; Training Classes, Gardening Instruction; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Business; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Business, Specifically Co-Op; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Economics; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Finance; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Governance; Training Classes, Online/Virtual Training; Training Classes, Trade Skills, Training; Training Classes, Vocational; Training, Farming, Organic; Training, Farming, Organic Farming; Trainin, Social Awareness; Youth, After-School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: 350.org; Alternative Societies; Bartering Network; Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Farmer's Market, Local/Regional; Homelessness Relief Services; Neighborhood Network; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worcester Roots
Updated Apr 21, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9836

Worcester Think Tank, hacker/tech workshops for kids/young adults (NOT FREE (but reasonable) community space)

School · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.worcesterthinktank.com/content/about-think-tank
Service Temporary

Services offered: Counseling, Career Counseling; Facility: Media Production Lab; New "Business" Models, Education; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, for Teens; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Computer Lab; Training Classes, Computers Skills; Trainining Classes: Multimedia production; Youth, After-School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Program
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 14, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9839

Worcester Go List [GoogleGroup email list for events in or around Worcester]

Info/Hotline · Open

online, Worcester and the region, MA

Wonderful list local to Worcester, by people for people. Music, arts, food events, etc

Go-list@googlegroups.com
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Oct 16, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10746

Access Strategies – Solidarity Economy Project – Funding for grassroots groups committed to building a "solidarity economy"

Donor · Open

MA
Web www.accessstrategies.org/funding/solidary-economy-initiative
Service Temporary

The Solidarity Economy Initiative (SEI) emerged from Access Strategies' Economic Democracy Fund and is a new Massachusetts based funding program developed by Access Strategies Fund, Boston Impact Initiative, the Center for Economic Democracy and the Solidago Foundation. As a capacity building program, SEI will provide funding, collective training and technical assistance to a cohort of Massachusetts based grassroots organizations. SEI seeks to build power and evolve strategies towards a long term social movement capable of transforming American capitalism into a just, sustainable, and democratic economy.

Massachusetts Movement Branches
The concept of a funded grassroots learning process came from a recognition that the energy to develop analysis, vision, and leadership for long term transformation requires time and resources that organizations lack. At the same time, frontline groups are already evolving the field, seeding new co-ops, creating land trusts and practicing participatory budgeting. This learning process funds organizations to allocate staff time and support leaders to collectively develop more ambitious and long term organizing strategies for the grassroots sector.

Services offered: Advocacy, For Non-Profits; Advocacy, Social Justice; Assistance, for non-profits (In General); Business Services, Co-Op oriented; Business Services, Counseling for Small Businesses; Business Services, Facilitation / Mentoring /

Consulting; Business Services, Micro–Lending; Fundraising Tools, for Non Profit Orgs; Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Grants, Civic Affairs; Grants, Community Development; Grants, Education; Grants, Start up Funding for Social Enterprises; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Management Advice; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jan 17, 2017 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10005

Acton/Concord/Maynard/Stow/Littleton/Chelmsford COMMUNITY SUPPERS / Food pantries 2014 listing

Walk–in Resource · Open

MA
Service Temporary

Community Suppers
Please be sure to call ahead of time in case of recent changes

Location.....Date/Time.....Contact info.

Our Father's Table.....M. T, TH.....No restrictions
First Baptist Church.....Supper: Opens @ 5:00
22 Mechanic Street.....
Marlborough

Open table.....Mondays.....978–823–0082
Clocktower Place.....Opens @ 5:30.....No restrictions
Building8.....Food Pantry
Maynard

Neighborhood Supper.....Tuesdays.....978–486–3245
Congregational Church.....Opens @ 5:00.....No restrictions
330 King Street Littleton

Table of Plenty.....Tuesdays
First Parish Church.....Opens @ 5:00
2 Westford Street
Chelmsford

Mt. Calvary Supper.....Wednesdays.....978–263–5156
472 Mass Ave.....Opens @ 5:00.....No restrictions
Acton

Open Table.....Thursdays.....978–369–2275
First Parish Church.....Opens @ 5:00.....No restrictions
20 Lexington Street.....Food Pantry Concord

Friendship Dinner.....3rd Friday of month...978–897–2328
Union Church of Stow.....Opens @ 5:00.....No restrictions
317 Great Road
Stow

FOOD PANTRIES:

MONDAY:

Open Table 978–823–0082
Clock Tower Place
Maynard, MA 01754
http://www.opentable.org
• Free dinner: Mondays 5:30–6:30 pm
• Pantry: Mondays 5:30–6:30 pm
Open to residents of all towns

TUESDAY/THURSDAY:

Sudbury Community 978–443–7725
Food Pantry
Our Lady of Fatima Church
160 Concord Rd.
Sudbury, MA
• Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:30–2:30pm

• Residents can use pantry 2x per month
Non–residents 1x per month.

WEDNESDAY

Acton Food Pantry 978–635–9295
Boxborough Business Park
235 Summer Road
Boxborough, MA 01719 (closed 4th Wednesday of month)
Registration requires proof of residency in Acton or one of its border towns.
Food pantry: Wednesdays 10–7 pm
Free clothing available at pantry

• On your first visit please bring a current drivers license, utility bill or rental lease that contains your address to provide proof of residency.

THURSDAY

Open Table 978–369–2275
First Parish Church
20 Lexington Rd.
Concord, MA 01742
http://www.opentable.org
• Free dinner: Thursdays 5:30–6:30 pm
• Food pantry: Thursdays 5–6:30 pm
Open to residents of all towns

FRIDAY

Stow Food Pantry 978–897–4230
First Parish Church
353 Great Road, Stow, MA

• Letter of need required
• Open 9:00am–11:00
• 2nd and 4th Friday of the month
Non–residents 1x per month

SATURDAY

Lexington Food Pantry 781–861–5060
6 Meriam Street
Lexington, MA 02420

Open Saturdays 9:30–11
Letter of need required from Social Worker
Non–residents 1x per month

SUNDAY

Acton–Boxborough 978–877–1657
Farmers Market
June–October
Sundays 10–1, Pearl Street West Acton
The Acton–Boxborough Farmers Market (ABFM) accepts SNAP benefits. Use your EBT card to purchase fresh produce.

Services offered: Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals; Meals, Cooked Meals; Meals, Hot Meals
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated May 27, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9884

Bostom Community Cooperatives ("Creating Permanent Affordable Communities") networking/sharing community

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web bcc.coop
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Community Service Program; Demographic Served: Artists/Artist Communities; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster

Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Donations, In-Kind Donation, Services; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co-Housing, Co-Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Housing, Online Housing Directory Resource; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling, Building Materials * (ANY/ALL Types); Recycling Network, Database for Trading/Re-use (NO FEE); Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Bank; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jan 6, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9905

Boston Area Housing Co-ops (directory of housing co-operatives)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web bostoncoops.org/directory
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Housing, Fair Housing; Advocacy, Human Rights; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Online Database Resource; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co-Housing, Co-Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Housing, Rental Listings; Housing, Subsidized/Low-Income Housing; New "business models", housing; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9788

Boston Center for Community Ownership (FREE: Learn how to start a Cooperatively Run Business!)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web bcco.coop
Service Temporary

Co-op 101 Courses! The business school for people who care about people, planet, peace!

Services offered: Advocacy, For Non-Profits; Advocacy, Social Justice; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Business Services, Counseling for Small Businesses; Counseling, Financial/Budget Counseling; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Management Advice; Legal, Services, Consultation for Non-Profit Organizations; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business models", housing; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; School, Adult Education/ Adult School; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Non-Profit Managers; Training Classes, Trade Skills, Training
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co-Operatives
Updated Dec 13, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9825

Boston Workers Circle [mutual aid]

Volunteer Camp · Open

MA

Web circleboston.org/the-mutual-aid-network
Service Temporary

join listserv:

https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/bwc-mutual-aid/join

Services offered: Mutual Aid
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 3, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10665

Center for Popular Economics – Consulting for Solidarity-based Economies

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.populareconomics.org

Service Temporary

The Center for Popular Economics is a nonprofit collective of political economists based in Amherst, MA. Since our founding in 1979, thousands of people have participated in our workshops and Institutes. Our programs and publications demystify the economy and put useful economic tools in the hands of people fighting for social and economic justice. We examine root causes of economic inequality and injustice including systems of oppression based on race, class, gender, nation and ethnicity.image0000

CPE provides a forum for activists, organizers, educators, and progressive economists to come together, learn from one another and work to build a movement for social and economic justice.

Learn about solidarity economics: http://www.popularеconomics.org/resources/

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Advocacy, Voters Advocacy; Advocacy, Womens Rights; Advocacy, Worker Rights; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jan 17, 2017 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10006

Central Mass Food Pantry, Free Meals, Shelter and Transitional Assistance listings

Walk–in Resource · Open

various, MA

Web www.foodbank.org/PDF/agencylist.pdf
Service Temporary

Care of Worcester County Food Bank
October 2012

SOUP KITCHENS

ATHOL

Our Father's Table
Four Square Church
500 Main Street, Athol 01331
Meal served: 1st & 3rd Thursday, 4–5:30PM
Hot or Cold Meal served

Salvation Army Athol Kitchen
107 Ridge Ave.
Athol, 01331
978–249–8111
Meals served: Tuesdays, 5PM to 6PM and
4th Sunday of month, 5PM to 6PM

CLINTON

WHEAT Community Café
242 High Street, Clinton, 01510
Café 978–368–8547
Meals served: Sunday through Friday, 4:30 to 6 PM .

FITCHBURG

Our Father's Table, Inc.
Christian Faith Church
40 Boutelle Street, Fitchburg 01420
978–342–8522
Meals served: Tuesday & Thursday, Meals served at 5 PM.

GARDNER

Gardner CAC - Fellowship Table
First Congregational Church,
28 Green St., Gardner 01440
978–632–8700
Meals served: Thursdays at 4:30 PM.
Open September thru June -Closed in July/August

MILFORD

Community Supper Milford
Unitarian Universalist Church
23 Pine Street, Milford 01757
508-473-3589
Meals served: Every Sunday at 4:45 PM

SOUTHBRIDGE

St. Michaels Community Meal
St. Michaels Orthodox Church
16 Romanian Avenue
Southbridge, MA 01550
508-765-5276
Meal Served: 1st,3rd & 4th Thursday 4:30PM-6:30PM

WORCESTER

Greater Worcester Housing Connection (formerly People In Peril: PIP)
701 Main Street, Worcester, 01610
508-757-8332
Meals served:7 Days Week (365 days year)
Breakfast 7:00-7:30AM, Lunch 11:00-11:30AM & Dinner 4:00-4:45PM.

John Street Baptist Church
43 John Street, Worcester, 01609
508-753-4991
Meals served: Saturdays, 11 AM to 1 PM. Also has emergency food box distribution at the same time.

The Mustard Seed
93 Piedmont Street, Worcester, 01609
508-754-7098
Meals served:
Monday through Saturday, Winter Hours: 4-6:30pm.
Sunday meal served at 12 PM.
(Summer Hours: 5-6:30PM)

Salvation Army Citadel-Sally's Place
640 Main Street, Worcester 01608
508-756-7191
Meals served:
Monday through Friday: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.
Sunday Dinner only.
Closed on Saturdays.

SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL PROGRAMS

FITCHBURG

Battered Women's Resources
Shelter for women & their children.
Confidential location
978-537-2306

Our Father's House
53-55 Lunenburg Street, Fitchburg 01420
978-345-3050
Male & Female Occupancy
Emergency & Transitional Shelter.

SHREWSBURY

Veterans, Inc. Residence
Independence Hall
59 South Street, Shrewsbury 01545
Shelter for homeless veterans.
508-845-6776

WORCESTER

Catholic Charities Youville House
133 Granite Street, Worcester 01604
508–753–3084
Daybreak
Confidential shelter for battered women. Other services provided include 24 hour Hotline, court advocacy, support groups and short–term counseling.
508–755–9030

Friendly House Shelter
87 Elm Street, Worcester 01609
508–792–1799
Short term shelter for homeless families with children.
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Veterans, Inc. Shelter
69 Grove Street, Worcester, 01605
508–791–5348
Shelter for homeless veterans.
Breakfast Lunch and Dinner Available to Vets.
(residents and non–resident Veterans)

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRIES

ATHOL

Salvation Army
107 Ridge Avenue, Athol 01331
978–249–8111
Distribution: Monday, Tues., Weds & Friday, 9:00 AM to 12 PM & 1 to 3 PM. Pantry Closed Thursday.

Lighthouse Food Pantry
Four Square Church
500 Main Street, Athol 01331
Distribution: 1st and 3rd Thursday, 4 to 5:30 PM.

AUBURN

Auburn Youth & Family Services
21 Pheasant Court, Auburn 01501
508–832–5707
Sept–June Hours: Tuesdays from 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Call for emergency situation.

BARRE

Barre Congregational Food Pantry
Barre Congregational Church
30 Park Street, Town Common, Barre 01005
978–355–4041
Distribution: 2nd Wednesday of the month,
10 AM to 12 PM.

BLACKSTONE
Blackstone–Millville Food Pantry
48 St. Paul Street, Blackstone 01504
No Pantry Phone–Please Visit
Distribution: Tuesdays 7 to 8 PM; Saturday 10 to 11 AM.

BROOKFIELD

Brookfield Ecumenical Food Pantry
St. Mary's Church, 4 Howard Street, Brookfield 01506
508–867–6262 (church)
Distribution: Wednesday 9:30 to 11 AM and
Saturday 9:30 to 11 AM; Call if Emergency.

CHARLTON

CHIP – IN Food Pantry
McKinstry Building, 37 Main Street, Charlton 01507
508–248–3292
Distribution: Monthly, 3rd Saturday, 9 AM to 12 PM.
Call if Emergency.

CLINTON

WHEAT Community Services
500 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Clinton 01510
978–365–6349 x14
Distribution: Tuesday, 1:00 PM–4:00 PM
Wednesday Seniors Day, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Thursday and Friday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

DOUGLAS
St. Denis' Church–Douglas Food Pantry
23 Manchaug Street, Douglas 01516
508–476–2002
Distribution: Monday 10 AM to 12 PM & 4 to 6 PM; Thursday 12 to 2 PM.

FITCHBURG

Care Services Project
Professional Services Building
356B Broad Street–4th Floor, Fitchburg 01420
978–345–4366
Program for people & families with HIV/AIDS. During
3rd week of month: open Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 12 PM and 12:30 to 4 PM. Call ahead for an appoint–ment.
Distribution Entrance at 356C–2nd Floor Location.

Leona E. Fleming Food Pantry At Green Acres
62 Normandy Road, Fitchburg 01420
978–342–8617
Distribution:
Tues.8:30AM to 4:30PM and Fri. 8:30AM to 1:30PM.

GVNA Community Services
35 Main Street, Fitchburg 01420
978–665–9078
Distribution: Wednesday, 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

Highland Baptist Church
27 Cedar Street, Fitchburg 01420
978–342–9646
Distribution: 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 9 to 11 AM.

MOC Elder Services
66 Day Street, Fitchburg 01420
978–345–8501, ext. 1

Senior Brown Bag
Salvation Army
739 Water Street, Fitchburg 01420
978–342–3300
Distribution: Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 12 PM &
1 to 5 PM.

United Neighbors of Fitchburg
Cleghorn Neighborhood Center: CNC
18 Fairmount Street, Fitchburg 01420
978–342–2069
Distribution: Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM
Appointments available for working clients. Call First.

GARDNER

Gardner Community Action Committee
294 Pleasant Street, 2nd Floor, Gardner 01440
978–632–8700
Distribution: Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 12 PM; Tuesday, 1 to 4 PM.

Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center, Inc.
268 Central Street, Gardner 01440
978-632-9601
Distribution: Monday through Friday, 10 to 11:30 AM & 1 PM to 4:30 PM.

Saint Vincent De Paul Society – Sacred Heart Church
166 Cross Street, Gardner 01440
978-632-0237
Distribution: Weekdays 10 AM to 5 PM. Please call to make an appointment.

GILBERTVILLE/HARDWICK

Tri-Parish Community Church Food Pantry
Hardwick Senior Center
179 Main Street (Rte 32), Gilbertville 01031
413-477-6707 or 413-477-6635
Distribution: 1st & 3rd Friday, 9:30 to 11:30 AM.
(During July and August, the first Friday only)

GRAFTON

Saint Vincent De Paul Society – St. James Church
89 Main Street, Church Hall, South Grafton 01560
508-839-5354
Distribution: 3rd Tuesday of month, September thru June, 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Call for emergency assistance on other days/times .

HOLDEN (Serves Wachusett Region)

Wachusett Food Pantry
Wachusett Extended Care
56 Boydon Rd., Holden 01520
508-829-2749
Distribution: 3rd Saturday of each month, 9 to 11 AM. Senior distribution is the day before, Fri. 10 to 11:30 AM.

LANCASTER
SDA Community Services
129 Bolton Road, So. Lancaster 01561
978-365-7152
Distribution: Tuesdays, 9:00 AM to 12 PM.

LEICESTER

Leicester Food Pantry
St. Joseph Parish
759 Main Street, Leicester 01524
508-892-7407
Distribution: Tuesdays 5-7 PM

LEOMINSTER

Catholic Charities-North County
196 Mechanic Street
Leominster, MA 01453
978-840-0696 or 800-232-0843
Distribution: Monday thru Friday, 8AM to 5 PM.
Alternate Appt based on Needs Assessment

First Baptist Church
Community Food Cupboard
23 West Street, Leominster 01453
978-537-2685
Distribution: 2nd Saturday 9-11am
Call for Emergency

Ginny's Helping Hands Food Pantry
52 Mechanic Street
Leominster, MA 01453
978-537-1387
Distribution: Tuesday thru Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM.

Ruth's Harvest Pantry
Leominster United Methodist Church

77 Hall Street, Leominster 01453
978–537–1356
Distribution: 3rd Thursday, 6 to 8 PM and
4th Saturday, 8 to 10 AM. Call if Emergency.

Spanish American Center
112 Spruce Street, Leominster 01453
978–534–3145
Distribution: Mon. through Fri. 9:00 AM to 12Noon.
Call for Appt.

SVDP- St. Leo's Church
108 Main Street, Leominster 01453
978–537–7257
Distribution: Monday, 6 to 7 PM, Wednesday, 4 to 5 PM.

MENDON

BCC Food Pantry at Bethany Community Church
15 Cape Road, Mendon 01756
508–478–0482 (Church Phone)
Distribution: Tuesdays., 10 AM to 1 PM and also 1st Tues–day of month at 5:30–7 PM.

MILFORD

Daily Bread Food Pantry
21 Exchange Street, Milford 01757
508–478–4225
Distribution: Tuesday & Thursday, 6 to 7:30 PM.

Salvation Army
29 Congress Street , Milford 01757
508–473–0786
Distribution Available: Mon. thru Thurs 9AM –12PM.

MILLBURY

Friends of Millbury Seniors
1 River Street, Millbury 01527
508–865–9154
Distribution: Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
The pantry is open to all ages, not just seniors.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

St. Joseph's Food Pantry
296 No. Main Street, North Brookfield 01535
508–867–6811
Distribution: 1st Thursday, 6:00PM–7:15PM &
3rd Thursday of month, 12:00PM–1:30 PM.
Call for Emergency

NORTHBOROUGH

Northborough Church of Christ
456 W. Main Street, Northborough 01532
508–393–7988
Distribution:
Sunday, 12:30 to 6 PM & Wednesday, 5 to 7 PM.
Call for emergency appointment on non–distribution day.

Northborough Food Pantry
Town Hall, 63 Main Street, Northborough 01532
508–393–6897
Distribution: Wednesday, 9 to 10:30 AM &
Thursday, 6:30 to 8 PM.

OXFORD

Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf
Community Center, 4 Maple Road, LL, Oxford 01540
508–987–1062

Distribution:
Thursdays 5:30PM to 7:15 PM, (except holidays).

RUTLAND

Rutland Food Pantry–SVDP
St. Patrick Church
290 Main Street, Rutland 01543
508–886–2206
Distribution:
2nd Thursday, 6PM—7PM , 4th Saturday, 9AM–12PM
Call if Emergency.

SHREWSBURY
St. Anne's Human Services
130 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury 01545
508–799–4169
Distribution: 3rd Monday of month 10AM–12noon &
6–7PM.
Emergency Distribution available during regular hours of: Mon, Tues, Sat 8AM–12noon, Wed 8AM–4PM, Thur. 8AM–8PM, Fri 8AM–1PM.

SOUTHBOROUGH

Southborough Food Pantry
Pilgrim Church
15 Common Street
Southborough, MA 01772
508–485–4847
Distribution: Tuesday, 7 to 8 PM; Fri., 10 to 11 AM.

SOUTHBRIDGE

Blessed John Paul II St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
279 Hamilton Street, Southbridge 01550
508–765–3701
Distribution: Tuesdays, 3 to 5 PM; Thursdays from 10AM to 12 PM.
Senior Program: 2nd and 4th Wed. 10AM to 12Noon.

Southbridge Food Share, Inc.
79 Elm Street, Southbridge 01550
508–764–6583
Distribution:
Monday , Wednesday and Friday: 10AM to 11:15AM.

SPENCER

Mary Queen of the Rosary Food Pantry
60 Maple Street, Spencer, 01562
508–885–3332
Distribution: Mondays & Thursdays, 10 AM. (Arrival re–quired before 11am). One Monday night per month for working households –please call for Monday night appt.

UXBRIDGE

People First Food Pantry
Community House
19 Douglas Street, Uxbridge, 01569
508–278–5506
Distribution: Wednesday, 11 AM to 1 PM & 6:30 to 8 PM.

WEBSTER

Webster–Dudley Food Share, Inc.
United Church of Christ
4 Church Street–Suite 2, Webster, 01570
508–943–9171
Distribution: Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 to 11:30 AM.
Please Call First

WEST BOYLSTON

West Boylston Food Pantry
First Congregational Church
26 Central Street, W. Boylston 01583
508–835–4462
Distribution: 3rd Tuesday of every month, 2 to 5 PM.

WESTBOROUGH

Westborough Food Pantry
Forbes Community House
9 East Main Street, Westborough 01581
508–366–3007
Distribution: Thursday, 9:15 to 11:15 AM & 7 to 8 PM.
Seniors Only: Tuesday, 10:00 to 11:00 AM.
Available to Westborough residents only.

WEST BROOKFIELD
Sharing Cupboard Food Pantry
First Congregational Church
36 North Main Street, W. Brookfield, 01585
508–867–7078
Distribution for All Ages: Wednesday, 10 AM to 12 PM; Thursday, 7 to 8:30 PM.

WHITINSVILLE

Northbridge Association of Churches (NAC)
Senior Center, 20 Highland Street, Whitinsville 01588
508–234–4599
Distribution for All Ages: Tuesday, 10 AM to 12 PM &
Thursday, 1 to 3 PM.

WINCHENDON

Winchendon CAC
273 Central Street, Winchendon, 01475
978–297–1667
Distribution: Mon. through Thursday, 9am–1pm

WORCESTER

AIDS Project Worcester
85 Green Street, Worcester, 01604
508–755–3773 x16
Distribution to their consumers only:
Tuesdays, 9 AM to 4:00 PM

Catholic Charities Food Pantry
10 Hammond Street, Worcester, 01610
508–860–2237
Distribution:
Monday through Friday, 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

Centro Las Americas
11 Sycamore Street, Worcester, 01608
508–798–1900, ext. 237
Distribution:
Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 9 AM to 12 PM.

Friendly House Pantry
36 Wall Street, Worcester, 01604
508–755–4362
Distribution: Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM.

Good Samaritan Food Pantry
39 Piedmont Street, Worcester 01610
774–253–1619
Distribution: Tuesday & Friday, 10AM to 4 PM.

Great Brook Valley Food Pantry
Willis Center
176 Tacoma Street, Worcester, 01605

508-852-8905
Distribution: Monday, Thursday and Friday 8 AM to 4 PM

Jeremiah's Inn, Food Pantry
1059 Main Street, Worcester, 01603
508-755-6403
Distribution: Mon., Tue., Thurs & Fri., 9 AM to 2 PM.

John Street Baptist Church
43 John Street, Worcester, 01609
508-753-4991
Distribution: Saturday, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
during lunch meal.

Lighthouse Mission Food Pantry
165 Pleasant Street, Worcester, 01609
Distribution: Every Monday except 1st, 11 AM to 1 PM.
Loaves & Fishes Pantry

Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester
90 Holden Street, Worcester, 01606
508-853-1942
Distribution: 3rd Saturday of the month, 10 AM to 12 PM.

Mt. Carmel Outreach Ministry
24 Mulberry Street, Worcester, 01605
508-791-0731 or 508-755-4362
Distribution: Tuesday Only 9:30am-1:30pm

Orthodox Food Center
St. Spyridan Cathedral
102 Russell Street, Worcester, 01609
508-791-7326
Distribution: Saturday, 10 AM to 12 PM.

Pernet Family Health Service
237 Millbury Street, Worcester, 01610
508-755-1228
Distribution: Mon., Tues. and Weds. 1:00PM to 4:30 PM.

Plumley Village Food Pantry
Willis Center
16 Laurel Street, Worcester, 01608
508-799-6981
Distribution: Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Quinsigamond Village Neighborhood Ctr.
16 Greenwood Street, Worcester, 01607
508-755-7481
Distribution: Monday thru Thursday 9:30AM to 2:00PM and Friday 9:30AM-12PM

Revival Church - Fountain of Life
23 Coral Street, Worcester, 01604
508-791-5555
Distribution: Wednesdays, 6 PM to 8 PM.

St. Paul's Outreach
19 Chatham Street, Worcester, 01609
508-791-8455
Distribution: Tues., Wed. & Fri., 9:00 AM to 11:30AM;
Thurs., 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Salvation Army - Citadel
640 Main Street, Worcester, 01608
508-756-7191
Distribution: Mon. thru Friday, 10:00AM-12:00PM & 12:45PM- 2PM.

South Worcester Neighborhood Center
47 Camp Street, Worcester, 01603
508-757-8344
Distribution: Monday through Friday, 9:30AM to 1:20 PM.

South Worcester Neighborhood Ctr.– Green Island
50 Canton Street, Crompton Park, Worcester, 01610
508–753–4661
Distribution: Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 1:30 PM.

South Worcester Neighborhood Ctr. – Lakeside Center
54 Circuit Ave. South, Apt. 1 , Worcester 01603
No Phone on Site–call 508–757–8344 (SWNC Camp St.)
Distribution: Mon.–Weds. 10–2pm, Thurs/Fri 9:00AM–1PM

SVDP – St. Anthony's Pantry
Sacred Heart Church
596 Cambridge Street, Worcester, 01610
508–753–2555
Distribution: Thursday, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM; Saturday 10 AM to 1 PM. By appointment.

SVDP – St. Peter's Church
929 Main Street, Worcester, 01610
508–752–4674

Veterans, Inc. Food Pantry
69 Grove Street, Worcester, 01605
508–791–1213 x108
Distribution: 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month,
10 AM to 4 PM. Veterans Identification Required.

Wesley United Methodist Church
Carty Cupboard
114 Main Street, Worcester, 01608
508–799–4191
Distribution:
Mondays: 6 to 7 PM, Wednesdays: 1 PM to 3 PM
& Friday: 10 AM to 12 PM.

Please call ahead if first time visit or holiday.

Hours may vary and Emergency Assistance may be available between scheduled distribution days.

Recyclable/Reusable bags appreciated.–Please bring a bag.

Please visit the Worcester County Food Bank website monthly for updates :
http://www.foodbank.org/immediate_help/immediate_assistance.html
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Services offered: Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Short–Term Housing Referrals; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Bulk Distribution; Distribution, Supplies, Regional Distribution; Facility: Food, Emergency Food Center; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Food Bank (Public Distribution Available); Food Distribution, Food Bank (This Site Supplies Food Pantries/ Agencies); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Housing, Transitional Housing; Housing, Transitional Housing (For Battered Women/Children); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level); Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Relief; Services, Disaster Response; Services, Family, General Family Assistance; Services, Humanitarian Aid ; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; EMA (Emergency Management Agency) Regional/County; Government, FEMA, DRC (Disaster Recovery Center)
Updated Oct 23, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9397

Central Valley Tenants Union [organizing tools/legal/tactical templates]

Volunteer Camp · Open

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Web centralvalleytenantsunion.wordpress.com
Service Temporary

facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/CentralValleyTU/

The Central Valley Tenants Union (CVTU) is a solidarity network of tenants in Hampshire County, formed during the Covid–19 crisis. Committed to organizing for housing justice from below, we strategize together to defend access to housing. We are

currently working to distribute up–to–date information and support those interested in organizing tenant associations and solidarity networks. We invite any tenants in Hampshire county and beyond to get in touch and join our efforts during this crisis.

*We live in the Kwinitekw (Connecticut River) Valley on unceded Nonotuck land. We acknowledge our neighboring Indigenous nations: the Nipmuc and the Wampanoag to the East, the Mohegan and Pequot to the South, the Mohican to the West, and the Abenaki to the North. We believe that our current predicament in which housing is exploited for the profit of the few at the expense of the many cannot be understood without the context of the original theft of this land from its original inhabitants.

Services offered: Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Housing, Fair Housing; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Services, Legal Assistance
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Unions
Updated May 3, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10426

City Life / Vida Urbana (Foreclosure Legal Defense Assistance and Housing Rights Advocacy)

Info/Hotline · Open

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Web clvu.org/our–work/programs–campaigns/bank–organizing–post–foreclosure–eviction–defense–campaign
Service Temporary

Using a model and strategy CL/VU refers to as “the sword and the shield”,

The Shield–Legal Defense: We work closely with tenant and homeowners informing them of their rights through legal services assistance, education, and ongoing casework and legal advocacy.
The Sword–Direct Action: Encouraging residents to stay in their homes, we organize blockades, vigils and other public actions to exert public pressure on the banks. We then draw on the potential of a non–profit bank, Boston Community Capital, to purchase at current real value the homes of foreclosed residents and where possible to resell it to them.

See also, advice on how to use the "administrative process" to stop illegal/unethical foreclosure:

http://wiki.occupyboston.org/wiki/Info_on_using_the_Administrative_Process_for_Foreclosure_Issues

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Information & Resource Referrals (For Elders/Seniors); Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Hotline, Legal Advice & Assistance (Seniors/Elders); Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Legal, Attorney, Pro Bono Attorney, Volunteer; Services, Financial, Counseling, Mortgage–Foreclosure Problems; Training, Activism; Training, Citizen Activism, Constitutional Law
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Neighborhood Network; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 1, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9681

Co–Operative Fund of New England (responsible lending/start up loans/advice/training)

Info/Hotline · Open

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Web www.coopfund.coop
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Housing, Fair Housing; Business Services, Counseling for Small Businesses; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Directories, Investment Firms (Responsible/Sustainable); Financial Assistance, Loans, Low Interest Loans; Information Resource, Management Advice; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Training, Green Building
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Government, Federal; Government Housing Authority; Government, Small Business Administration (SBA); Government, State/County; Government, US Deptartment of Housing & Urban Development (HUD); Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9795

Dominican Development Center (immigrant rights)

Walk–in Resource · Open

MA
Web www.dominicandevelopmentcenter.org
Service Temporary

Recent projects:

Bill of Rights for Domestic Workers
The Dominican Development Center (DDC) works to improve the quality of life of immigrant communities residing in the Boston Area. We provide immigration referrals, a citizenship class, and advocate for immigrant workers rights.

Anti Domestic Violence
The Dominican Development Center recently headed out to help some women whose husbands resorted to domestic violence.

International Women's Day

As an effort to serve to the community, DDC has implemented the International Women's Day, an event in which hundreds of women participate every year.

Providing education and all kind of resources to our loved immigrant community.

Our volunteers drove an initiative to teach a number of classes to community leaders in Massachusetts about the importance of having leadership in the community to combat racisms and xenophobia.

Founded: 2007
Founder: Magalis Troncoso Lama

Areas of expertise:
Latin American Community Development, fundraising
Grass–root Leadership Initiatives
Immigration/citizenship programs/ESL
Bilingual programs

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Domestic Violence; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, International Policy; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant, Legal Services; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Demographic Served: Immigrants; Services, Immigration, Refugee Resettlement (See also "Assistance")
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; International Community, Dominican; International Community, Latino
Updated Jan 25, 2018 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10111

Food Not Bombs – Massachusetts Listings (FREE FOOD – SHARING)

Walk–in Resource · Open

MA

Web foodnotbombs.net/massachusetts.html
Service Temporary

Regular food sharing, usually vegan, usually w/music. Donations go to help feed people at rallies and social justice events, and to generally share food in general.

ALL KNOWN GROUPS IN MASSACHUSETTS

This page was updated November 12, 2013
There are 14 known groups in Massachusetts

Beverly
beverlyfoodnotbombs@gmail. com
www. beverlyfoodnotbombs.blogspot.com
meet every Friday infront of the 1st Baptist Church on Cabot Street to cook and Serve at 11am every Friday on the Beverly Commons.

Boston/Cambridge
fnbboston@gmail.com
fnboston@lists.riseup.net
fnbboston.org
Fridays 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Park Street Station, Boston.
Sundays 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Central Square Station, Cambridge.

Brookline
PrymordyalSoup@aol.com

Greenfield/Franklin County Food Not Bombs
foodnotbombsgreenfield@ gmail.com

Hyannis
rifullgirl58@comcast.net
Sharing meals on Main Street. Email for details.

Lawrence
We share free food every SUN in front of the YMCA
wearethelast77@hotmail.com

Lowell
EVERY Saturday from 12–3 in Kerouac Park on Bridge Street.

Metrowest
Based out of Ashland and Framingham
foodnotbombsmetrowest@ gmail.com

Northampton
foodnotbombspv@gmail.com

Fridays
Around 3:00 pm in Pulaski Park
(right near the Academy of Music Bus Stop)
Meals and groceries

Sundays
Around 3:00 pm in Pulaski Park
(right near the Academy of Music Bus Stop)
Meals and groceries

Southbridge
southbridgefoodnotbombs@ gmail.com
google.com/ site/southbridefoodnotbombs/

Worcester
We cook every Saturday at noon and serve food at 2 behind City Hall.
Contact: 774–239–2670
Email us at: fnbworcester@gmail.com
And visit our facebook site at: www.facebook.com/pages/Worcester–Food–Not–Bombs

Pioneer Valley
foodnotbombspv@gmail.com
Fridays
Around 3:00 pm in Pulaski Park
(right near the Academy of Music Bus Stop)
Meals and groceries

Sundays
Around 3:00 pm in Pulaski Park
(right near the Academy of Music Bus Stop)
Meals and groceries

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Demographic Served: Artists/Artist Communities; Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender); Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Demographic Served: Social Peers; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Teens; Demographic Served: Teens, Troubled; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Vegan; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling, Food; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 350.org; Alternative Societies; Bartering Network; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Environmental Sustainability; Food Not Bombs; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Green–Rainbow Party; Homelessness Relief Services; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 2, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9748

Food Project, The (youth farming initiative)

School · Open

MA

Web thefoodproject.org/what–we–do
Service Temporary

Services offered: New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; School, New Educational Concept; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training Classes, Trade Skills, Training; Training Classes, Vocational; Training, Farming, Organic Farming; Training, Job Training
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9784

Free Dental Care INDEX LINK

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.freedentalcare.us/st/massachusetts
Service Temporary

See link above.

3/2013 listings:

Holyoke Health Center
Holyoke Health Center – Holyoke
Holyoke, MA – 01040
413-420-2200
Their Dental Team sees patients of all ages, regardless of whether or not they have insurance. You can make an appointment, or you can come in for non-emergency urgent dental needs. Dental care is available to all patients, regardless of where you receive their medical care. Dental Care for adults
Chicopee Health Center
Chicopee Health Center – Chicopee
Chicopee, MA – 01013
413-420-2222
This Dental Team sees patients of all ages, regardless of whether or not they have insurance. You can make an appointment, or you can come in for non-emergency urgent dental needs. Care is available to all patients, regardless of where you receive their medical care. Care for adults and children,
Family Health Care of Worcester, Inc.
Family Health Care of Worcester, Inc. – Worcester
Worcester, MA – 1610
(508) 860-7910
Adult and Pediatric Dental Services are available to all registered FHC patients and their families. The department offers a full range of dental services for both adults and child
North Shore Community Health, Inc.
North Shore Community Health, Inc. – Salem
Salem, MA – 1970
(978) 740-0674
Open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Evening Hours: Tuesday and Wednesday until 7:00 p.m. This clinic provides a variety of dental services, which include emergency services as well. They offers a sliding fee plan, depending on your family size and income it can reduce your charges for
Gloucester Family Dental Center
Gloucester Family Dental Center – Gloucester
Gloucester, MA – 01930-4836
(978) 282-8899
Open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Evening hours: Tuesday until 7:00 p.m. At this facility they offer an array of dental services, which also include emergency services. A sliding fee plan is offered at this facility, depending on your family size and income it can reduce your charges
Chp Dental Center
Chp Dental Center – Great Barrington
Great Barrington, MA – 1230
413-528-5565
CHP's mission is to provide accessible care and services to improve the health and well being of residents of all ages living in Berkshire County and adjacent communities, regardless of insurance status, immigrant status, or ability to pay. The CHP Dental Center is a comprehensive general dentistry
Hsh Dental Clinic
Hsh Dental Clinic – Springfield
Springfield, MA – 01105-1112
413-731-9575
Permanent Clinic.
Massachusetts Mental Health Ctr
Massachusetts Mental Health Ctr – Jamaica Plain
Jamaica Plain, MA – 02130-3735
617-626-9300
Permanent Clinic.
Norwich Dental Care
Norwich Dental Care – Worcester
Worcester, MA – 01608-2421
508-755-1119
Permanent Clinic.
Action Health Services Mobile Dental Van
Action Health Services Mobile Dental Van – Winchendon
Winchendon, MA – 01475-1632
978-878-8110
Mobile Van Clinic.
Roxbury Dental Clinic

Roxbury Dental Clinic – Roxbury
Roxbury, MA – 02119–1868
617–541–3777
Permanent Clinic.
Ellen Jones Comm Dental Clinic
Ellen Jones Comm Dental Clinic – Harwich
Harwich, MA – 02645–1813
508–430–7710
Permanent Clinic.
Framingham Chc – Dental
Framingham Chc – Dental – Framingham
Framingham, MA – 01702–8302
508–270–2635
Permanent Clinic.
Lazarus House, Inc.
Lazarus House, Inc. – Lawrence
Lawrence, MA – 1842
(978)689–8575
Lazarus House Inc., spirtually based welcomes all in the name of God. It provides a continuum of care encompassing but not limited too: food, shelter, clothing, advocacy, job training, medical and dental care, a listening ear, a welcoming heart, the restoration of dignity and self respect to the poo
Outer Cape Dental Center
Outer Cape Dental Center – Wellfleet
Wellfleet, MA – 2667
(508)349–3131
We have been a part of the Outer Cape Community for over 30 years. Since Dr. Martinez's acquisition of the practice in 2003, initial updates were made to improve the interior of the office and the replacement of the old dental chairs and x–ray units. The second phase of the updates, which was
Lynn Comm Health Ctr Dental Prog
Lynn Comm Health Ctr Dental Prog – Lynn
Lynn, MA – 01901–1315
781–581–9832
Permanent Clinic.
Clinton Satellite Dental Center
Clinton Satellite Dental Center – Clinton
Clinton, MA – 01510–2556
978–368–0340
Permanent Clinic.
Whittier Street Health Center
Whittier Street Health Center – Roxbury
Roxbury, MA – 2120
(617) 427–1000
The Dental Department at Whittier Street Health Center offers extensive services for patients of all ages. These services include comprehensive exams and evaluations, X–rays, cleanings and check–ups, and composite (tooth–colored) fillings.A full r
South Cove Community Health Center
South Cove Community Health Center – Boston
Boston, MA – 2111
(617) 521–6700
Dental General dentistryOral surgery School fluoride treatment programHours:Monday – Friday: 9:00am –5:30pm Saturday: 9:00am – 3:00pm
South Boston Community Health Center
South Boston Community Health Center – Boston
Boston, MA – 2127
(617) 269–7500
South Boston Community Health Center's Dental Department provides comprehensive oral health care for children and adults. Our adult clinic offers a wide range of services from cosmetic work like veneers and bleaching to basic and preventive dental work

Services offered: Dental, Services * (ANY/ALL Types of Dental Services)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Mar 19, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9669

Free Medical Clinics in Massachusetts (online listing by town)

Info/Hotline · Open

OnLine Resource
MA

Web www.freemedicalcamps.com/vcity.php?stateid=MA
Service Temporary

Congregation Beth El on Hudson Road in Sudbury offers free medical care to anyone asking for it including no cost or low cost medications. Social services are also offered. This program has been going–on for quite some time and is provided by volunteers. Of course, all of the doctors, nurses and other professionals are certified and licensed. Information is kept private and referrals can also be provided. Spanish and Portuguese translation is available on the phone and at the clinic. It takes place in the sanctuary which is converted into a clinic on Tuesday evenings. A second location is now available at the First Parish Church, Framingham. Information on the program is available at: www.metrowestfreemedicalprogram.org which also includes the current month's schedule.

Services offered: Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Health Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Medical Resources Referral; Dental, Facility, Dental Clinic; Dental, Mobile Dental Clinic; Dental, Services * (ANY/ALL Types of Dental Services) ; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Facility, Clinic, Free Clinic; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Jun 4, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4694

FreeFood.org (FREE FOOD listings, online database) (mostly just food pantries so far)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Web www.freefood.org/s/massachusetts
Service Temporary

from the site:

About Free Food

Free Food is not associated with any government agency or nonprofit organization. We list Free Food centers throught the US.

[Not sure if they are positioning to start advertising or what. But they don't have a statement of principle...so not sure]

Services offered: Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Hungry; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Online Database Resource; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 3, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9754

Happy Cow (online database of vegetarian/vegan ~ responsible restaurants) (NOT FREE)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Web www.happycow.net/north_america/usa/massachusetts
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Directory of Services, Worldwide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Food, Organic ($ NOT FREE); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Meals, Vegan; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Community Supported Agriculture (CSA); Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Social Activists/ Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jun 5, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9885

Harvard Alpaca Ranch

Open Business* · Open

MA
Web harvardalpacaranch.com/index.html
Service Temporary

from the website:

"Our alpacas our fortunate to have large areas of pasture to graze and stretch their legs. We strive to make our farm earth–friendly and sustainable. Our farm is completely powered by the sun, both through the solar panels on our roof and through the

pasture grass we grow. We pride ourselves in providing our herd the highest quality facilities to ensure happy and healthy alpacas. Happy and healthy alpacas produce high quality fiber that we turn into first rate products."

"As we move forward with our dream, we have a number of objectives to accomplish:

· Create a welcoming and family–friendly farm that is accessible to all abilities.

· Build an extremely high quality herd of alpacas and breeding program.

· Provide a safe and healthy environment for our herd and all our visitors.

· Educate others about how amazing alpacas are.

· Produce a sustainable and earth–friendly product.

· Sell a variety of unique alpaca products in our store.

· Establish an alpaca therapy program, for those who want/need to utilize animal assisted activities/therapy.

We'd love to welcome you to our farm and show you around. We're open most weekends 10:00am to 5:00pm or contact us at harvardalpacas@gmail.com to let us know when you'd like to visit."
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 26, 2019 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10139

Jobs with Justice (Advocacy, worker rights, organizer training) [statewide Covid 19 muutal aid networks]

Volunteer Camp · Open

MA
Web www.massjwj.net
Service Temporary

main Jobs w/Justice site in Washington: http://www.jwj.org/about–us/

Covid19 list of mutual aid networks:

https://www.massjwj.net/news/2020/3/17/cover–19–mutual–aid–networks

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Employment, "At–Risk" Job Applicants; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Calendar, Community Events/Protest Actions; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Demographic Served: Immigrants; Demographic Served: LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender); Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Undocumented Individuals; Demographic Served: Unemployed; Demographic Served: Uninsured; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Victims of Environmental Injustice; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Events, Protest Actions; Hotline, Legal Advice & Referrals; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights, First Amendment; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Services, Legal Assistance; Services, Legal, Immigration Legal Services; Training, Activism; Training, Citizen Activism, Constitutional Law; Training Classes, Immigrant Worker Rights Instruction; Training, Government Policy; Training Government, Training on How it Works; Training, Legal
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Jobs with Justice; Neighborhood Network; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Apr 25, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9827

List of Household Goods Recycling sites (Furniture Banks, Appliances, etc) (from HGRM's site)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Web www.hgrm.org/other_organizations.htm
Service Temporary

page with updated list of resource locations

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Books * (ANY/ALL Types); Books, Audiobooks (CD's); CD's, Music CD's for Adults; CD's, Music CD's for Kids; CD's, Music CD's for Teens; Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; DVD's; Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types); Household Goods (big) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Household Items (small) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; Recycling, Appliances; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Furniture; Recycling, Household Items; Recycling, Medical Devices; Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living

Suggestions; School, Supplies ∗ (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Jan 27, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9633

Massachusetts Association of Housing Cooperatives

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Web www.masshousing.coop/about–housing–cooperatives
Service Temporary

from the website:

What is MAHC and why is it important?

MAHC is a not–for–profit "Section 501(c)(4)"organization which seeks membership from ALL branches of the housing cooperative world, such as high–end market–rate cooperatives like 1010 Memorial Drive, other market rate cooperatives like The Kenmore Tower and Jamaicaway Tower, and artists' and limited equity cooperatives. The 501(c)(4) designation allows MAHC to engage in political advocacy.

MAHC seeks to broaden the awareness of cooperatives among all our varied stake–holders in Massachusetts. MAHC will provide information and services to current housing cooperatives and make the entire community aware of the benefits of this underappreciated form of housing.

What are coops?

Coops are corporations in which owners have shares which translate into apartments. Each coop is governed by an elected Board. Coops are a successful, venerable and established form of housing.

Who lives in coops?

Many different kinds of people. Coops are often dedicated to a common purpose.There are high–end and other market–rate cooperatives, artists' cooperatives, limited equity and affordable cooperatives, religious and ethnic coops, veterans' coops, coops for the elderly and the disabled, college students and people of varied origins or orientations.

How many coops are there?

MAHC has built a database of well over a hundred in Massachusetts from large (many hundreds of apartments) to converted houses.

Where are they?

They span the Commonwealth from the Berkshires to the Islands, in cities, towns and rural areas. Coops can be found in dozens of MA communities. They can look like every other kind of multiple dwelling housing, and fit into every kind of neighborhood.

How many people live in coops?

Thousands live in cooperatives and they represent the full age range of the population of the Commonwealth.

What are their advantages?

Coops are proven to require less regulation than condos. Coops generate less litigation. Coop organization and governance are simple, direct and democratic. They also generate revenue to the community and stability and cohesion.

How much value do coops represent?

Hundreds of millions of dollars in real estate and taxes

Hundreds of acres of land

Hundreds of buildings

Millions of dollars in goods and services purchased annually

In conclusion, coops provide incalculable community and social benefits to residents and the community as a whole, and fully deserve initiatives and actions toprotect and enhance their viability.

Services offered: Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Housing ∗ (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 27, 2019 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10141

Massachusetts List of Seed Libraries

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Web cbhl.libguides.com/c.php?g=753319&p=6687078
Service Temporary

See link above for live links to these seed libraries and more!

Andover Seed Library

Berkshire Seed Library

Boston Public Library Seed Library

Concord Seed Lending Library

Easthampton Seed Library

Framingham Seed Library

Gaylord Seed Library, South Hadley

Greenfield Community College.

Hampshire College Seed Library

Hardwick Grows Seed Lending Library

Harvard Seed Library

Lexington Seed Library

Littleton Seed Library

Martha's Vineyard Seed Library

Melrose Seed Library

Mendon Taft Public Library Seed Exchange

Norwell Seed Lending Library

Shrewsbury Public Library

Stow Randall Library

Springfield Seed Library

Walpole Seed Library

Westborough Public Library

Westford Seed Library

Services offered: Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Seed Bank / Seed Exchange / Seed Library / Seed Preservation
Updated Jan 21, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10149

MassCEO [gov't program to help co-ops]

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web massceo.org
Service Temporary

...believe it or not

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Business Services, Co-Op oriented; Business Services, Facilitation / Mentoring / Consulting; Community Outreach Programs; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Management Advice; New "Business" Models; Training, Micro-Economic Entrepeneurship
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker-owned cooperative [Co-op]; Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Government, Small Business Administration (SBA); Government, State/County; Government, State Government Department/Agency
Updated Jul 1, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10574

MassPeaceAction

Volunteer Camp · Open

MA

Web masspeaceaction.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Calendar, Community Events/Protest Actions; Events, Protest Actions
Campaigns: 2022 Ukraine Crisis; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Helping People Suffering from the Gaza Occupation; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Dec 3, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10674

Material Aid and Advocacy Program [mutual aid network]

Volunteer Camp · Open

MA

Web www.maapma.org
Service Temporary

Cofd 19 response:

https://www.maapma.org/covid-19-updates

COVID-19
Overview

This is a trying time in so many ways. Our community members are now experiencing the compound crises of homelessness, COVID-19, and for many the continued overdose crisis. It is clear the Commonwealth doesn't have a plan for people experiencing homelessness but especially for those living unsheltered. We will continue to provide support, solidarity, and speak up.

We are committed to continuing to support our participants and community members experiencing homelessness. In consultation with our participants we have put in place a system to make the best decisions we can as a small grassroots organization while being as safe as possible.

We have moved our modified operations from our basement space to the lawn in front of our building. Despite social distancing, we are hoping to continue to be a place where people feel a sense of connection and belonging even if that is from six feet away.

Community members are welcome to drop-in at our outdoor space during our regular hours on Tuesdays or Thursdays for support including:

Survival supplies (tents, sleeping bags, tarps, blankets, backpacks & hiking bags, hand warmers, hygiene & menstrual hygiene kits, MBTA passes, Gift Cards, and clothing).

Utilizing our outdoor sink and phone charging station

Lunch and Snacks: We will continue to provide single serve snacks as well as nourishing salads and sandwiches to-go rescued by our partner Food Link. Beginning 3/31/2020 will be partnering with the City of Cambridge to provide meals to participants from a local restaurant so participants will able to save their sandwich or salad for later.

Connection to Resources: We will provide as up-to-date information as possible on available resources (COVID-19, shelter, meals, healthcare access, harm reduction access, bathrooms, clean water). Participants will also be welcome to use our phone and laptop as needed.

Advocacy: Although our Advocacy Meal is on hold we will continue to welcome participants to engage in advocacy, especially around COVID-19.

We will engage in outreach, bringing participants and community members experiencing homelessness the material aid and basic necessities they deserve.

Community members in need of survival supplies are welcome to text or email us for drop-off.

We will be pausing referral requests until we are able to move our operations back into our space.

Each Sunday, we'll make a Board/Staff decision based on the information we have and the needs community members have identified about our services for the coming week with the full transparency that that could change daily as we monitor external conditions and our resources.

updates

We will be providing regular updates via email during this challenging time:

Past Updates can be viewed by clicking the links below:

Making a Material Difference with Material Aid during COVID-19 March 14

COVID-19 at MAAP: What we've accomplished, what we've learned and how you can help March 23

It's 9am and Cassie is opening MAAP right now April 9

To join our mailing list and receive updates fill out our form here

How you can make a difference

We so appreciate your support. We couldn't do this without you! Here are ways you can help:

We need to immediately raise $25,000 for staff support and increased material aid. It's our 75th anniversary and we were going to hold a Spring celebration. We are now canceling that fundraising celebration. We are instead asking that you give online.

Contribute to our ongoing material aid campaigns. We have updated our urgent needs wishlist and our Amazon wishlist!

CDC guidance says that soft goods are a very low transmission risk if you are not sick and if all materials have been washed and dried.

Please Note: To encourage greater physical distancing, we have rented a temporary storage container (POD) for the FMC driveway. We can receive material donations from 8am–6pm, 7 days a week.

Email donate@maapma.org for lock and sanitizing instructions. .

You can also buy items off of our Amazon wishlist. (Please use Amazon smile now and always for your purchases!)
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Apr 25, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10291

MetroWest (Concord/Carlisle/Acton/Chemlsford) Mutual Aid virus response resources, how to help, etc

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web docs.google.com/document/d/1–0_lZlqD4B6Xl5SUFdhB3–88onSZwgGLYnW1TRwcOOs/edit?fbclid=IwAR3kfo87lkcDyHR6SKpSr3sEJn_47vAAcfV–R3jnaR1UGoS7TJ3n8JA4tCE
Service Temporary

Mutual Aid worksheet: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1–0_lZlqD4B6Xl5SUFdhB3–88onSZwgGLYnW1TRwcOOs/edit?fbclid=IwAR3kfo87lkcDyHR6SKpSr3sEJn_47vAAcfV–R3jnaR1UGoS7TJ3n8JA4tCE

Source State Rep Tami Gouveia, more info or to thank her: tami.gouveia@mahouse.gov

The link above had the following info 3/18, 8:23 pm. For later updates, check link above. Live links for orgs, can be found at the link above.

Ways You Can Help

OpenTable has run food drives to increase their supplies during this crisis. Follow them on social media or check out their website to see upcoming donation opportunities. https://www.opentable.org Pantry Service is OPEN! As of Tuesday, March 17th, Open Table will be implementing “drive–thru” pantry service. Guests arriving by other means of transportation (walking, biking, etc) will, of course, also be served. Guests should keep their regular appointments during these times. Our pantry will be open during regular operating hours (we will be open rain or shine!):

Tuesday 1:00–6:30 pm
Thursday 3:00–6:30 pm

Drive–Thru Plan

Pantry distribution will be available in the Maynard Municipal Parking Lot located between Summer Street and Main Street. Please enter from Summer Street (across from the Fine Arts Theater). Guests will remain in their cars; volunteers will load pre–packed bags into the cars. Please do your best to arrive at your standard time; if you arrive early you may be asked to park in an area municipal lot and return at your appointment time.

Donate blood: the Red Cross if facing a severe blood shortage during the COVID–19 outbreak. If you are healthy, please schedule a time to give blood: https://www.redcrossblood.org/

General Questions and Concerns Related to COVID–19

For general information and updates about state action, visit the Mass DPH website. https://www.mass.gov/resource/information–on–the–outbreak–of–coronavirus–disease–2019–covid–19

For additional assistance or questions, you can call 211. https://mass211.org/ Once you choose a language, dial 26 to access the COVID–19 information line. Other dial options provide information and referrals about other critical resources and needs.

You can also visit the Mass 211 web page: https://mass211.org/

We recommend signing up for town alerts and following local leaders to stay up–to–date on local actions.

Acton
Town of Acton’s website https://www.acton–ma.gov/ and subscribe to Town text/email alerts https://www.acton–ma.gov/list.aspx?Mode=Subscribe#alertCenter

Acton Public Schools’ website Follow the Superintendent https://www.abschools.org/

Carlisle
Town of Carlisle’s website https://www.carlislema.gov/
and subscribe to text/email alerts https://www.carlislema.gov/List.aspx

Carlisle Public Schools’ website
Follow the Superintendent: @CarlislePreK_8

Chelmsford
Town of Chelmsford’s website and subscribe to Town text/email alerts
Chelmsford Town socials for live updates: @Chelmsford_MA
Chelmsford Public Schools’ website
Follow the Superintendent: @ChelmsfordPS

Concord
Town of Concord's COVID–19 website and subscribe to Town text/email alerts
Follow Concord Town socials for live updates: @TownofConcord
Concord Public Schools' website
Follow the Superintendent: @cps_cchs

Support for Seniors

Carlisle Council on Aging: 978–371–2895. Staff are available to answer questions and provide certain non–essential forms of assistance.

Concord Council on Aging: (978) 318–3020. While the COA is closed, COA staff are able to discuss a variety of topics including social service needs, assistance in gathering supplies, potential grocery delivery desires and any other personal or family needs one may have.

Acton Senior Center: 978–929–6652. While the COA is closed, staff are available to answer questions and provide assistance. Additionally, the Senior Center is providing pre–packaged lunches to Acton seniors in lieu of their usual congregate meals. Call 781–221–7085 to learn more.

Chelmsford Senior Center: 978–251–0533. Staff are available to answer questions and provide certain non–essential forms of assistance.

Insurance Coverage

Health Care For All's HelpLine will remain operational to help residents who are applying for insurance coverage or who have questions about their health insurance benefits. Please call 1–800–272–4232 and their team can assist you in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

Apply for insurance coverage. The HealthConnector is holding open enrollment from now until April 25th, 2020 in light of the COVID–19 pandemic. The application for the HealthConnector marketplace will also check you/your family's eligibility for MassHealth. Apply online here.

Food

Ferns Country Store is offering free delivery of food, medicine and essential supplies to all residents in Carlisle while supplies last. Proprietor The store is putting together a breakfast/lunch/dinner menu for delivery starting March 14. Call during business hours (1–978–369–0200) to place an order. Payment will be accepted by credit card over the phone, and items will be delivered to door steps only, to eliminate human to human contact for all.

Open Table is providing their food pantry services to Acton, Carlisle, Chelmsford, and Concord residents in need via a drive through set–up during the pandemic. Hours are Tuesday's from 1:00–6:30 pm to and Thursday's form 3:00–6:30. Up–to–date information can be found on their website here.

Acton Council of Aging is offering pre–packaged lunches to Acton Seniors in lieu of their usual congregate meals. Call 781–221–7085.

If you or a loved one needs food assistance, you can call the FoodSource Hotline (1–800–645–8333) for a referral to food services and/or assistance with SNAP applications. Hotline hours are Monday– Friday: 8am – 7pm and Saturday: 10am – 2pm. Counselors can assist callers in 160 languages and there is a dedicated line to assist hearing–impaired individuals at TTY: 1–800–377–1292

Concord–Carlisle Regional High School will have pre–packaged meals available for pick–up for all Concord–Carlisle students and families in need (no eligibility requirements). Students/families should arrive at the high school between 8:30am–11am and line up in their cars. PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE BUILDING. An attendant will ask you to pop your trunk or rear door and place the bag of food in your vehicle.

Housing and Utilities

Acton, Carlilse and Chelmsford residents can access fuel assistance and heating system repair and rental assistance through Community Teamwork Inc hotlines and staff email.

For fuel assistance/heating repair, call or email: 978–459–6161 / FuelAssistance@commteam.org

For rental assistance call or email: 978–654–5726 / CTIRentalAssistance@commteam.org

FYI: The Department of Public Utilities issued a moratorium to suspend all shut–offs of gas and electric utilities, including Municipal Light and Gas Plants, for residential customers during the state of emergency.

Other Basic Needs
Acton, Carlisle and Chelmsford residents can reach out to Community Teamwork Inc.'s General Emergency Resource Center hotline: 978–654–5607.

Consumer Protection

The Attorney General's office has resources for consumers to report scams and file complaints of unfair and deceptive business practices. Visit their website for all resources.

Unemployment or Loss of Work

Apply for unemployment assistance online.
Important: given the COVID–19 pandemic, workers are eligible to receive assistance in new circumstances. In addition to normal qualifying circumstances you are eligible for unemployment during this pandemic under the follow circumstances:

“A worker is quarantined due to an order by a civil authority or medical professional”
“Leaves employment due to reasonable risk of exposure or infection OR to care for a family member. The worker need not provide medical documentation and need only be available for work when and as able.”
Part–time or full–time employees impacted by a temporary workplace shutdown. To remain eligible in this circumstance, workers must:
remain in contact with their employers during the shutdown.
be available for any work their employer may have for them that they are able to do.

Employers who have been paying into the unemployment system for themselves (are receiving a W–2) and have a temporary workplace shutdown.

Independent contractors and the self–employed currently DO NOT qualify. However, if the President declares a Disaster Unemployment Declaration for Massachusetts or nationwide, the self–employed and 1099 recipients (independent contractors) would become eligible for unemployment assistance.

Additional unemployment assistance guidelines and expanded eligibility may be developed by the state and federal government.

Small Businesses
Look at eligibility and/or apply to a small business loan here: https://www.empoweringsmallbusiness.org/what–we–offer/emergency–loan–funds/covid–19–loan–fund

Other Resources
Massport Traveler Advisory: Anyone with questions about travel should consult this continuously updated portal, available here.
Emergency Responders and Law Enforcement: CDC–issued guidance for all first responders, including law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services, and emergency management officials, who anticipate close contact with persons with confirmed or possible COVID–19 in the course of their work can be found here.

Businesses & Employers: CDC–issued guidance for employers to help prevent workplace exposures to illnesses and planning considerations if there are more widespread, community outbreaks of COnVID–19, which can be found here.
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Oct 14, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10204

New England Network for Justice for Palestine

Volunteer Camp · Open

MA

Web www.nenjp.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Calendar, Community Events/Protest Actions; Events, Protest Actions
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Helping People Suffering from the Gaza Occupation
Updated Dec 3, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10676

Occupy the Economy, Occupy Boston Social Enterprise Meetup/Collaboration Group

Info/Hotline · Standby

MA

Web wiki.occupyboston.org/wiki/Social_Enterprise
Service Temporary

Social Enterprises are organizations that are "people before profit". Some may be non–profits. Some may be "for profit", but not entirely for profit, because they are responsible to the community.

This working group is focused on discussing what we believe is an appropriate Social Enterprise. And to coordinate/collaborate with resources, folks that want to start operations, folks that are already operating, and people that want to help.

Services offered: Advocacy, Social Justice; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Oct 15, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9124

Pioneer Valley Workers Center (Labor/Housing/Immigrant/Human Rights)

Walk–in Resource · Open

MA

Web pvworkerscenter.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Demographic Served: Diaspora Populations; Demographic Served: Immigrants; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; Facility: Community Center; Facility: Meeting space; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty
Updated Jan 25, 2018 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10112

Queer & Trans Mutual Aid Massachusetts

Volunteer Camp · Open

MA

Web www.qtmama.org
Service Temporary

qtmama at protonmail.com

Services offered: Mutual Aid
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity
Updated Dec 3, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10667

Rent Camping Gear from people (NOT FREE, but small $)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web gearcommons.com
Service Temporary

Services offered: Camping Gear * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Bartering Network; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9800

Rule 19 Protest Action Calendar and Protest/Activism Resources [does anyone have the right link?]

Info/Hotline · Standby

MA

Web rule19.org/ActionCalendar/index.asp?size=large
Service Temporary

IT APPEARS THAT THIS SITE IS DOWN, OR WE NO LONGER HAVE THE RIGHT ADDRESS

pfsoto @ mynas . com

This site is a great site for ideas on how to educate for a better world, as well as how to participate in activism.

Warning...it's more about protest than it is about catalysm...the art of intrapreneuring change from the inside out.

Services offered: Calendar, Community Events/Protest Actions; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Online Database Resource; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Jun 23, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9144

Time Trade Circle (Bartering Network – NO MONEY)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web timetradecircle.org
Service Temporary

from the site:

The Time Trade Circle is a local bank – but we keep track of time. When you spend an hour of your time performing a service for somebody else, we credit you with one Timebank Hour. You can cash in that Timebank Hour on a service provided by another member of our bank. Whether you give a music lesson, take care of someone's pet, volunteer at a community center, or help someone get to a doctor's appointment, one actual hour equals one Timebank Hour.

Services offered: New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling Network, Database for Trading/Re–use (NO FEE); Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Bartering Network; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Social Change Initiative; Transition Towns (Transition Network)
Updated Dec 2, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9752

Trans Gender Emergency Fund

Donor · Open

MA

Web transemergencyfund.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Mutual Aid
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity
Updated Dec 3, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10668

UMass Permaculture Info Resources

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.localumass.com/local-permaculture-resources.html
Service Temporary

Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 28, 2019 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10143

United American Indians of New England

Volunteer Camp · Open

MA

Web www.gofundme.com/f/uaine-20202021-fundraiser
Service Temporary

The main site: http://www.uaine.org/ which focuses on the annual Day of Mourning work:

" Many Native Americans do not celebrate the arrival of the Pilgrims and other European settlers. Thanksgiving day is a reminder of the genocide of millions of Native people, the theft of Native lands, and the relentless assault on Native culture. Participants in National Day of Mourning honor Native ancestors and the struggles of Native peoples to survive today."

From their GoFundMe page:

"Please support the work of United American Indians of New England (UAINE) as we educate and decolonize. We are best known for organizing National Day of Mourning in Plymouth every "thanksgiving Thursday," and this year will be our 50th Anniversary! We lead IndigenousPeoplesdayMA.org campaigns and provide tactical and strategic advice to people in the region who are working on Indigenous Peoples Day efforts. We are also an intrinsic part of efforts in MA to pass legislation meaningful to Indigenous people (MAIndigenousAgenda.org). We work with others in coalition to organize and support Indigenous Peoples Day events. In addition, we support many other Indigenous and progressive struggles, from the movement for Black Lives and climate justice to justice for migrants, and much more!'
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Anti-Colonialism / Anti-Racism / Decolonializers; Black Lives Matter; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Colonialism; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; First Nations / Native Americans; Indigenous Mutual Aid; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Nov 29, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10392

US Federation of Worker Cooperatives (MASSACHUSETTS LIST)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web usworker.coop/member-directory?display_name=&state_province=1020
Service Temporary

Services offered: Business Services, Co-Op oriented; Business Services, Counseling for Small Businesses; Business Services, Facilitation / Mentoring / Consulting; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Management Advice; Local Businesses, Social Enterprises; Local Businesses, Startups; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Social Enterprise (low-profit BUSINESS); Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Business; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Business, Specifically Co-Op; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed (General); Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Governance; Training Classes, Online/Virtual Training
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Apr 21, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9949

Valley Green Feast (NOT FREE, farm fresh delivery BY BIKE to your door, worker-owned cooperative)

Open Business* · Open

MA

Web www.valleygreenfeast.com
Service Temporary

low income qualified discount
Campaigns: Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Worker Owned

Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9806

Worker–Owned and Run Cooperative Network of Greater Boston (Co–Op Movement of Worker Controlled Enterprise)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web worcn.org/directory
Service Temporary

from the site:

Programs
Co–op 101

Monthly workshops for those new to worker cooperatives.
Peer Resource Group

Monthly meeting to address topics that are important to worker cooperators who are either in the process of forming a worker cooperative or are in a worker cooperative currently.
Socials

Quarterly social events for all those interested in worker cooperatives to break bread together, share stories, and build connections.

Services offered: New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business models", housing; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 13, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9715

MI

Boston Towne Houses (housing collective REALLY affordable)

Shelter · Open

Clinton, MI

Web bthcooperative.com/content.aspx?PageID=43
Service Temporary

There might be a waiting list. If you are in Acton and want to organize something like this, contact info@ occupy boston.org

Services offered: Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Housing, Fair Housing; Housing, Affordable Housing, Ownership Program; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Housing, Subsidized/Low–Income Housing; New "business models", housing; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9796

Detroit Community Technology Project

Walk–in Resource · Open

Allied Media Projects; 4126 Third St, Detroit, MI 48201

Web www.detroitcommunitytech.org
Service Temporary

From hosting Data DiscoTechs in each district of Detroit to helping Digital Stewards and their neighbors design resilient communications infrastructure and Gigabit apps, we strive for a future where people who have been marginalized from political and economic power can use technology to shape the future of their lives, neighborhoods, and regions.

Our Story

Detroit Community Technology Project was born from a legacy of coalition work and collaboration, building on Allied Media Projects' (AMP) nine year track record of digital media education and community technology building in Detroit.

Allied Media Projects partnered with the Open Technology Institute of the New America Foundation in 2012 to create the Digital Stewards (DS) Program, which trains neighborhood leaders in designing and deploying community wireless networks with a commitment to the Detroit Digital Justice Principles. To date, DCTP has implemented the DS training with leaders from seven Detroit neighborhoods, followed by four Equitable Internet Initiative neighborhoods in both Detroit and Highland Park. DCTP has supported 11 more community groups internationally to adopt and modify the training for their own contexts. As our principled approach and the Digital Stewards program continued to find firm footing in community, new people–based resources and programming grew, aimed at enabling community participation in online economies, education, and safe navigation of online spaces. DCTP formed officially in 2014 to encompass broader community technology education and organizing work and to share best practices.

After many iterations in Detroit and New York, the Digital Stewards Program began to see new life as Gigabit fiber was introduced in the city of Detroit, threatening to widen an already oppressive digital divide. In 2015, DCTP introduced the Equitable Internet Initiative (EII), our attempt to redistribute power, resources, and connectivity to the most marginalized of Detroiters. We began with partners in three neighborhoods: Islandview, North End, and Southwest. As neighborhood–level strategy played out to help bring more Detroiters online in a meaningful way, DCTP shifted focus to also address how Detroiters were impacted by broader systems of data collection and surveillance technologies, both on and offline. How much did folks know about their digital data bodies? How much could they protect themselves? The Data Justice Program was introduced in 2016, just as the city was ramping up promotion of Detroit's Open Data portal. It quickly blossomed into a vital companion to EII and the work of the Detroit Digital Justice Coalition.

The Digital Stewards curriculum has inspired many other community technology curricula used within, and in conjunction with, DCTP's programming. These include a Consentful Tech curriculum built with the Consentful Tech Project, and the Next Gen Apps curricula developed by EII anchor organization Grace in Action and their Radical Productions team. As we continue to learn and grow, DCTP remains committed to decentralizing our resources and experience, and making community technology accessible across Detroit and the world.

Services offered: Tech, Computer Networking Services
Campaigns: Black Community; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Mayfirst Solidarity Movement; Neighborhood Network; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Mar 30, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10408

MI: Detroit, Downtown Boxing Gym [mutual aid, food delivery]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Detroit, MI

Web dbgdetroit.org/support–dbg–covid–19–emergency–response
Service Temporary

COVID response: Here's what we're doing.

Assembling care packages, including academic packets and meals, to be delivered to our 150+ students in the coming days.
Arranging virtual tutoring and mentoring and online workouts .
Paying all staff. We are all still working and available.
Doing an even deeper cleaning and sanitizing of our building.
Preparing lesson plans that will help our students fill in the gap for the missed time in school.

"We're really proud of all of our staff and family members for how we're coming together to support each other," said DBG Executive Director Jessica Hauser. "For so many of our families who already were dealing with food insecurity and already on the verge of barely making ends meet, this time is terrifying because for many of them because they're the ones that are losing their jobs first, they're the ones that don't have large sums of money to just be able to go out and buy a bunch of extra resources. Any and all help would be so greatly appreciated. Maybe we can alleviate some of the fear and concern."
Help Us Provide Care Packages, Meals and More
Many of our 150+ students (ages 8–18) rely on free and reduced price school lunches and the nutritious meals served daily at DBG. That need continues even though schools are closed. We are assembling and delivering care packages that include meals, academic packets and other essentials. Please consider donating so we have the food we need for our students and families as long as school closures continue.

Virtual Tutoring and Mentoring + Online Workouts
We will not let this virus stop our students' academic progress. Our staff is scheduling one–on–one virtual tutoring and mentoring sessions to help our 3rd–12th graders stay on top of their schoolwork as long as needed. We will be providing online or virtual workouts as well. We're in need of jump ropes, 3–pound weights, ab wheels and computer.

Our Plan Going Forward
We will continue to support the needs of our students and families and provide whatever it takes for as long as it takes. We train kids for life. And this is life. It's what we do. We will keep you updated. #standwithDBG #wetrainkidsforlife

EMERGENCY WISH LIST/AMAZON: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3LDYIL8FXMIKO?type=wishlist

Services offered: School, for Kids, Online/Remote Education
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Apr 14, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10272

MN

Twin Cities Mutual Aid

Volunteer Camp · Open

MN

Phone 612.756.9607 [txt]
Web tcmap.org
Service Temporary

from the website: 12/2/24

FAQ
What is the Twin Cities Mutual Aid Project?

The Twin Cities Mutual Aid Project is a collective that maintains an online map tool to help people find and distribute essential supplies while our communities face intense hardship and disruption. We evolved organically to meet the needs that emerged in the aftermath of the police murder of George Floyd.

Our team tracks the supplies available, supplies needed, and volunteer opportunities at more than 200 aid sites in the Twin Cities area. Our work helps ensure that donations of food / goods / money / volunteer time are allocated according to needs.

We work to lighten the load of on-the-ground site coordinators, who are overwhelmed by both the immediate need of so many and the generosity of our community.

You can read more about the values that guide our efforts here.
What is the Twin Cities Mutual Aid Map, and where can I find it?

Twin Cities Mutual Aid Map

The information in the map helps our community in a variety of ways:

People can find open distribution sites that have the essential supplies they need.
Coordinators at distribution sites can amplify and clarify their calls for specific goods and help make sure they aren't overloaded by supplies they don't need.
Sites coordinate with one another to redistribute donations where they are most immediately needed.
People who want to donate can quickly determine what is most needed now and where they can drop off donations.

Every day, we hear about people using the Twin Cities Mutual Aid Map in new and unexpected ways. Our team is working to meet community requests and needs by developing new features in response to the feedback we get from users on the front lines.
How does the Twin Cities Mutual Aid Map work?

The Twin Cities Mutual Aid Map is an interactive tool that lists the hours, needs, and available goods at a given location. Users may refer to the color-coded legend at the top left of the map to determine if and when a location is giving or receiving donations. Clicking on a particular map location leads to a pop-up description, including current schedule and needs.
How do you pick the locations that go on the Twin Cities Mutual Aid Map?

We add distribution sites to the map at the request of the community. We always seek to have volunteers coordinate with someone on the ground at these sites, and confirm the data about their open hours and essential needs. However, we do not vet sites for their politics, histories, or standpoints. Including a donation site on the map is not an endorsement of those who maintain the location.
Is TCMAP on social media?

We are! We have Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages. There are a lot of Mutual Aid pages out there, and while we may monitor activity on a lot of them (for updates on sites, events, etc.) we are not affiliated with any except the three listed above.
What is TCMAP doing to address COVID-19?

On-site organizers are encouraged to contact TCMAP upon learning of a COVID-19 case on-site to allow the map to reflect site closure and possible COVID-19 exposure for visitors and volunteers. When TCMAP is advised of a COVID-19 case at a donation site via a third party, the site will be listed as closed. TCMAP will reach out to organizers to confirm this information or restore the site to the map in the event of an error. If TCMAP is unable to secure a response from an on-site organizer, the site will remain closed on the map for up to two weeks. Once TCMAP has been notified of a site's reopening, the site will be re-listed on the Mutual Aid Map.
Can I volunteer with you?

You can learn more about becoming involved with TCMAP here.

We know that the BIPOC community has been overburdened with the demands of this time, and also want to welcome anyone who identifies as BIPOC and wishes to become a member of our team to email us at support@tcmap.org.
I'm a journalist, who can I talk to?

Thank you for your interest in the Twin Cities Mutual Aid Project.

This project is a volunteer effort intended to make logistics easier for people providing on-the-ground mutual aid to the Twin Cities community. This includes material aid, education, and events. We are a single resource that both supports the work of mutual aid sites and is supported by mutual aid sites. We are not a front-line project and we exist behind the scenes to offer support — not take the spotlight. Our role as an aggregator can sometimes give us more visibility than the sites we work with. We see it as our responsibility to advocate for those sites and share the visibility we receive. However, we cannot, and do not, speak for the whole community of mutual aid sites in the Twin Cities. Don't ask us to.

Resource inequality in the Twin Cities was an issue long before this uprising and the COVID-19 pandemic. Mutual aid is not new. BIPOC, disabled, LGBTQIA+, immigrant, migrant, and refugee communities have always used mutual aid to create networks of care under institutional violence. The people and communities who are doing, and have been doing, this work long before the

uprisings or the pandemic have deep knowledge and important perspectives. Talk to them. Take the time to learn about the history of mutual aid.

If you've done all that and you'd like our specific perspective, we're happy to chat!
I am working with a site that's not listed. How can I get it listed?

Email: support@tcmap.org

Please include all relevant details so we can update the map. Specifically, include:

Your site's name, if it is an organization
The full address of your site
Whether your site is receiving donations, distributing donations or both
What supplies your site is distributing and/or requesting (for example: nonperishable food, diapers in size __, menstrual products, etc.)
Hours when your site will be receiving and/or distributing donations (please specify dates as well to avoid confusion)
Your contact information should we have clarifying questions

If there is a dedicated site coordinator, please include that person's information.
Your info is wrong! How do we fix it?

Email support@tcmap.org

Please include all relevant details so we can get the map updated.
I want to donate supplies!

Please look at the Twin Cities Aid Distribution Map to find a site that is open and accepting supplies you want to purchase or donate. Drop off your donations as soon as possible because needs change quickly.

We recommend checking the map shortly before making a purchase and dropping off the donations immediately after.

Please do not leave supplies out when sites are closed.
I want to donate money!

We are not currently fundraising or accepting donations. There are many groups that need your money more than us, and you can search for them on the Mutual Aid Map! Just click the dropdown menu next to "sort by," and filter by "needs money".

Thank you so much for your generosity.
I want to partner!

At this time, we are not partnering with any organizations. However, all of our data and code are publicly available through the Mutual Aid Map and our GitHub, and you are always welcome to access or contribute to these. You are also invited to use any of our frameworks as the basis for your own projects.

Alternatively, if you're interested in getting involved with TCMAP as an individual, you can always volunteer with us! We wish you the best and hope you continue to support the Twin Cities community with your work.
How can I learn more about the GitHub end of this work?

Here is a link to our GitHub Readme.

Services offered: Mutual Aid
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 3, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10662

MS

Cooperation Jackson, building a solidarity economy

Walk–in Resource · Open

Jackson, MS
Web cooperationjackson.org
Service Temporary

from the website:

Cooperation Jackson is an emerging vehicle for sustainable community development, economic democracy, and community ownership.

Our long term vision is to develop a cooperative network based in Jackson, Mississippi that will consist of four interconnected and interdependent institutions: a federation of local worker cooperatives, a cooperative incubator, a cooperative education and training center (the Kuwasi Balagoon Center for Economic Democracy and Development), and a cooperative bank or financial institution.

Cooperation Jackson's basic theory of change is centered on the position that organizing and empowering the structurally under and unemployed sectors of the working class, particularly from Black and Latino communities, to build worker organized and owned cooperatives will be a catalyst for the democratization of our economy and society overall.

Cooperation Jackson believes that we can replace the current socio–economic system of exploitation, exclusion and the destruction of the environment with a proven democratic alternative. An alternative built on equity, cooperation, worker democracy, and environmental sustainability to provide meaningful living wage jobs, reduce racial inequities, and build community wealth. It is our position and experience, that when marginalized and excluded workers and communities are organized in democratic organizations and social movements they become a force capable of making transformative social advances.

Individuals deeply moved by the Jackson–Kush Plan who are striving to see its vision of economic democracy realized launched Cooperation Jackson on May 1, 2014 International Worker's Day or May Day.
The Lumumba center for economic democracy and development

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Mission and Purpose

The broad mission of Cooperation Jackson is to advance the development of economic democracy in Jackson, Mississippi by building a solidarity economy anchored by a network of cooperatives and other types of worker–owned and democratically self–managed enterprises.

Economic democracy provides economic empowerment for all workers, distributors, suppliers, consumers, communities and the general public by promoting universal access to common resources, democratizing the ownership of the means of production, and democratizing all the essential processes of production and distribution through worker self–management and sustainable consumption.

Solidarity economy includes a wide array of economic practices and initiatives that share common values – cooperation and sharing, social responsibility, sustainability, equity and justice. Instead of enforcing a culture of cutthroat competition, it builds cultures and communities of cooperation.

Our Purpose is to create:

A network of interconnected and interlinked cooperatives and worker owned enterprises in Jackson, Mississippi that will expand economic opportunity, promote sustainability and build community wealth by creating jobs with dignity, stability, living wages and quality benefits.

A foundation for the revitalization of the working class communities of Jackson, Mississippi based on stable employment, wealth equity and sustainable means of production and distribution.

A institutional vehicle to promote broad public understanding of economic democracy, the foundations of solidarity economics and the principles of cooperatives and how cooperative and worker owned and self–managed enterprises work to benefit workers, their families and their communities.

A institutional vehicle to educate and train working people in Jackson, Mississippi to successfully start, finance, own, democratically operate and self–manage a sustainable cooperative enterprise.

A model that will encourage and enable workers in other cities and municipalities in Mississippi, the South and throughout the United States to implement their own initiatives to promote economic democracy, solidarity economics and cooperative development.

Cooperation Jackson is the realization of a Just Transition vision decades in the making. Its roots lay deep within the struggle for democratic rights, economic justice, self–determination, particularly for people of African descent in the Deep South, and dignity for all workers.

We look forward to working in solidarity with progressive forces throughout the country on this transformative project and encourage people to stand directly with us in this effort by joining or forming a Friends of Cooperation Jackson chapter in your area.
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 24, 2019 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10133

Mexico

Center for Global Justice [cooperative living, community space]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web www.globaljusticecenter.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Community Outreach Programs; Community Service Program; Demographic Served: Refugees; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Events, Community Meetings; Facility: Community Center; Information Resource, How to Organize; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Center for Global Justice; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 21, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10628

Frente Auténtico del Trabajo

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.fatmexico.org.mx/index.php/iquienes-somos/frente-autentico-del-trabajo.html
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant, Legal Services; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Community Outreach Programs; Community Outreach Programs, Rural; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; Hotline, Legal Advice & Referrals; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Services, Legal Assistance; Services, Legal, Immigration Legal Services
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; International Community, Latino; Jobs with Justice; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co-Operatives
Updated Dec 13, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9829

NC

NC EMA: Hurricane Florence List of Shelters and Other Resources

Shelter · Open

NC

Web www.ncdps.gov/florence
Service Temporary

At the link above, notice the list of links for resources about half way down the page.

Shelters as of Sept 12, 2018 [see updated list at link above]

Shelters

Cumberland County:
National Guard Armory
3555 Owen Dr..; Open
Fayetteville, NC 28306
Franklin County:
National Guard Armory
200 S Bickett Blvd; Open
Louisburg, NC 27549
Halifax County:
National Guard Armory
1300 Junior High School Rd.; Open
Scotland Neck, NC 27847
Johnston County:
North Johnston Middle School; Opens Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 8 pm
435 Oil Company Rd.
Micro, NC 27555
Benson Middle School; Opens Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 8 pm
1600 North Wall St.
Benson, NC 27504
West Johnston High School (Pet-Friendly) ; Opens Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 8 pm
3935 Raleigh Rd.
Benson, NC 27504
Lee County:
National Guard Armory
2214 Nash St.; Open
Sanford, NC 27331
(Designated for coastal evacuees)

Moore County:
Agricultural Building; Opens Wednesday, Sept 12, at 5 pm
707 Pinehurst Ave.
Carthage, NC 28327

Nash County:
Englewood Baptist Church; Open
1350 S Winstead Ave.
Rocky Mount, NC 27803
New Hanover County:
Trask Middle School; Open
2900 N College Rd.

Wilmington, NC 28405
Sampson County:
Clinton High School; Opens Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 1 pm
340 Indian Town Rd.
Clinton, NC 28328
Union Elementary School; Opens Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 1 pm
10400 Taylors Bridge Highway
Clinton, NC 28328
Hobbton Middle School; Opens Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 1 pm
12081 Hobbton Highway
Newton Grove, NC 28366
Midway High School; Opens Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 1 pm
15274 Spivey's Corner Highway
Dunn, NC 28366
Lakewood High School; Opens Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 1 pm
245 Lakewood School Rd.
Salemburg, NC 28385
Scotland County:
National Guard Armory
1520 South Main St.; Open
Laurinburg, NC 28352
Wake County:
Knightdale High School; Open
100 Bryan Chalk Ln.
Knightdale, NC 27545
Campaigns: 2018 HURRICANE FLORENCE; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Sep 12, 2018 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10122

Raleigh Mutual Aid

Volunteer Camp · Open

NC
Web www.raleighmutualaid.info
Service Temporary

See their event calendar! full of great work!
AND their resource listings!!! GET/GIVE HELP!

Services offered: Mutual Aid
Campaigns: 2024 Hurricanes Milton/Helene; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 3, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10663

NY

Brooklyn, Community Fridges, Free Food

Walk–in Resource · Open

various see link or comment below, Brooklyn, New York, NY
Web inourheartsnyc.org/tag/fridge
Service Temporary

133 Van Buren St Bedstuy 11221
190 Knickerbocker Ave Bushwick 11237
1144 Bergen St Crown Heights 11216

Brooklyn Food Share is a community effort of grassroots organizations, nonprofits, restaurants, grocery stores, and individuals. By collecting and sharing food that may otherwise go to waste we are able to keep the refrigerators stocked and open to the community.

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Food Not Bombs; Social Change Initiative
Updated Sep 26, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10375

Buffalo Mutual Aid Network [solaridarity, mutual aid]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Buffalo, NY
Web www.buffalomutualaid.org
Service Temporary

Food or Groceries
Cleaning Supplies

Baby Supplies
Hygiene Products

Services offered: Cleaning, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Bulk Distribution; Donations * (ANY/ALL Types); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Mutual Aid; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Support for "All Local" Disasters; Toiletries, Personal Hygiene Products * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2022 Snow Storms; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; New "Business" Models
Updated Dec 29, 2022 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10545

Artists, Athletes & Activists [Mutual Aid NYC, Organizing/Caring for Migrants/ Immigrants Being Bussed to NYC]

Volunteer Camp · Open

New York, NY
Web artists–athletes–activists.org
Service Temporary

Currently our volunteers are on the ground in NYC receiving migrants coming from Texas via New York City Port Authority, Mega Bus Station and local airports.

We are responding to this emergency as best as we can with minimal resources. Everyday hundreds of Asylum Seekers arrive in NYC and we are on the ground to welcome them and assist with food, clothing, shelter and information regarding their upcoming immigration hearings. Many have literally come here barefoot, with swollen feet, and knees from the long dangerous trek to get here. Their journey to get to the United States is long and grueling. They risk their lives to get here and unfortunately many did not survive. We are in need of funds.

We reunite families in other cities which means we have to purchase flights and buses to their final destination.

Please help us raise funds that will go towards responding to this urgent crisis.

[see donation links at the link above]

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant, Legal Services; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Donations * (ANY/ALL Types); Evacuee Reception Center; Mutual Aid
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression
Updated Nov 7, 2022 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10538

Artists, Athletes & Activists [New York City plant–based free fridges]

Walk–in Resource · Open

New York, NY
Web artists–athletes–activists.org
Service Temporary

See maps at above link for plant–based free fridges at:

– 9 Bleecker St, New York, NY 10012
– 220 Broome St, New York, NY 10002

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Mutual Aid
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability
Updated Nov 7, 2022 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10539

City Harvest "Get Food" map to get free food, incl food pantries, etc

Info/Hotline · Open

New York, NY
Web www.cityharvest.org/food–map
Service Temporary

For more info about this org, and the food distribution operation see the main database record for the org: https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10410
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Apr 11, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10411

Crown Heights Tenant Union [organizing/eviction defense/templates/tools]

Volunteer Camp · Open

New York, Crown Heights, NY
Web crownheightstenantunion.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Housing, Fair Housing; Services, Legal Assistance
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Unions
Updated May 3, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10428

Centro Corona [community center, political education]

Walk–in Resource · Open

New York, Queens, NY
Web www.facebook.com/CentroCorona
Service Temporary

Community center in Corona that offers free workshops on political education, art, and dance; offers support in crisis situations and general community engagement towards self–determination. An intergenerational space run by and in service of immigrant and working–class families of mixed immigration status and other individuals from Corona, Elmhurst, and Jackson Heights.

Services offered: Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Facility: Community Center; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Apr 12, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10421

Bike Match [matching people w/spare bikes, mutual aid]

Volunteer Camp · Open

NYC, NY
Web www.transalt.org/bikematch
Service Temporary

Services offered: Bicycles, Bikes * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Apr 11, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10413

NY: Black Alliance for Just Immigration

Volunteer Camp · Open

NYC, NY
Web baji.org
Service Temporary

from the site:

Despite our communities' long history of fighting for human rights and dignity, racism still persists in U.S. laws and culture, which prevent communities of color from achieving social and economic justice. The national debate over immigrant rights is part of the current challenges to racial equity and human rights. The anti–immigrant movement has invigorated vocal opposition to fair and just immigration reform and to the gains of the Civil Rights Movement, such as affirmative action and voting rights. Black immigrants from Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America experience racial discrimination as they navigate U.S. society and systems. They also face a more difficult immigration process and are racially profiled, leading to disproportionate rates of immigration detention and deportation. Among immigrant populations, black immigrants have the highest unemployment rates and earn the lowest wages, even though they are among the most educated.

The Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI) believes that a thriving multiracial democracy requires racial, social and economic justice for all. African Americans and black immigrants are stronger together and we can win by becoming leaders in the fight against structural racism and systemic discrimination. BAJI was formed to bring Black voices together to advocate for equality and justice in our laws and our communities.

The org's COVID–19 response is through the Black Folks fund: https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10262

source: https://citylimits.org/2020/04/03/mutual–aid–movement–playing–huge–role–in–covid–19–crisis/

Three organizations—Black Youth Project 100, Black Alliance for Just Immigration, and Decrim NY—collaborated to launch the NYC Black Folk Mutual Aid Fund, and is also launching a delivery service as well as trying to manufacture hard–to–find items, like hand–sanitizer.
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Apr 8, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10264

NY: Black Youth Project 100

Volunteer Camp · Open

NYC, NY
Web www.byp100.org
Service Temporary

from the site:

She Safe, We Safe, our current national campaign, is a transformative movement campaign to put an end to the different forms of gender violence that Black women, girls, femmes and gender non–conforming people face everyday.

Founded in 2013, BYP100 (Black Youth Project 100) is a member–based organization of Black youth activists creating justice and freedom for all Black people. BYP100 was, at one point, just a hashtag for the 2013 “Beyond November Movement Convening” developed through the vision and leadership of Cathy Cohen.

In 2012, Dr. Cathy Cohen was working with a Black Youth Project advisory council in Chicago and was advised to hold a national convening with young Black activists from across the country. Throughout the year, Dr. Cohen worked with the National Black Justice Coalition (NBJC) to gather resources for the convening and make sure there was a strong representation from the Black queer and trans community along with artists and labor unions. In July 2013 she held the “Beyond November Movement Convening” outside of Chicago.

One day during the convening, the group gathered in the main holding room to dismiss for an open mic night, but before they left, someone learned that the George Zimmerman verdict in the killing of Trayvon Martin would be announced shortly. The energy in the room completely shifted, and folks sat there prepared for whatever was going to happen. After George Zimmerman was found ‘not guilty’ in the murder of Trayvon Martin, everyone in the room was outraged. Some folk cried. Some folks screamed. Some people left the room. A few folks stayed and in that moment, they decided that they had to make a decision: were they gonna do/be something or would they just hold in their anger and not put that anger into action? Hence, BYP100 was born.

At the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington, a second convening was held. It was through this convening that 30 members of the collective later known as “BYP100” drafted the organizational vision, mission, and core value statements. BYP100 became a national collective that emphasizes building chapters throughout the country to hone in on grassroots organizing and community mobilization on local levels.

The org's COVID–19 response is through the Black Folks fund: https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10262

source: https://citylimits.org/2020/04/03/mutual–aid–movement–playing–huge–role–in–covid–19–crisis/

Three organizations—Black Youth Project 100, Black Alliance for Just Immigration, and Decrim NY—collaborated to launch the NYC Black Folk Mutual Aid Fund, and is also launching a delivery service as well as trying to manufacture hard–to–find items, like hand–sanitizer.
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Apr 8, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10263

NY: DecrimNY [decriminalization work]

Volunteer Camp · Open

NYC, NY
Web www.decrimny.org
Service Temporary

from the site:

Our Goals

Decrim NY advocates and organizes to shape New York City and State policy and public opinion around people in the sex trades. We seek to improve the lives of people who perform sexual labor by choice, circumstance, or coercion, people profiled as such, and communities impacted by the criminalization of sex work and sexual exchange.
Decriminalize. Decarcerate. Destigmatize.

Decriminalize sex trade related offenses in New York that harm people who do sexual labor by choice, circumstance, or coercion, including sex workers and people profiled as sex workers, as well as people who purchase sexual services. Pass legislation and implement administrative policies that protect people in the sex trades from economic exploitation as well as interpersonal violence.

Decarcerate people who have been arrested on sex trade–related offenses so that people can move forward with their lives without lingering ties to the criminal legal system. Vacate criminal records related to prostitution and end the ongoing entanglement with the court system that the rescue industry produces.

Destigmatize the sex trade so that workers have access to housing, education, employment, health care, and other basic needs without restriction. Not everyone trading sex wants to continue doing so and we support evidence–based, harm reduction–rooted policies and funding that supports people’s safety and empowers those seeking different work.

The org's COVID–19 response is through the Black Folks fund: https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10262

source: https://citylimits.org/2020/04/03/mutual–aid–movement–playing–huge–role–in–covid–19–crisis/

Three organizations—Black Youth Project 100, Black Alliance for Just Immigration, and Decrim NY—collaborated to launch the NYC Black Folk Mutual Aid Fund, and is also launching a delivery service as well as trying to manufacture hard–to–find items, like hand–sanitizer.
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Apr 8, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10265

NY: Mutual Aid NYC [central site for mutual aid groups, fine help, give help]

Volunteer Camp · Open

NYC, NY

Web mutualaid.nyc
Service Temporary

from the site:

We are a network of groups organizing to provide aid and support to New Yorkers in the midst of the COVID–19 pandemic.

Mutual Aid NYC is committed to:

Redirecting people and resources to those at the frontlines who are providing mutual aid, advocacy and services to the hardest–hit communities.
Providing support to local groups leading mutual aid efforts in their neighborhoods.

Using the Mutual Aid NYC network to channel resources and amplifying needs from the ground.

We are everyday New Yorkers working to lift up local organizing, connect people to resources, and build a citywide movement to address this crisis. Our members include parents, elders, immigrants, people with disabilities and chronic illness, caregivers, care workers, organizers, advocates, and anyone else who wants to get involved.

Services offered: New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/ Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Apr 8, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10261

NYC Shut It Down [Back Lives Matter, mutual aid, COVID19 food delivery]

Volunteer Camp · Open

NYC, NY
Web www.nycshutitdown.org/coronavirus–mutual–aid
Service Temporary

Starting Monday March 23,

NYC Shut It Down will be providing FREE home cooked meals and groceries to Black, Brown and Indigenous people in need for the duration of the COVID 19 crisis. These meals will be prepared in accordance with CDC and NYC DOH Guidelines and by licensed food handlers. We will take every precaution to prevent the spread of COVID 19 while also doing our best to alleviate the economic impacts of school and work closures.
We Keep Us Safe,

and we will continue to defend our communities from white supremacist and capitalist violence be it from police or from a state that is willing to abandon us amidst a global health crisis.

Vegan options will be provided, as well as groceries and personal hygiene products.

Sign up to receive a delivery by clicking the button below. Please indicate if you have any specific needs or allergies in the last section of the form.

If you are healthy (symptom free), have a car, and would like to help, or for material donations email us at: nycsidfooddelivery@gmail.com

For money donations please click the button below for our Go Fund Me or you can Venmo us at: @nycshutitdown

IN THE NEWS:

NYC Shut It Down, a group birthed during the Black Lives Matter movement, is building on its experience running a Sunday street corner cookout program for food insecure families in the Bronx and East Harlem. With the arrival of COVID–19, it began making home–cooked meals and delivering them door–to–door to households across four boroughs. Within five days, the group served about 207 households including 750 individuals, prepping three to five meals per person, or close to 3,000 meals total, along with groceries. This was accomplished by a group of about five to ten kitchen volunteers, another dozen drivers and runners, and then another four or five members of Cosmos AFA, an anti–fascist football club, though others have offered to volunteer. Thanks to a connection through World Central kitchen, they're now operating out of a Fedcap Rehabilitation kitchen space. The group is also delivering to people who need groceries without meal prep, and hopes to build out other initiatives.

"[It's about] building the world that we want, rather than demanding it from the state—rather than fighting for it in a more conventional sense…it's bigger than that. We're trying to build the world that we want to see," says June, the member whose kitchen became the launch pad and who asked that their last name not be used. June adds that the work, "speaks to the kind of care that most of these grassroots organizations have for the communities that they're working with."

https://citylimits.org/2020/04/03/mutual–aid–movement–playing–huge–role–in–covid–19–crisis/
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Black Community; Black Lives Matter; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Colonialism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression
Updated Apr 8, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10266

Sustainable Economies Legal Center [legal resources]

Info/Hotline · Open

NYC, NY

Web www.theselc.org/resources
Service Temporary

Legal resource guide with grassroots mutual aid networks in mind. Includes information on entity formation, established charitable organizations, liability, governance and decisionmaking, managing funds, sharing goods and services (i.e. bartering), and data security. Includes appendices with sample forms, case studies, and other resources. Licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution–ShareAlike 4.0 International License (CC BY–SA 4.0).

SEE SITE FOR MODEL CONTRACT DOCS AND BYLAWS AND NEAT STUFF LIKE THAT

Services offered: Assistance, for non–profits, Collaboration Tool; Assistance, for non–profits (In General); Business Services, Co–Op oriented; Business Services, Facilitation / Mentoring / Consulting; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Management Advice; Legal, Services, Consultation for Non–Profit Organizations; Services, Legal Assistance; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Apr 11, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10420

Industrious Office, offering free office space for groups working to help w/Covid relief

Open Business* · Open

NYC, SoHo, NY

Web www.industriousoffice.com/l/new–york–city/soho–west/325–hudson–st
Service Temporary

Free office space for organizations + groups working to help those affected by the COVID–19 pandemic

Provided by Industrious SoHo West

Please fill this form out if you are interested in office space: https://forms.gle/XkYB6cJVpjUhPZ5P7

Services offered: Facility: Meeting space; Office Space, Conference Room
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Apr 11, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10419

Abolitionist Mutual Aid Soap Fund for Incarcerated Comrades

Donor · Open

NY

Web www.paypal.com/pools/c/8npG1wcuiJ
Service Temporary

from the link above:

The failure to #FreeThemAll and instead continue caging our loved ones without providing basic hygiene supplies is a public health & human rights crisis. Survived and Punished NY and the Inside/Outside Soap Brigade are combining our grassroots fundraising power to send $ to incarcerated comrades.

This is a crisis and also an opening. Let us move money and resources through the walls as never before. There are confirmed cases of COVID–19 in prisons across the US and the PIC response is to isolate people inside while keeping them in cramped, unsanitary conditions where they receive inadequate medical care. With visits suspended in many locations and package rooms becoming more restrictive, it's more important than ever to support our comrades inside with commissary funds. Please donate if able and we will distribute funds to organizations and individuals we are in touch with. If you know someone inside, go to http://bit.ly/requestsoapfunds so we can get them funds they need to survive.
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Mar 21, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10235

La Morada Mutual Aid Kitchen

Volunteer Camp · Open

NY

Web lamorada.nyc/pages/la–moradas–covid–19–soup–kitchen
Service Temporary

from the website [find live links as the above link]

Mutual Aid Kitchen at La Morada; Partnership Guidelines
MISSION

Our Mutual–Aid kitchen's mission is to feed our community with delicious, culturally–appropriate meals while nourishing our community with encouragement, empowerment, knowledge, and resilience–based on a Mutual–Aid practice.

Within our empowered community, we find safety in each other.

A nourished community is empowered to take back their food sovereignty and indigenous sovereignty.

We believe the Mutual–Aid system will surpass the pandemic and be our primary strategy in overcoming the long list of injustices our BIPOC community faces.

WHAT DOES MUTUAL–AID MEAN TO US?

Mutual–Aid relies on a system of trust, resilience, and resourcefulness. The Mutual–Aid system teaches individuals within a community to give what they can spare, ask for help when they need it, and repay the favor once they can.

Mutual–Aid is not charity.

Mutual–Aid is about community.

Mutual–Aid is learning to share and make the most of the limited resources available to a neglected and underfunded neighborhood.

Mutual–Aid is taking care of each other.

Mutual–Aid is having each other's backs when elected officials do not.

Mutual–Aid is about standing up to the enforcement of racist policies and practices such as Broken Windows and food apartheid, which target already underserved communities.

Mutual–Aid is about fighting food insecurity that stems from the local and federal government's negligence and the upper class's inaction.

Mutual–Aid is a movement that encompasses the core values of building and sustaining a community.

Mutual–Aid is feeding each other.

PARTNERS ENGAGING IN OUR MUTUAL AID KITCHEN MUST FOLLOW THE BELOW GUIDELINES:

SAFETY PARAMETERS

For our safety and the safety of our community, during food distribution hours, those participating with La Morada's Mutual–Aid Kitchen (including churches, nonprofits, activist–led grassroots groups, community fridges, and schools) are not to engage with the following entities:

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (I.C.E.)
Homeland Security Investigation (H.S.I.)
New York Police Department (N.Y.P.D.) +
Gentrifiers– Individuals & groups that support developers/real estate and businesses that contribute to community displacement.
Developers – especially those who rely on community displacement and exploitative practices to sustain the growth of their development
Working with, endorsing, and entrusting the entities mentioned above, endangers the lives and safety of our community. They place us at risk of displacement, separation and deportations of family, and emotional trauma. We encourage our partners to apply abolitionist practices as an alternative.

POLITICS AND ENDORSEMENT

When engaging with political parties, politicians, developers, elected officials and political candidates; we encourage partners to be mindful and reflect on how their policies and agendas could impact La Morada's community. We encourage partners to hold politicians accountable to their campaign promises and call out their harmful actions.

We do not endorse any political party, politician, gentrifier or developer on social media, so we ask our partners not to associate La Morada with those groups or individuals via their media communications.

Partners are overall encouraged to use social media in line with La Morada's values. They are not to tag or post about La Morada's Mutual–Aid kitchen or the South Bronx community for political or commercial gain.

We appreciate partners using social media to communicate and spread the word of La Morada's efforts, including a call to action to engage new volunteers and highlighting our mutual aid partners.

La Morada's social media is community–driven, and we love receiving suggestions and requests from partners on what positive initiatives we should be sharing on our platform. We encourage partners to reach out to us if they would like La Morada to share some of their content.

DATABASE

Partnerships should not ask for I.D. or hold any record of any person participating in receiving the meals other than the individual's phone number for logistical purposes.

PAYMENT

Partners can not ask for payment during their distribution event for the free meals donated by La Morada’s Mutual–Aid Kitchen.

LOGISTICS

La Morada's staff are solely responsible for confirming the total number of meals to be served and delivery of those meals, at the start of each service day.

Delivery of meals is not guaranteed. Delivery service is based solely on volunteer availability and is subject to change on a daily basis. Partners must arrange for the pick–up of meals by 1 pm.

Mutual–Aid partners also have the responsibility to maintain their distribution site (i.e., community fridges, outdoor tabling area, dining area, etc.) and ensure everything is clean, tidy, and disinfected.

Food must be distributed within one hour from collection to ensure DOH health codes.

COMPLIANCE

Failure to act in accordance with the safety parameters and guidelines mentioned above will automatically end our mutual agreement and capacity to receive from La Morada's Mutual–Aid Kitchen meals.

MUTUAL+AID KITCHEN AT LA MORADA CURRENT NEEDS:

Supply

Please consider donating the following:

–dry ingredients like rice and lentils

–fresh fruits and veggies

–sugar or any sweetner

–vinegar for fermenting and pickling

Ingredients donations can be drop off at La Morada 308 Willis Ave Bronx NY 10454 Tuesday–Saturday from 10am–5pm

GoFundMe Campaign:

https://www.gofundme.com/manage/thpfc3–la–morada039s–soup–kitchen–needs–a–new–stove

You financial support will help us restore our current Mutual Aid kitchen

Donation through venmo: [go to link above to get the Venmo link]

Checks can be also mail to:

La Morada Restaurant

308 Willis Ave. Front Store

The Bronx, N.Y. 10454

Volunteer

We are in need of folks to deliver food using their vehicles, bikes, or walking to near by distance. If you will like to volunteer please show up at La Morada Tuesday–Saturday from noon–4pm. We are always in need of volunteers and appreciate any help that can be provided.

For the Record

La Morada x Covid 19 In the news:

Help Our Neighborhood Restaurants: La Morada Feeds The Bronx’s Hungriest

‘We are prioritizing the community’: Mott Haven restaurant feeds the South Bronx

STATEMENT FROM LA MORADA WITH REGARDS OF ENDING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH WORLD CENTRAL KITCHEN

Because of our political difference, we have ended our collaboration with World Central Kitchen. We mention political differences because in our relationship with World Central Kitchen (WCK) these were challenged to the point where we knew we needed to end our partnership. We were already struggling in our work with WCK due to distribution, pay, accessibility issues and ties with gentrifying forces when we found that they had worked with ICE during their aid work in Puerto Rico in 2017, and openly praised DHS police as allies in times of crisis then.

We are a small, undocumented family owned business and community space with deep ties in our neighborhoods, and we are people who believe and fight for a world where no human being is illegal, where there are open borders, families are not forcefully separated and our approach to harm in community is through restorative and transformative justice. We are grounded on those beliefs and know what that can look like in our lives, as we run a business and sustain a space for our communities. These beliefs, practices, and politics do not go away for us at times of crisis, but are as important and crucial if we want to not only survive this pandemia but also build solidarity and be true in our efforts.

We understand that WCK, as an organization, is distributing much needed food resources in different communities where food scarcity is constant and many other systemic issues have come to a breaking point in this pandemia. However, this does not mean an organization should not be held accountable to the community that needs their support, or that their system of organization and collaboration should not be questioned. Aid efforts should never put precarious communities in proximity to

institutions and systems that harm or displace them, let alone even close to others who profit from their pain and exploitation. Aid efforts should be grounded on principles of social justice, mutuality, working class and poor people empowerment instead of policing, charity and profit.

We are working supremely hard to sustain this soup kitchen right now. We have yet to get any aid from any institution or organization, including consulates and the federal government. And to put things in perspective, we work to make 1000–1200 meals daily for people in need, out of which WCK was sponsoring 250 meals, at $10 a plate, which barely covered the cost of ingredients. We have done our own fundraising to be able to make up for the overhead costs. We noticed that WCK provided local, working class businesses less resources compared to other privileged restaurants, while also hearing that they had even more PPE resources that they were not sharing with our workers. This should not be the case, when there are organizations and people out there with vast resources that instead are put into public relations and elite businesses. Why should WCK work with mostly gentrifiers in the South Bronx, as well as BIDs and developers? When confronted, representatives of WCK would only say that they “do not discriminate” with regards to who is involved in aid efforts, but what we see is a pretty orchestrated effort by gentrifying businesses, elected officials and developer interests to gain public recognition as community benefactors while making way for a recovery that to them is founded on the displacement of working class and poor folk.

Not any organization or institution needs to be perfect in their aid. For example, we are going to partner with another organization that will offer $5 per plate rather than the $10 that we received with WCK, but we feel that the added troubles with WCK were too harmful to our community to let go unnoticed and unaccounted for.

The fact remains that WCK, in providing aid in Puerto Rico, had an easy going relationship with police agencies, in this case ICE. To be specific, they coordinated and leveraged HSI officers to also provide WCK food through the network of their policing work. HSI is an investigative unit part of ICE, with the same powers and priorities and enforcing goals that answer to the same policies and higher level officials as any other part of ICE. When requested to explain their coordinated efforts with ICE in Puerto Rico, WCK chose to nitpick at the events there and deny knowledge of ICE policing agencies, how they intersect, and of the harm they all cause. WCK chose to display their founder as a model immigrant in order to score diversity and acceptance points. It is disconcerting to witness WCK’s indifference to how their aid efforts might benefit from and amplify historically harmful, violent and oppressive systems and institutions. It is concerning to think that they are currently at work in immigrant communities in the Bronx and Queens, areas highly impacted by this crisis, without check and engaging in data gathering as well.

On May 8, 2020, we terminated our partnership with WCK. We hope that in moving forward they are receptive to measures of accountability from the communities that they want to say they support.

We also ask that folks always keep in mind their own role in helping communities in crisis who are in need, in ways that will empower people and not expose them. We ask that folks who work with WCK or other big organizations keep in mind that there are ways to hold them accountable and ask for transparency, especially when a lot of data from poor, working class, undocumented communities is being gathered and there’s no clarity on how it is being used and secured. Finally, resources can be distributed equitably and with the purpose of empowering people in their own communities to support one another and local businesses can do the labor of insisting these resources are fairly given and don’t put us in precarious, exploitative situations. There are ways to do this together, grounded on principles of true empowerment and social justice.

La Morada's Mutual Aid Kitchen
The Mutual Aid Kitchen at La Morada opened during the first wave of the Covid–19 Pandemic.

To read more on how we continue our solidarity work click here

Services offered: Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant, Legal Services; Demographic Served: Immigrants; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Mutual Aid
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jan 31, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10548

Rescuing Leftover Cuisine [food rescue, mutual aid]

Volunteer Camp · Open

NY

Web www.rescuingleftovercuisine.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity
Updated Dec 3, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10670

Sovereign Earth [mutual aid, free fridge operation, free clothing, community, etc]

Walk–in Resource · Open

NY

Web www.instagram.com/sovereignearth.cares
Service Temporary

Services offered: Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity
Updated Jun 17, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10445

Nepal

All Nepal Peasants Federation (ANPF)

Volunteer Camp · Open

Thapagaun, Baneswor
Phone 9851344746, 9851087771
Web anpfanepal.org
Service Temporary

peasantsfederation at gmail. com

from the website above:

"All Nepal Peasant's Federation is an organized voice and leadership organization for the rights and interests of all working Nepali peasants. The federation has been raising its voice and struggling for these actions since its inception. It is a common umbrella organization of 22 thematic productions, community, and class peasants associations representing Nepalese peasants.

Along with the communist movement, the peasants' movement started in the country in an organized form in the year 2007 BS by further organizing the scattered movement, V. No. This campaign was launched under the leadership of Comrade Tulsilal Amatya from the Bhewa of the Communist Party held in Tudikhel, Kathmandu, on 17 Baisakh, 2008 BS. At that time, the notable comrades organized were Niranjan Govindhra Vaidya, Nar Bahadur Karmacharya, Kamal Raj Regmi, Khadga Bahadur Singh, and Devendralal Kailaba.

The All Nepal Kisan Sangh was established with the aim of ending the feudal autocratic system and liberating the peasants from the exploitation and oppression of the feudal lords, and mobilizing the peasants for the establishment of a democratic system.

The communist movement has been ideologically and politically guiding the peasant movement since its inception. The slogan mentioned in the first manifesto of the Communist Party of Nepal, "Mountains, rivers, streams, land and land, why do we become slaves? Why are we slaves to everyone?" inspired and directed the peasants' movement at that time. Even in the current context, Marxism, Leninism, and People's multi–party democracy are guiding the peasant movement.

At the time of establishment, the main issue of the peasant movement was to end feudal land ownership and make the peasants the land owners through revolutionary land reform. To achieve the objective, 'End Bethbegari and Salami System,' 'Maintain Mohiani Right,' 'Abolish Birta and Zamindari System,' 'Abolish Unfair Interest Rate,' 'Re Nahi Ji Kaho, Much, Ukhado,' 'Jali Tamsuk.' The protest was held with slogans such as "Chane Phadne ra Bhakari Fod", 'Whose plow is his vessel,' 'Ki Jot Halo Ki Khod Thalo' and our forefathers started the peasants' movement. At that time, the peasants suffered a lot due to the division of the feudal lords. To end that excess and give justice to the peasants.

The impact of the movement that started this way continued growing, and the peasants were organized into the All Nepal Kisan Federation. By the year 2011, about 3 lakh peasants were organized and joined the union already subscribed. Thus, in addition to establishing the rights of peasants, the Peasants' Federation has been making significant contributions to the country's political changes.

Even when the Communist Party was banned, the expansion of organizational work in the reform of peasants and cooperatives was done through Kisan Andawan. After the formation of the then CPN (Malay) in the year 2037, under the chairmanship of Comrade Amrit Kumar Bohora, All Nepal Kisan Sangh was reorganized. And committees of peasants' associations were formed nationwide.

After 2047, various movements of Halia, Harwa, Charwa, Kamaiya, Kamalris, and Badi women's movements and peasants' union organizations emerged. When the All Nepal Kisan Sangh was transformed into the Peasants Federation, there were changes and reforms in the Kayan region of the country. In particular, the socio–economic system based on land slavery has completely ended. And labor relations based on unpaid labor have been transformed into wage labor. Traditional subsistence agricultural production has been transformed from commercial and feudal production systems into capitalist production systems. Due to this, some old classes in Nepali society have ended, and some new classes have appeared.

Currently, the subsistence farming system is being transformed into commercial and industrial agricultural production. By building thematic, community and class organizations based on the specialization of agricultural production, the Kisan Sangh was transformed into the Kisan Federation from the fifth conference held in Pokhara in 2064."

Via Campesina partner:

https://viacampesina.org/en/nepal–all–nepal–peasants–federation–anpfa–wins–the–2020–food–sovereignty–prize/

"All Nepal Peasants' Federation (ANPFa), one of La Via Campesina's roots in South Asia, is the largest peasant organisation in Nepal, fighting for agrarian reform and peasants rights since 1951. ANPFa is an alliance of 23 national level peasants' and producers' organisations with a membership of nearly two million. It had been very active in mobilising for democratic freedom, peasant rights, land reform, food sovereignty, the right to food, and climate justice in the country and the region."

""“Food sovereignty is central to everything that ANPFA does. This prize encourages us to implement constitutional rights of food sovereignty. Nepal is among the few countries in the world where food sovereignty is enshrined in its Constitution. There is already a law in place in Nepal for the implementation of food sovereignty, which means to localise food and agriculture systems, move towards agroecological practices and build rural economies”.

said Pramesh Pokharel, International Coordination Committee member of La Via Campesina and department of foreign affairs at ANPFA
Food sovereignty entered as fundamental right of the people for the first time in the constitutional history of Nepal and was inducted in part three of the Interim Constitution, 2007 Article 18(3) which is a remarkable achievement for the peasants' movements worldwide and for the Nepalese people who struggled against feudalism and despotic monarchy.

“Nepal is now one of several countries in the world to have adopted food sovereignty into law, and ANPFa has been leading national efforts on implementation. ANFPa has also been active in COVID relief efforts, including distribution of relief materials, coordinating with local governments on managing food supplies, and policy advocacy work."

UN profile:

https://www.fao.org/family-farming/detail/en/c/416565/

"All Nepal Peasants Federation (ANPF) is an umbrella association of entire Nepali peasants fighting against feudalism, imperialism and neo-liberalism. It is fighting for the agrarian reform and peasants rights for last 6 decades since its inception in 1951 AD. In the new context of democratic republic of Nepal with the abolition of feudalism, Nepal is on the way to new-socialism. ANPFa has thus re-structured its organization to form commodity and community based associations. ANPFa is the largest peasant federation in Nepal and an alliance of 23 national level subjects specific producers organizations. It is a membership based mass organization having its structure in all 5 development regions, 14 zones and 75 districts of Nepal. It had been very active in mobilizing masses for democratic freedom, peasants right and land reform in the past and of recently for food sovereignty, right to food and climate justice. It has played decisive part in various movements of democratic peasants uprising and restoration of peoples sovereignty along with women and youth movements of Nepal. Thus its role in peoples movement I and II along with comprehensive peace agreement of 2006 was vibrant. Presently it has been launching various campaigning and lobbying activities on Food Sovereignty and Right to Food and advocacy at peoples inclusive participation focusing on indigenous, marginalized, disadvantaged people, women and Dalits."

Services offered: Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Womens Rights; Advocacy, Worker Rights
Campaigns: 2026 Nepal Flood/Landslide Response; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; La Via Campesina – International Peasants' Movement [decolonization/sovereignty; United Nations – FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations); United Nations – U.N.
Updated Oct 16, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10566

Netherlands

Joe's Garage [Amsterdam: Solidarity/Mutual Aid]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Pretoriusstraat 43; https://www.openstreetmap.org/way/147554488, Amsterdam

Web joesgarage.nl/about
Service Temporary

Joe's Garage All included - a short guide to navigating our imperfect world.

Joe's is a squatted political social center that exists on a basis of mutual-aid and solidarity. Everyone involved in Joe's is a volunteer. We have been active since June 2005 and are open 6 days a week. We run a vegan kitchen, a give away shop, info and movie nights. The members of our collective come from diverse backgrounds, we have different nationalities as well as genders/non-genders.

Because we are a squatted social center we are drawn to the struggle for housing and the right to the city, ideally achieved by direct action. We hope to provide a platform that supports social, environmental, spatial and economic justice. We also see bringing people together in a non-commercial space as a political act. This is why we try to be an inclusive and empowering space to all individuals, affinity groups and collectives interested in and involved in addressing these issues.

We believe unequal power relations are everywhere in this society, and since everyone is, (willingly or not) a part of society, these unequal relations will also exist within Joe's. By making existing power relations more explicit, and addressing what is problematic about them, we try and find ways to make our collective structure more equal and inclusive. We know that there are no easy solutions for overcoming deeply ingrained patterns or social constructs within society or Joe's. It requires endless hard work, trying to work together with people from different backgrounds, dealing with mishaps and failures, trying to resolve disagreements, and slowly, incrementally changing the world a little bit at a time. With the victories and all the fun, but also the despair and sometimes loneliness.

We try and reach consensus about our shared values and goals, and the ways to achieve these. We do that in more formal ways, through email lists and (sometimes) meetings, but also in more informal ways, in talks and discussions one-on-one or with several people.

We do not always agree, on methods nor on aims, but we always try to find mutual ground and work together to find solutions to the problems that arise, as allies, if not friends. If the problem doesn't get solved this way, we try to implement a mediation trajectory, inviting people uninvolved in a conflict to help resolve it. We would like to encourage people that visit Joe's to deal with problems inside Joe's in a likewise manner. If however this does not work, it is always possible to ask the help of a volunteer. If you do not feel comfortable with this you can also mail the entire volunteer list and we can figure out a solution together.

Anyone who wants to help out or organize an event at Joe's is more than welcome. We are always looking for people to run their own events and initiatives from Joe's. We invite you to take responsibility with us. We ask you to help us keep the space open literally and figuratively. Joe's stays open by working together and by finding ways to make that possible.

Joe's Garage, since June 2005
Joe's Garage, Pretoriusstraat 43, Amsterdam
joe [at] lists [dot] squat [dot] net https://www.joesgarage.nl/

Getting to Joe's Garage by public transport:
– Train station Amsterdam Muiderpoort, 10 minutes walk.
– Metro station Wibaustraat, 15 minutes walk.
– Tram 19 or Bus 41, Bus–/tramhalte: Pretoriusstraat, 1 minute walk.

Find us on OpenStreetMap: https://www.openstreetmap.org/way/147554488

Upcoming events:
https://squ.at/joe
iCal feed (events feed): https://radar.squat.net/ical/node/41

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Art Project; Community Service Program; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Documentation, Disaster Planning; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Community Groups; Documentation, Economic; Education, Cultural; Education, Soveriegnty; Education, Unschooling; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Potluck Meals; Events, Protest Actions; Facility: Community Center; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Meals, Soup Kitchen; Free Store; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, How to Organize; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/ Timebanks; Logistics Coordinator / Manager, Volunteer; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals; Meals, Vegan; Mutual Aid; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling Network, Database for Trading/Re–use (NO FEE); Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Social Events, Party / Festival; Training, Activism; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Colonialism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; New "Business" Models; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Sep 15, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10615

Nigeria

Africa Climate Justice Movement – Mutual Aid, Solidarity Fund

Volunteer Camp · Open

International Centre for Environmental Health and Dev't 21A, Akin Osiyemi Street, Off Allen Avenue, , ,, Ikeja

Email info@afriquecjm.org
Web afriquecjm.org

The Solidarity Fund is the Africa Climate Justice Movement's rapid response and mutual aid mechanism. It exists to resource frontline communities quickly and directly when urgent need arises from climate disasters.

This is not charity, it is response: a recognition that movements across Africa often face crises with little or no access to emergency resources. The Fund ensures that activists and grassroots groups are not left to face them alone.

Services offered: Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Demographic Served: Victims of Environmental Injustice; Demographic Served: Women; Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Grants, Civic Affairs; Grants, Community Development; Grants, Education; Grants, Start up Funding for Social Enterprises; Mutual Aid
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Nov 24, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10802

African Philanthropy Forum

Volunteer Camp · Open

14 Chris Maduike Street Lekki Phase 1; ***; also:; Anslow Office Park, 8 Anslow Crescent, Bryanston, 2021 | Johannesburg, South Africa, Lagos

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OUR VISION

To transform Africa's culture of giving in order to harness African philanthropy as a driver for sustainable development on the continent.
OUR HISTORY

African Philanthropy Forum (APF) was established in 2014 to build a learning community of strategic African philanthropists and social investors committed to inclusive and sustainable development throughout the Continent.

It was incubated by the Global Philanthropy Forum (GPF), a global network of strategic philanthropists and social investors committed to international causes from 2014 – 2016. In 2017, APF became an independent entity and continues to be an affiliate of the GPF.

Over the years, APF has established a strong presence on the Continent, with footprints in 14 African countries, namely, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Morocco, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zimbabwe through its convenings and activities.

APF has also invested in the development of two Toolkits for African Philanthropists and the "Why Give" Series, which consists of interviews with Africa's strategic philanthropic leaders to showcase their motivations for giving.

Since inception, APF has reached over 4,000 philanthropists, social investors and key stakeholders in the philanthropic space across Africa and the world.

Through high impact convening and initiatives, APF has facilitated collaborations, amplified the work of change makers and shared best philanthropic practices and strategies for promoting homegrown development.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Assistance, for non–profits (In General); Services, For Non–Profits
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Nov 24, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10806

OR

Free Geek [free or low cost computers for people/orgs]

Volunteer Camp · Open

OR
Web www.freegeek.org/about
Service Temporary

Free Geek is a 501(c)(3) organization with a mission to sustainably reuse technology, enable digital access, and provide education to create a community that empowers people to realize their potential.

Computers help us in many ways, but the move toward a digital future isn't without its share of hurdles. Many individuals lack the resources necessary to purchase a computer or get the training required to use digital technology. At the same time, the rapid pace of technology consumption and turnover means that over 2 million tons of hazardous e–waste is created each year in the United States. Free Geek's goal is to divert technology that would otherwise be recycled or thrown away, refurbish it, and give it back to our community at no or low cost.

Services offered: Communications, Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types); Computer, Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types); Recycling, Batteries; Recycling, Cell Phones; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS)
Campaigns: Bartering Network; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; New "Business" Models; Social Change Initiative
Updated May 3, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10429

PA

Cheri Honkala Community Center

Walk–in Resource · Open

238–244 East Cambria St., Philadelphia, West Philly, PA
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Web www.cherihonkalacenter.org
Service Permanent

The Community Center will offer a wide variety of community programming that will serve the economically disadvantaged residents and at–risk youth so that they can succeed academically and professionally. Programs will include educational, cultural, recreational, and therapeutic activities designed to meet the emotional, creative, and social needs of individuals and families in the Kensington and surrounding communities. Planned activities include:

FREE OFFERINGS

Arts and Creativity: Open art–making space with free supplies, art classes, and a permanent “art corner” accessible during operating hours.

Senior Citizens Activities: Spaces and events catered to older community members, including talent shows and oral histories/ storytelling.

Youth Development: Activities for children and teens that encourage emotional resilience, including workshops on managing anger, sadness, and conflict in healthy ways.

Literacy and Learning: A community library with regular book readings, author talks, and children’s story times led by volunteer librarians.

Recovery Support: Peer–led support spaces for individuals in recovery, focused on storytelling, connection, and healing through shared experience.

Recreational & Community Activities: Intergenerational chess clubs, movie nights, writing and filmmaking classes, community plays, and yoga/movement workshops.

Comprehensive Programming: Specialized events for neurodivergent children (e.g., sensory–friendly programs for kids with autism), as well as spaces for parents to take part in adult programming while their children engage in parallel activities in a safe environment.

Community Meals: Regular free community dinners and potlucks to foster connection and reduce food insecurity.

Health & Wellness: Cooking classes, nutrition workshops, and partnerships with local sports clubs for outdoor activities.
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Oct 20, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10743

PR

Casa Pueblo, solidarity oriented, community solar, worker rights

Volunteer Camp · Open

Adjuntas, PR
Web www.casapueblo.org
Service Temporary

Extensive article about their work, which we heard first of on Democracy Now

https://kth.diva–portal.org/smash/get/diva2:1789694/FULLTEXT01.pdf

Articles about Casa Pueblo

https://www.elnuevodia.com/topicos/casa–pueblo/

"Casa Pueblo has been the driving force behind community solar in Adjuntas, a mountainside town of about 18,000. In an area where some people were without power for 11 months after Maria, the organization was able to install 700 solar panels and provide 220 kilowatts to more than a dozen businesses downtown. Second–hand EV batteries donated by automaker Rivian provide a megawatt of battery storage and allow Puerto Rico's first community–owned microgrid to provide power independent of the grid for up to 10 days.

Casa Pueblo worked with nonprofits like the Honnold Foundation and the Community Solar Energy Association of Adjuntas to fund the $2 million project. And while the merchants pay for the energy they use, their rates are significantly lower than Luma's. Profits are used for maintenance and to finance rooftop solar installations for low–income residents."

See more at:

https://www.cnet.com/home/energy–and–utilities/puerto–ricos–solar–revolution–what–we–can–learn–from–the–islands–energy–crisis/

Democracy Now programs about Arturo Massol Deyá, Executive Director:

https://www.democracynow.org/appearances/arturo_massol_deya

[link below]Presentation of the latest book by Arturo Massol Deyá, Democracia y energía: desafiando la economía de los combustibles fósiles por un país propio. San Juan, Puerto Rico: Ediciones Callejón, 2022.

Arturo A. Massol Deyá is the executive director of Casa Pueblo de Adjuntas, a community–based group with over 40 years of services in natural resources conservation, education, and sustainable development. A graduate of the public school system (1986) and the University of Puerto Rico (1990), he obtained his doctoral degree from the Center for Microbial Ecology at Michigan State University in 1994. Since then he has been a faculty member at the Department of Biology of the University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez Campus where he established the Tropical Microbial Ecology Lab. He has been a principal investigator of projects on microbial ecology with emphasis on biological processes aimed at restoring contaminated environments. After the direct impact of Hurricane Maria over Puerto Rico on September 20, 2017, Dr. Massol–Deyá, together with Casa Pueblo, has led a community aid response that aims to change the energy landscape of a country dependent on fossil fuels to one based on renewable energy sources.

https://www.amherst.edu/index.php/academiclife/colloquia/center–humanistic–inquiry/salon–series/node/890129

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental, Solar; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Community Service Program; Mutual Aid; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; New "Business" Models; Puerto Rico Hurricane Maria Recovery; Social Activists/ Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Aug 31, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10600

Hurricane Maria, Disaster Response resource list/reputable–places–to–donate, Solidarity resources

Info/Hotline · Open

PR

Web docs.google.com/document/d/1NQ1LZWqBmFN–F6sWzfjBTs_4Nem9v6Ud7eOf86q_ik8/edit
Service Temporary

List of resources, posted on the New Economy Coalition's site:

https://neweconomy.net/resources/building–solidarity–economy–nyc
scroll down and see the link of the right.

Here's a direct link: https://t.co/OhU8WJMSqW

or: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NQ1LZWqBmFN–F6sWzfjBTs_4Nem9v6Ud7eOf86q_ik8/edit

Thanks Arlene Dávila @arlenedavila1 for posting the link on the New Economy Coalition's feed!

Here's the list on 8/25...go to the above links for updates!

This Document Contains (in the following order):
Reputable Puerto Rican Organizations To Donate To (both on/off the island)
Local Specific Item Donation Efforts on the U.S. Mainland
Volunteer Organizations/Registration for Relief Work in Puerto Rico

*NOTE: Efforts to get necessary goods to PR requires work off the island, which is why orgs on the mainland that consistently serve the island (like National Boricua Human Rights Network in Chicago) are so important to support. Also, if you're interested in volunteering, please register for one of the orgs below rather than just showing up on the island. It is important that relief efforts are organized during these difficult times.

Taller Salud:
http://tallersalud.com
This is the link for donations for Irma, but I don't know when they will have something for Maria:
https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=rqciqVu7pc7L5Dz3ObJpjssU4MMv38Uf3_bPG5Ppro55Do6z_peCCkpQqhYkWzOAYxge–m&country.x=US&locale.x=US
You can also donate directly through their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/taller.salud/

National Boricua Human Rights Network
http://boricuahumanrights.org/?page_id=6588
Make checks payable to:
National Boricua Human Rights Network Chicago
Attn: Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief Fund
PAYPAL: PRHurricaneRelief@boricuahumanrights.org

Comedores Sociales de Puerto Rico
https://www.cdpecpr.org/comedores–sociales–de–puerto–rico

Sustainable Farming Support: Organización Boricuá de Agricultura Ecológica de Puerto Rico
A 28–year–old grassroot organization that works and promotes agroecology within the food sovereignty struggle. Boricuá, is the official Chapter in Puerto Rico of the international peasant movement: La Vía Campesina (LVC)– Coordinadora Latinoamericana de Organizaciones del Campo (CLOC). Boricuá, is a network of peasants (campesinos/as), farmers, farm workers, educators and activists that are deeply involved in a national social justice movement that builds a sustainable agriculture platform for small and medium scale peasants and farmers. Recently hurricane María had a great impact in Puerto Rico. The country is completely classified as a disaster zone. All of the agriculture is gone. Even though ageoecology farms have been proven to be resilient, the impact of María was so strong that green landscapes and ecosystems in Puerto Rico are now brown with lots of fallen trees. So, we are asking anyone that can help to donate whatever you can to help our organization and peasant network bounce up again. You can donate directly to the Organización Boricuá bank account, Banco Popular Account: #162039034 or by PayPal: organizacion.boricua@gmail.com

Institute for Socio Ecological Research (ISER) Caribe
My friend Ryan Hamilton is working with www.isercaribe.org to coordinate the purchasing of water filtration units of 60 gallon capacity that can be deployed in affected areas of Puerto Rico. Each system is $200. ISER Caribe is a recognized non profit so all you donations are tax deductible

CUENTA DE BANCO /BANK ACCOUNT INFO
Institute for Socio Ecological Research Inc.
PO Box 3151
Lajas , PR 00667-3151
Via Cabo Rojo Coop
Routing Number 221582310
Account#/ NÚMERO DE CUENTA 1011724826
or click here to donate via paypal
If interested in contributing to this effort please don't hesitate to contact ryanamhamilton@gmail.com with any questions

Maria Fund:
This is being managed by the Center for Popular Democracy
http://www.mariafund.org

Acacia Network
http://donatepuertorico.com

Fondos Unidos de Puerto Rico
tel: (787) 728-8500
http://www.fondosunidos.org/

Caritas Puerto Rico
tel: 787 300-4953
http://www.caritas.org/where-caritas-work/latin-america/puerto-rico/

Fundación Comunitaria de Puerto Rico
tel: 787-721-1037
https://www.fcpr.org/

Maria & Irma: Puerto Rico Real-time Recovery Fund
ConPRmetidos
tel: 787-773-1100
https://www.generosity.com/emergencies-fundraising/maria-irma-puerto-rico-real-time-recovery-fund

Hurricane Maria Children's Relief Fund
https://secure.savethechildren.org/site/c.8rKLIXMGIpI4E/b.9535647/k.A2B9/Hurricane_Maria_Childrens_Relief_Fund/apps/ka/sd/donor.asp

Animal Donations:

Animals of Culebra
https://www.gofundme.com/animals-of-culebra

Save a Gato
https://www.facebook.com/SaveAGato/photos/a.191642147528600.56883.173919355967546/2039442979415165/?type=3
PayPal : SaveAGatoPR@gmail.com
https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=EK2QUZU4AQYSL

Specific Item Donations
Local Drop Off Donation Locations *NOTE: I do not know much about this doc, so please do your due diligence and look into the org/drop off location to ensure you feel comfortable donating there
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fyalhL8afPuAZ5gPbLI_oevEKGHXrJ7nYglMYY6O03s/edit?usp=sharing

For Volunteers/Para Voluntariado-
*note orgs ask that people not go to Puerto Rico to help on their own as they could create an additional burden

Centro Para el Desarrollo del Voluntariado
https://www.voluntariospuertorico.com/huracanmaria

Project Hope medical volunteers
http://volunteer.samaritan.com/recruiter/index.php?recruiterID=505&class=OppDetails&oppGuid=%7B2967653F-3B97-4308-8F14-FA4FFA0DAAA0%7D&t=Hurricane-Maria-Emergency-Response-Efforts

Puerto Rico Chapter: Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
http://prvoad.communityos.org/cms/irma
*volunteers interested in connecting with public services and disaster relief organizations.

Tech Help:
If you have coding, programming, or technical skills, Startups of Puerto Rico has opened a registry to connect with organizations or agencies with pressing needs in Puerto Rico.
This "inventory" of talent will be connected with opportunities to help develop support services or create and innovate new solutions.

Federal Employee Volunteer:
http://prfaa.pr.gov/federalscf/
If available, please send an email to surgecapacityforce@prfaa.pr.gov and include your name, federal agency, position, and location. Also indicate if you are fluent in Spanish, if you have an ICS qualification, and a background in law enforcement, military, search and rescue, or any other prior emergency response participation effort.
Campaigns: 2017 HURRICANE MARIA; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Sep 25, 2017 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10103

We Are Casa [Mutual Aid, Puerto Rico work] [US–based org helping PR]

Volunteer Camp · Open

PR

Web wearecasa.org/mutual–aid–for–puerto–rico
Service Temporary

The group acts as a US fiscal sponsor for two major mutual aid groups on the ground in the PR:

Taller Salud and
Brigadas Solidarias del Oeste

Services offered: Mutual Aid
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; We Are Casa [Americas–based Immigrant Rights/Mutual Aid]
Updated Nov 7, 2022 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10536

Palestine

Direct Aid for Palestine [groups to donate to]

Info/Hotline · Open

Gaza

Web palestinetoolkit.org/mobilise–from–home/direct–aid–for–palestine

Services offered: Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Mutual Aid
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Helping People Suffering from the Gaza Occupation
Updated Nov 16, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10801

It's Going Down Gaza Mutual Aid list of groups

Info/Hotline · Open

Gaza

Web itsgoingdown.org/your–guide–on–how–to–support–mutual–aid–groups–in–palestine–as–humanitarian–crisis–deepens

See link for It's Going Down list of recommended Mutual Aid groups working in/with Gaza

Services offered: Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Mutual Aid
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Helping People Suffering from the Gaza Occupation; It's Going Down [mutual aid and solidarity organizating]
Updated Nov 16, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10800

Hope Giving Circle [direct aid to 6 families in Gaza]

Info/Hotline · Open

various

Web linktr.ee/hopegivingcircle

from the website:

We are a team of volunteers in the US and UK, led by two sisters passionate about helping our friends on the ground keep their families and neighbors alive with food, water, & shelter. We saw that their campaigns are extremely stagnant and wanted to find a way to direct steady help to them. We distribute your contributions equally every week for sustainable support.

How it works:

You give to this common pool (and click "weekly" to join 300+ others offering dependable support each week!)

Every week, we divide funds equally and transfer directly to the families by bank transfer

We record all incoming donations (anonymously) and outgoing transfers here: tinyurl.com/HGC–Accountability

You are welcome to instead give to an individual campaign – all are linked below

Access our toolkit: You can learn more, ask a question, and find pre–made zines, graphics, flyers, and more all right here. Gift your donation: You can gift a donation on behalf of a loved one using this form here. Trade in your receipt for art and more in our "shop."
The families

Akram's family: https://chuffed.org/project/help–the–abdelwahed–family–survive

Mohamed's family: https://chuffed.org/project/118369-help-mohammeds-family-bear-the-heavy-burdens-of-life-in-gaza

Nya's family: https://chuffed.org/project/help-a-family-of-8

Remas & Toleen's family: https://chuffed.org/project/help-remas-and-toleen

Seraj & Retaj's family: https://chuffed.org/project/123284-serajs-fundraiser

Camp – 15 families in Jabalia: https://chuffed.org/project/save-devastated-families-in-jabalia-gaza

Mai's family: https://chuffed.org/project/help-mai-and-her-family-leave-gaza-before-its-too-late

H's family

Services offered: Mutual Aid
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Helping People Suffering from the Gaza Occupation
Updated Oct 21, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10776

Direct Aid to Palestine [list of groups to donate to/work with, posted 2011, but links appear to still work]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web palestinetoolkit.org/mobilise-from-home/direct-aid-for-palestine
Service Permanent

from the website, [posted in 2026, but it's from 12-3-24, the links appear to work still]

[see below for direct aid links]

The creators of this document are not Palestinian. We created this document as a form of solidarity, and we have endeavoured to centre Palestinian voices within this toolkit.

Institutions within the settler colony of "australia" are becoming fearful of mass mobilisation, cross-coalitions, and resistance against state power and zionism. In response, white supremacy and the elite are systematically clamping down to silence all forms of Palestinian resistance.

Now, more than ever, we cannot slow down or falter in our solidarity with Palestinian liberation!

This website is an effort to collectivise calls to action from Palestinian activists and cross-solidarity movements both within so-called australia and internationally, as well as grassroots knowledge around safety, accessibility and community care. It features actions you can take from home and in the streets, information on protest rights, privacy and safety strategies, holding institutions accountable, mutual aid initiatives, Palestinian history, culture and arts, and more. The toolkit is constantly evolving, and we welcome your feedback.

Though it arises from an "australian" context, please share the toolkit widely wherever you are in the world. Action is most effective when sustained as long-term mobilisations that can proliferate across the violence of borders.

Our efforts are an invitation for you to push, from whatever angle you can reach, to obstruct the genocidal zionist machine. Write down your skills. Honour your body-mind's capacity. Map your networks. Connect with a local group. Start your own group with friends. Every action matters and there is always more you can do. Use the toolkit actions as seeds to invent your own possibilities for resistance. To imagine projects and strategies that we have not attempted yet. To bring them to fruition.

Settler-colonial states manufacture and rely on our despair, paralysis, and compliance to perpetuate themselves. Their death-making power may seem overwhelmingly vast, but it is a power that feeds off our silence. In the face of these systems that deem certain bodies ungrievable and expendable, we must remember that our potential to sustain life multiplies exponentially when we fight together.

"In the name of revolutionary love, a love which fuels our struggle for liberation and yearning for freedom, rooted in our love for our communities and our land; we tell you, there is no pride with genocide, and there is no pride in settler-colonialism. Our pride can only come through true liberation for all, for us and for all the peoples fighting worldwide."
- Queers in Palestine

Refugee Support & Local Mutual Aid
Last updated: Fri Jun 12 2026
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#Palestinian Refugees

Important: While it is vital we support Palestinian refugees, they should not have to flee their homeland to seek safety and freedom. The settler colony of israel, in coalition with settler colonies of usa, canada, australia and other states, have created the conditions for Palestinians to become repeat refugees [https://www.instagram.com/p/CzYEsmiOZTB/]. Core to Palestinian liberation is the right of return. We must fight for this when we call for a Free Palestine.1

Palestine Australia Relief and Action (PARA)
https://para.org.au/ Or call: +61479022060.

PARA is a non-profit led by australian Palestinians that helps Palestinian migrants and refugees settle in australia. PARA provides support, advocacy, and community aid.

Get support from PARA

If you or your familiy need support, complete this support form or call +61479022060.

PARA's care coordinators can provide a single point of contact to connect you to services and providers such as:

Flights and accommodation
English language educators
Education services
Job skills and opportunities
Health and wellbeing support
Sport and social groups
Other community services

Support PARA

To support PARA's work, you can:
https://para.org.au/give-support/

Donate money, which will go towards:
Flights to australia
Accommodation upon arrival
Immediate health and wellbeing care
Visa and legal advice, where not available pro bono
Ongoing essential living costs for newly arrived Palestinian migrants and refugees
Donate goods:
Check PARA's site and social media (Instagram, Facebook) for what kinds of goods are being currently accepted.
Refer service providers. PARA are currently looking for the following service providers, to provide care free of charge:
Housing and accommodation
Food and household
Education, volunteering and casual employment
Mental health and wellbeing
Volunteer for PARA. PARA is currently recruiting volunteers who:
Have experience in clinical, mental health, social work or wellbeing case management (all states and territories), Arabic language skills are desirable but not essential
Have a valid driver's license and can courier and deliver goods (all states and territories)
Have good administrative skills and can support governance, booking meetings, minute-taking, record keeping
Can book flights and source short and long-term accommodation in Australia
If your organisation or community group can help with language classes, sporting events, education, arts, or cultural experiences, contact PARA directly to help.
Support @community4para, who are community members supporting and raising funds for PARA.

El Rahman Inc.
https://www.instagram.com/el_rahman_inc/

El Rahman Inc. is a non-profit supporting Palestinian families from Gaza in Naarm (Melbourne).

Donate to support El Rahman's work using these bank details:2
Account Name: EL-RAHMAN
Reference: GAZA FAMILY SUPPORT
BSB: 063-590
Account Number: 1081 6186

Contact El Rahman regarding volunteering, donations, drop offs, pick ups, and all other inquiries:3
Phone Number: (03) 9811 6509
Operating Hours:
Monday–Friday, 9AM–5PM
Saturday, 12PM–3PM

RISE eX–detainees
https://palestinetoolkit.org/mobilise–from–home/refugee–support–and–local–mutual–aid/riserefugee.org

RISE eX–detainees, a grassroots advocacy and welfare organisation that is run, governed and managed by eX–detainees, Asylum Seekers and Refugees. They are collecting laptops for students from Gaza who have recently arrived in Melbourne. If you have a laptop in good working condition and would like to donate, please mail to:
https://twitter.com/riserefugee/status/1787696540146192478

RISE eX–detainees
247 , Flinders Lane
Melbourne 3000

Make a tax–deductible donation to the RISE Emergency Relief Drive, delivering essential aid and support to eX–detainees, asylum seekers and refugees in crisis.
Job Opportunities for Palestinians in Naarm / Melbourne
#

Free Palestine Printing has made a callout for local businesses, organisations, and individuals who are able to offer job opportunities to people who have recently arrived in Melbourne from Gaza and are currently seeking employment in order to rebuild their lives. Many of them are highly educated, skilled, and eager to work, but they’re facing challenges finding employment opportunities.

If you can offer any type of work, whether full–time, part–time, or temporary, or any guidance on job placements, DM @freepalestineprinting on Instagram with the following:

Company Name
Position
Job Description
Location
Contact Person Name
Phone Number
Pay Rate

Or get in touch via email. https://freepalestineprinting.com/pages/contact

#Housing Displaced Gazans Arriving in australia
https://palestinianchristians.org.au/accommodation–drive

Palestinian Christians in Australia (PCIA) is providing financial and material support for accommodating families arriving from Gaza. PCIA fundraising has housed and paid rent for 7 families over 8 months.

At least 50 more families are expected to arrive. Check their Instagram for callouts, and donate to their drive:

Bank Transfer:
Account Name: Palestinian Christians in Australia
BSB: 082–356
Account Number: 766945606
Direct Debit

Reuniting Hearts: A Call For Compassion

Donate here to support 5 Palestinian families arriving in Boorlo (Perth).
https://www.gofundme.com/f/reuniting–hearts–a–call–for–compassion

Mutual Aid For Gazan Refugees

Donate to this account to support a family who have arrived in Naarm (Melbourne) as refugees from Gaza. 100% of funds will go towards their visa applications, utility bills, food, clothing, furniture, electronics, medical expenses, travel expenses, daily expenses, toys, educational purposes, toiletries, personal needs and anything else that they may need.4 See the original callout here.

Account Name: Mazenah El Hassan
Reference: Gaza Refugee Aid
BSB: 063–097
Account Number: 8989 1626

SWANA Queers Naarm T–Shirts
https://www.instagram.com/swanaqueersnaarm/?g=5

Fill out this order form to get one of three anti–zionist t–shirt designs from SWANA Queers Naarm. Any funds above cost will be donated to El Rahman Inc, other grassroots collectives supporting Gazan refugees, and other grassroots Palestinian initiatives (dependent on need). Prices are on a sliding scale – more information can be found in the order form.

Aus Relief: Support Palestinians Arriving In “Australia”
https://www.ausrelief.org/

Aus Relief is an NGO currently supporting 60 widows and orphans arriving from Gaza to australia, by providing them with essential supplies, medical check–ups, and psychological support. Donate to this project’s fundraiser.

Aus Relief have also been collaborating with other humanitarian aid organisations on the ground to send food, bedding, and medical supplies to affected areas of Gaza. Donate to support their work here - choose ‘Palestine & Gaza Crisis Appeal 2023’ from the drop–down menu under the heading ‘How Much Would You Like to Donate?’
General Mutual Aid
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Rebuild Burgatory Caulfield
#

Donate here to support Hash Tayeh rebuild his Caulfield store after it was burned down due to anti–Palestinian hate crime.
Support Community Activist Riyad
#

Riyad Aladassi is a Palestinian nurse and activist who has spent years organising for Palestine, and recently went on a hunger strike at the Naarm Block The Dock camp to protest the australian government’s support of genocide.5 He has lost 85% of vision in his right eye due to stress and the effects of the hunger strike. Due to surgery and his efforts, he has and will continue to take time off work, but won’t be entitled to sick leave as he is a casual worker.6

Donate to his bank account to support him and his family during his recovery:

Account Name: Riyad Aladassi
BSB: 733369
Account Number: 615740
Please include the word “Gift” in the payment description

Donate to the campaign to support Riyad’s family and help them get out of Gaza to Egypt.
Muhib’s Mutual Aid Fund
#

Donate here to help Muhib, a Palestinian organiser based in Naarm and Meanjin, cover their living expenses while they spend most of their time doing unpaid organising work.
Notes
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@wejdan.shamala. Instagram. <https://www.instagram.com/p/Cz_JtXLSyaG/> Accessed 27/12/23. ↩

El Rahman Inc. <https://www.instagram.com/p/C0IoiRmLS7O/> Accessed 27/12/23. ↩

El Rahman Inc. <https://www.instagram.com/p/C0OJ_AGrUCl/> Accessed 27/12/23. ↩

Mazenah Bahouche. <https://www.instagram.com/p/C0Q4EYdSAj8/> Accessed 13/3/24. ↩

Zena Chamas. ABC News. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023–11–17/protesting–for–gaza–to–end–war–and–sending–weapons–to–israel/103104478> Accessed 2/1/24. ↩

@snarky.mish. Instagram Story 26/11/23. <https://www.instagram.com/stories/highlights/18067387534222254/> Accessed 2/1/24. ↩

Services offered: Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Online Database Resource
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Helping People Suffering from the Gaza Occupation; Indigenous Mutual Aid
Updated Oct 23, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10671

Operation Olive Branch [GoFundMe for Palestine]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.gofundme.com/f/operationolivebranch
Service Temporary

from the GoFundMe page [for live links, to to the link above]

Operation Olive Branch is a volunteer–powered grassroots collective effort to connect with and amplify Palestinian voices in an effort to support their critical needs, which include but are not limited to their mutual aid requests. Our solidarity initiative is steered by a diverse core council of global advocates including Palestinian and Jewish voices.

We strive to verify the fundraising efforts of families, as well as our medical partners, to best support them to navigate the challenges of social media and fundraising.
Please find a list of our “verified” families and medical aid partners here: Verified Families & Mutual Aid

We quickly identified over a hundred families who required urgent perinatal care and support during pregnancy, birth and postpartum. Faced with malnutrition, lack of food, clean water and limited access to medical support, families are experiencing severe perinatal medical complications.

As a result, The Perinatal Project was created in partnership with Operation Olive Branch to connect families in Gaza to essential perinatal care.

The project relies on community partners to carry out these essential needs on a regular basis. These established organizations and individuals provide direct service to the families on the ground by delivering aid, facilitating access to medical support, language translation, and sourcing supplies in a constantly changing environment.

The OOB Perinatal Project has set up a fundraiser to deliver direct monetary support to the project’s partners. Whilst these organizations and individuals may have their own fundraising projects set up, they do not always see compensation or receive enough funds to meet the needs of the families on the ground. It is vital we ensure the Project’s partners have adequate funds to continue their work.

In order to provide ongoing transparency regarding monetary allocations, OOB will provide regular updates on this campaign.

Please find information on our community partners below:

PAL Humanity is an initiative led by two female Doctors who provide field visits, distribute aid (primarily diapers, menstrual/ hygiene kits and formula) and are launching a Medical Tent in southern Gaza.

Pal Humanity Instagram

Dr. Zayn is a General Dentist whose focus is to distribute infant formula and hot meals. He is working to set up a Milk Project (newborn to age three years) and has been instrumental in sourcing and delivering formula to families in the project.

Dr Zain Instagram

Amani Alkahlout, a well–known cook and food blogger, continues to orchestrate cooking for hundreds of families in Rafah. She also delivers supplies such as diapers, wipes, blankets and food to individual families.

Amani Alkahlout Instagram

This will be a continuous crowdfund for as long as our community partners need. Should The Perinatal Project have a change or addition to community partnerships, Operation Olive Branch will include those updates on this campaign.

Lastly, please continue to directly support aid groups and individuals on the ground, as their funds help serve the broader community as well.

Services offered: Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Helping People Suffering from the Gaza Occupation
Updated Dec 3, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10672

Water Justice in Palestine [Massachusetts–based Palestine solidarity work]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web www.waterjusticeinpalestine.org/massachusetts
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Helping People Suffering from the Gaza Occupation
Updated Dec 3, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10673

RI

Community Email list for sharing, announcements, etc

Info/Hotline

Providence, RI
Web groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/fort_thunder/info
Service Temporary

Services offered: Events, Community Meetings; Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Resource Bank; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Events, Party / Festival
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Bartering Network; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9758

Spain

Ecos [cooperative of cooperatives]

Info/Hotline · Open

Barcelona

Web grupecos.coop
Service Temporary

"Ecos is a cooperative of cooperatives which works to support the growth of single cooperatives and to promote inter–cooperatives projects in Barcelona. In this article, we share what we learned from Roger, the coordinator of Ecos, and Guernica, a member of the organisation, who explained us how does social solidarity economy work in Barcelona and told us about Ecos' history and goals."

source: https://cooperativecity.org/2019/04/25/social–solidarity–economy–in–barcelona–the–ecos–cooperative/
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 24, 2019 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10134

Syria

MedGlobal [Medical NGO, Syria, Yemen]

Medical Facility · Open

Web medglobal.org/who–we–are
Service Temporary

MedGlobal team on the ground in Syria are operating one mobile clinic staffed by physicians and community health workers. See allied groups in the list below.

For Donations via Zelle:
Name: MedGlobal Inc
Email: Connect@medglobal.org

Online Donations:
https://medglobal.org/

Send Checks to:
MedGlobal
1801 Hicks Road Suite D
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

Pre–earthquake work recommended by ReliefWeb. In our experience, groups that are listed on ReliefWeb to this extent are worth supporting. Note the link below for Yemen puts MedGlobal in good company of other groups we've vetted. See the list below of the different groups that MegGlobal is aligned with. However, we are a volunteer staff and we can you guarantee anything. Since we aren't perfect, we always recommend that people do their own research.

ReliefWeb report Yemen:https://reliefweb.int/report/yemen/53–ngos–call–full–and–equitable–funding–address–root–causes–crisis–yemen

Also, note the pre–earthquake ReliefWeb report regarding conditions in Syria: https://reliefweb.int/report/syrian–arab–republic/baseline–evaluation–report–increasing–access–life–saving–and–life–sustaining–coordinated–equitable–humanitarian–heath–services–those–most–vulnerable–need–syria–project

Services offered: Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2023 Turkey/Syria Disaster Response; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; International Rescue Committee (IRC); Islamic Relief; Mercy Corps; OXFAM; Relief International; Samaritan's Purse; Save The Children; Solidarities lnternational
Updated Feb 19, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10557

ReliefWeb Reports Syria, Yemen [pre–earthquake]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web reliefweb.int/report/syrian–arab–republic/baseline–evaluation–report–increasing–access–life–saving–and–life–sustaining–coordinated–equitable–humanitarian–heath–services–those–most–vulnerable–need–syria–project
Service Temporary

ReliefWeb report Yemen:https://reliefweb.int/report/yemen/53–ngos–call–full–and–equitable–funding–address–root–causes–crisis–yemen

ReliefWeb report Syria: https://reliefweb.int/report/yemen/53–ngos–call–full–and–equitable–funding–address–root–causes–crisis–yemen

Services offered: Directories, Directory of Services, Grants Info, Listings, News & Referrals; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Media Coverage; Media, Online News Reports; News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage
Campaigns: 2023 Turkey/Syria Disaster Response; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Feb 19, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10558

TN

Community Resource Center – Sharing in general and specifically (DONATION collection/distribution site)

Warehouse · Standby

911 Division Street, Nashville, TN 37203

Web www.crcnashville.org
Serves Nashville, Davidson County, TN
Eligibility Impacted by TN Severe Storms/Floods, or just general poverty...come see us
Service Temporary

2010 TN Flood
2020 TN Tornado

Sharing in general

Services offered: Cleaning, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Cleaning/Clean Up Supplies (Post Disaster); Distribution, Supplies, Local Distribution of Supplies; Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; * KITS, CLEANING/CLEAN UP KITS; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Warehouse, Warehouse Space
Campaigns: 2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; 2020 TENNESSEE TORNADO; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Mar 3, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5855

Highlander Research and Education Center

Volunteer Camp · Open

New Market, TN 37820, New Market, TN

Phone (865) 933–3443
Web highlandercenter.org
Service Temporary

hrec @ highlandercenter. org

We are a catalyst for grassroots organizing and movement building in Appalachia and the South. We work with people fighting for justice, equality and sustainability, supporting their efforts to take collective action to shape their own destiny.

Transformative Justice via a Social Solidarity Economy

We're exploring our economic and governance systems through a participatory, community–based process to create knowledge and share solutions that foster community, equity and healthy communities.

Movement Accompaniment + Support

We're supporting grassroots organizing and movement building from workshops and residencies on Popular Education, Political Education to Direction Action Trainings and Technical Assistance.

Incubate & Innovate Radical Work

We're building capacity for grassroots organizations through Strategic Partnership, Movement Anchorship and Fiscal Sponsorship.

Intergenerational Leadership

Our Seeds of Fire Program and Children's Justice Camp are promoting youth–centered, youth–led spaces, providing guidance, mentorship, political education and skill–based trainings that give room for young people to take the resources they need and work towards a just future.

Services offered: Facility: Community Center; School * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Mayfirst Solidarity Movement; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Mar 30, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10406

TX

Austin Moms: List of solidarity groups to donate to

Volunteer Camp · Open

Austin, TX

Web austinmoms.com/2025/07/06/how–to–help–the–kerrville–flood–victims
Service Temporary

https://austinmoms.com/2025/07/06/how–to–help–the–kerrville–flood–victims/

Donate money for disaster relief

Donors can support the American Red Cross for at the national level, but there are many ways to keep your donations local and support our small business communities and non–profits at the same time.

Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country: Collecting donations to support local response, relief, and recovery efforts

Hands Off Central Texas: Raising money for mutual aid rapid response to counties affected by the flood

TEXSAR: Raising funds for search, rescue and recovery

The Side Bar: Hosting a fundraiser for the Kerr County Flood Relief Fund on July 6

The Dosa Shack: 100% of profits from sales will be donated to Kerr County Relief Fund on July 6

I Slay You Slay: Accepting donations and building toiletry kits from Kerrville and Central Texas families

El Arroyo: Matching donations of up to $4,000

Amy's Ice Creams and Phil's Icehouse: 10% of profits from Austin, Houston, and San Antonio shops on July 6 will be donated to Kerr County Flood Relief

Whole Earth Provision Co.: All proceeds from their recent T–shirt collaboration with Kerrville Folk Festival will go toward local flood relief, and they are accepting in–store donations for the Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country

Collected by Blackbirds: Collecting donations to build hygiene kits and donating 10% of weekend sales

Lator Gator Coffee Co.: Donating 10% of sales July 6 through 9′

Daytripper HQ: Donating 100% of profits to flood victims and recovery

Pinthouse Brewing and Pinthouse Pizza: Donating a portion of sales on July 11 to flood relief

Dam Smokin Tacos: Accepting donations to feed residents of Kerrville

Burnt Orange Buys: 100% of profits in July will be donated

Arcadia Live Kerrville: Raising funds to provide refuge, emergency supplies, relief, and recovery aid

Ashley McKenna Jewelry: Donating a percentage of July profits toward those impacted by the flood

Rockin' R River Rides: Matching donations up to $4,000

Cabo Bob's: Donating profits from all locations on July 5 to victims in Hunt, Kerrville, and the Hill Country

Juliet Italian: Donating 100% of profits for every pizza and Aperol Spritz sold this weekend

Oak Liquor Cabinet: Donating 10% of profits on July 5
Donate goods for disaster relief

Nowhere Bookshop: Collecting non–perishable food items, hygiene items, clothing, and cleaning supplies.

Jester King Brewery: Collecting essential goods through July 6 to deliver to Kerrville

Commodore Perry Estate: Serving as a daily drop–off location for relief donations (canned food, bottled water, clothing, hygiene products, trash bags, brooms and shovels, basic emergency and cleaning supplies)

The Brewtorium and Austin Flea: Accepting donations of water, non–perishable food items, clothing, medical supplies, and pet supplies

Southern Oaks Church: Organizing a Supply Drive

Treaty Oak Distilling: Accepting donations as a drop–off site
Help displaced pets

Austin Pets Alive!: Raising money, collecting donations, and organizing volunteers to help transport pets from Kerr County.
Donate to grieving families

There is a GoFundMe dedicated to the families who have lost their children.

Services offered: Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Mutual Aid; Needs Listings
Campaigns: 2025 Texas Flooding; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Jul 9, 2025 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10726

Austin Mutual Aid

Volunteer Camp · Open

Austin, TX

Web www.austinmutualaid.org
Service Temporary

several sources cite Austin Mutual Aid as helping June Texas flood victims

this one links to Austin Mutual Aid's Instagram as the place to go to find out what the group is doing: https://www.instagram.com/austinmutualaid/

source: https://grist.org/justice/solidarity-not-charity-mutual-aid-groups-are-filling-gaps-in-texas-crisis-response/

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Thursdays
St. Andrews Outreach
Thursdays·5:30 - 7:30pm
St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 14311 Wells Port Dr, Austin, TX 78728, USA
notes
In partnership with St. Andrew's - A weekly program on Thursday nights 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM that provides an opportunity to shower and enjoy a hot meal for neighbors from the surrounding area who may not have access to this necessity of life. A light laundry service is provided while these neighbors shower and relax. This is a time for the community to rest and socialize in a safe area as a respite from the outside environment. An Austin Mutual Aid team member will be onsite as capacity allows.

Services offered: Food, Non-Perishable Food * (ANY/ALL Types of Canned, Dry, Drinks, Snacks); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Mutual Aid
Campaigns: 2025 Texas Flooding; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Jul 9, 2025 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10725

Turkey

Turkey: Molham Volunteering Team

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web molhamteam.com/campaigns/439
Service Temporary

source: Rolling Stone

"Molham Volunteering Team
The Turkey-based Molham Volunteering Team with founded in 2012 by a group of Syrian students hoping to respond to humanitarian catastrophes with basic food, shelter, and medical assistance. The charitable organization is run by 70 employees with the help of more than 300 volunteers.

"At these moments, our displaced families in northern Syria and Turkey are in dire need of our help and contribution by securing alternative housing for them and their urgent needs, and compensating them for what befell them in light of the snow storms affecting the region," Molham Team wrote on the website for the emergency campaign launched in response to the earthquakes."
Campaigns: 2023 Turkey/Syria Disaster Response; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Feb 8, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10550

Turkey: NuDay [womens empowerment]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web donate.nudaysyria.org/give/465123
Service Temporary

source: https://www.trtworld.com/magazine/here-s-how-to-help-t%C3%BCrkiye-and-syria-earthquake-victims-65261

"NuDay is a non-profit organisation empowering Syria's women and children for a brighter future."

Services offered: Advocacy, Womens Rights
Campaigns: 2023 Turkey/Syria Disaster Response; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Feb 8, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10555

Turkey: YOUNG WORLD AMBASSADORS recommended list of groups to donate to

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.oneyoungworld.com/blogs/help-relief-effort-turkiye-and-syria
Service Temporary

from the website:

ORGANISATIONS RECOMMENDED BY ONE YOUNG WORLD AMBASSADORS
How to support?
AFAD: Türkiye's official Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency, has Earthquake Donation Accounts. People can donate in TRY, EUR and USD.

AHBAP: a voluntary network working in coordination with AFAD and has +30k volunteers, is currently active in the affected regions. People can donate by TRY with a credit card.

AKUT: which is a voluntary & non-governmental search, assist and rescue association, is involved in searching, assisting and rescuing the victims of the earthquake. As far as I know, they are fully transparent about how they spend donations they receive. People can donate in TRY, EUR and USD

CARE: CARE's Turkey Syria Earthquakes Fund reaches tens of thousands of vulnerable people with emergency food, health services, shelter, and much more.

Campaigns: 2023 Turkey/Syria Disaster Response; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Feb 8, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10556

UT

UT: Salt Lake City Covid 19 Mutual Aid

Volunteer Camp · Open

UT
Web www.covid19mutualaidslc.com
Service Temporary

from the site:

About Mutual Aid

The Salt Lake Valley COVID–19 Mutual Aid Group is a collective of organizers formed to facilitate connections across the Salt Lake valley between individuals in need of support due to the COVID–19 outbreak, and individuals offering support to their community. We are working to provide assistance severely impacted by the virus by facilitating transport and provision of basic needs like groceries, prescriptions, and medical supplies. We are acting alongside those globally to show that our communities take care of each other. We are not a non–profit. We are a network of volunteers. Because of this, every dollar raised is distributed back into the community.

With the worsening of the COVID–19 outbreak in Salt Lake City, many vulnerable members of our community need to self–quarantine and avoid public places to reduce the risk of contracting the virus, creating barriers to basic needs. In addition, many basic medical supplies these populations rely on in everyday life are now scarce. We will prioritize the needs of those who are most physically and economically vulnerable: people who are chronically ill and/or immunocompromised, undocumented, disabled, elderly, houseless, BIPOC, queer and trans people, and sex workers.

We are providing:
–Grocery, prescription and household supply deliveries. For those unable to afford groceries/supplies, we will cover the cost up to $50.
–Direct cash assistance (up to $50) to undocumented and precarious workers who are bearing the economic brunt of this crisis.

Organizing Team

At its core, Mutual Aid is about actively practicing community. If you help your neighbor, you are doing Mutual Aid work. The heart of Salt Lake Mutual Aid is our network of hundreds of volunteers who are making deliveries, offering social support and providing resources. The organizing team is here to facilitate this work and . We are regular folks in Salt Lake Valley who have been active in various organizing campaigns, mutual aid work, and more importantly, in community with each other. We are a collective of volunteers, not a non–profit. That means no overhead, every dollar is going towards groceries, supplies, and direct support.
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Apr 14, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10275

United Kingdom

Newcastle Mutual Aid

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web twitter.com/nclmutualaid
Service Temporary

Solidarity not Charity

Not sure if it's free...saw mentions of 3 pounds per month, not too bad, depending on what you get. Check it out yo seff

Services offered: Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Mutual Aid
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Nov 7, 2022 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10535

Palestine Solidarity Campaign

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web www.palestinecampaign.org
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Helping People Suffering from the Gaza Occupation; Islamic Community; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Oct 10, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10622

Wellingborough Eco Group

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web wellingboroughecogroup.org.uk

Repair Cafe, Social Events, and more!

See the website above for more info.

But for a taste, here's what they posted on Mastodon for their last fix it clinic:

Repair Cafe this Saturday!

What do you do with:
– a toaster that no longer works?
– a faulty vacuum cleaner?
– a sweater with moth holes?
BIN IT? NO WAY!

Wellingborough Repair Café takes place this Saturday, 9am–12 midday, at Victoria Centre. There are no promises and no guarantees, but if something can be saved, our repairers will give it their best efforts.

* You can basically bring anything you can carry that will not make a mess in the venue. Whatever it is, it might not even be broken – just dirty, and you don't know how to clean it without damaging it, or you can't work out how to use it without the manual – bring it along.
* There is no need to book, just turn up with your broken item. You can even bring more than one thing, though to be fair, we have limited each time slot to one item, so you may have to join the queue a few times!

Bring you broken items to the Victoria Centre from 9am–12 midday this Saturday, 14th November.
https://wellingboroughecogroup.org.uk/

And here's one from one of their other events:

Happy Cafe, Artists Window, Swap Shop, Food Sharers, PAT testing and SUB this Thursday!

Wellingborough Eco Group

ECO HUB has some great activities and services for you and the environment:

● Artist Window has local artist work to see and buy. Come have a chat if you would like to display yours for free.
● Food Sharers will have food saved from supermarkets. Take what you need and donations are always welcome.
● Happy Café is our Action for Happiness friendly reuse cafe, for free tea and coffee
□ Wellingborough Swap Shop where we will have clothes ,100's of books, DVDs, toys and household items all to go. Everything is available for swaps or a donation to the group.
● SUB (School Uniform Bank) free school uniform with Greatwell Homes.
□ Free PAT Testing of your electric items.

Come and meet the team and share with others in Swansgate Shopping Centre (in the old Argos shop)

Services offered: Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Rescue [save food that's good enough to eat from becoming trash]; Mutual Aid; Repair Cafe / FixItClinic [volunteers fix stuff instead of throwing it away]; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Arts & Crafts
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Nov 16, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10798

VT

VT: Community Harvest of Central Vermont [Covid Response, food]

Volunteer Camp · Open

VT

Web www.communityharvestvt.org
Service Temporary

COVID–19 Emergency Response Essential Needs Effort

Community Harvest of Central Vermont, the area's gleaning program, is pivoting our focus during this emergency to support our food distribution and senior meal site partners and others as they work to keep feeding and caring for the most vulnerable members of our community during this unprecedented time. We are putting our systems to work to engage volunteers wanting to help feed and care for our neighbors. We are supporting all our 22 partners and others in Washington and Northern Orange County who are still distributing food and other essential services, including most food shelves and senior meal sites, Capstone Community Action, the Vermont Foodbank, and the Central Vermont Council on Aging.

We are working in partnership with the Washington & Northern Orange Counties Regional Response Command Center (WNOC–RRCC) leading the volunteer effort and are using our normal gleaning volunteer management site to connect volunteers with the needs of our neighbors.
Please sign up to be a volunteer to help safely provide food and other essential needs to our most vulnerable neighbors and those who will need to stay home.
Register to Volunteer for Emergency Response

When you register please indicate in the Additional Information box that you are signing up to help with the COVID–19 Emergency Response.

After you register you will be emailed when volunteers are need for particular activities at designated sites throughout Central Vermont and beyond, depending on what counties you picked when you sign–up to help. You can then decide if you are able to help with the particular request after you read about what it would involve. YOU ARE NOT COMMITTING TO ANYTHING WHEN YOU REGISTER.

Likely Ways Volunteers Will Be Asked to Help Feeding our Neighbors

Delivering Meals on Wheels – back–up drivers need to be trained and ready for when people are needed to fill in. Delivering will likely require picking up meals at Senior Centers etc. and then leaving them at the doors of recipients.

Delivering food, medicine etc – this will likely require picking up items at food shelves or store and then leaving them at the doors of recipients.

Pre–bagging food – small groups of volunteers of maybe 5 or less would work on shifts to bag food at the Foodbank or other sites for later pick up or delivery.

Receiving hotline calls from home – staff the call center, receive phone calls from the community seeking support and provide them guidance through the challenges of COVID–19. Training provided.

Cooks to help make meals for distribution in the community – to fill in when meal sites (Meal on Wheels, Shelters, churches, schools, etc) need more help, as people are out sick etc.

And more... as days go by it will become more clear. So register to hear about all the ways to help and then you can decide what you are able to and comfortable doing.

If volunteering is not a good option for you consider a donation. Your support will help us focus on our current efforts and prepare us for our increasingly important work on the other side of the pandemic.

Become a Volunteer Gleaner

Get outside, meet your neighbors, reduce wasted food, and learn how local food is grown all while helping everyone in the community have access to healthy, fresh local food.

1 million pounds of produce in Washington County goes uneaten each season.

Help CHCV recover some of that food that is not able to be sold,

but is still fresh and nutritious to eat.

pre–covid:

What is Gleaning?

Gleaning is the practice of walking farmers' fields and gathering usable food after the farmers have finished the regular harvest.

How much food is there to glean?

In Vermont each growing season, research shows, there is 14.3 million pounds of edible vegetables and berries grown that are not sold by farms. There is about 1 million pounds of surplus just in Washington County that could be gleaned for people to eat. CHCV and the many other gleaning programs around Vermont are making progress in recovering some of this surplus, but only a small portion is being gleaned each season at this point.

What We Do and How We Do It

CHCV is a local grassroots volunteer–driven community service program focused on utilizing surplus food grown in Central Vermont. Through our gleaning, we work with local farms to address food waste issues and help provide healthy food to organizations that serve community members in need.

We use food grown on local farms that would otherwise not be harvested and sold to enhance the health and well–being of the Central Vermont community. The program brings together community volunteers to recover produce from local farmers' fields after the harvest and by doing so keeps farm surplus from going to waste. The fresh gleaned produce is provided to disadvantaged Central Vermont community members, making healthy fresh local food available to more of our community.

CHCV's volunteers do virtually all of our gleaning. We provide a diverse group of community volunteers the opportunity to help their neighbors in need and gain a greater awareness and appreciation of our local food system. We engage all ages and economic groups, in particular children and recipients of the gleaned food. CHCV promotes community connections and involvement with farms by bringing people out into the farm fields to work together and learn how and where fresh food is grown in their community.

CHCV volunteers glean beets that will be donated

CHCV volunteers glean beets that will be donated

Our recipients, all serving food insecure individuals, include food shelves, senior meal programs, afterschool and early childhood programs, community meals, and schools with free meal programs. CHCV's recipients report that our regular deliveries – weekly during the harvest season and beyond – are critical to their success as they see continuing need in our community. Our donations

are predictable and can be counted on by recipients as they plan their meals and budgets. CHCV provides a unique service that programs cannot get anywhere else.

Throughout the harvest season – June through November – CHCV's weekly deliveries distributes the fresh produce that our volunteers have gleaned from our farm partners. Deliveries of stored gleaned produce continue into the winter and early spring months.

We receive a significant portion of our funding from individual donors. We also receive donations from recipient and community partners, as well as from businesses and foundations. We welcome your participation.
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Apr 14, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10276

WA

Chehalis River Mutual Aid Network

Volunteer Camp · Open

Aberdeen, WA
Web chehalisrivermutualaid.noblogs.org
Service Temporary

We salvage, cook, and distribute food along the stolen banks of the Chehalis River, to those in need and to those fighting for liberation from here to Seattle. We acknowledge we do this work on land stolen from the people of the Upper and Lower Chehalis tribes, and that we now fight a poverty and hunger brought to this land by colonization.

This project was born out of the Black Lives Matter rebellion in so–called Seattle. We started by helping the folks at the Feed The Movement table. We hit upon wraps as a good hand held and transportable method, made a few deliveries to CHAZ, and haven't looked back. We have been making regular deliveries ever since to various groups and projects in the region. We wanted to extend our solidarity and our food to our own area, as many here remain incredibly food insecure. So to that end we organized a local chapter of Food Not Bombs.

We work with local businesses and farms to gather unsalable food that would otherwise be thrown away. By these means and more we can remain unfunded by outside sources and use the Food Not Bombs model to be one collective among many. We will, through practice, uphold the values of autonomy, self–determination, mutual aid, direct action, and solidarity. Learn more about Food Not Bombs as we begin this project as bring the people in our region what they need – food, not bombs.

Services offered: Calendar, Community Events/Protest Actions; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Distribution ∗ (ANY/ALL Types); Events, Community Meetings; Events, Potluck Meals; Events, Protest Actions; Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food, Distribution, Field Kitchen; Meals ∗ (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals; Social Event ∗(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group ∗any/all types
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Food Not Bombs
Updated Jan 3, 2022 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10512

Community Centers – Colville Tribes – Colville Indian Reservation

Info/Hotline · Open

WA
Web www.colvilletribes.com/community–centers
Service Temporary

2020 Wildfire
(Cold Springs Fire & Inchelium Complex Fire)
https://www.colvilletribes.com/active–fires
https://www.cct–ene.com/occ

Community Centers

INCHELIUM COMMUNITY CENTER ICC
https://www.cct–ene.com/icc

OMAK COMMUNITY CENTER OCC
https://www.cct–ene.com/occ
https://www.colvilletribes.com/active–fires

KELLER COMMUNITY CENTER
https://www.cct–ene.com/keller–community–center

NESPELEM COMMUNITY CENTER
https://www.cct–ene.com/ncc

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS ON THE COLVILLE RESERVATION
https://www.cct–ene.com/boys–girls–clubs–on–the–colville–reservation

https://www.colvilletribes.com/
The Twelve Bands compose the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation:
Chelan, Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce, Colville, Eniat, Lakes, Methow, Moses–Columbia, Nespelem, Okanogan, Palus, San Poil, Wenatchi

Total Size: 1.4 Million Acres (2,100 Square Miles), Tribal Enrollment Total: 9,520

Colville Indian Reservation (Wikimedia)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colville_Indian_Reservation

Current
The reservation encompasses 2,116,802 acres (8,566.39 km2) of land, consisting of: tribally owned lands held in federal trust status for the Colville Confederated Tribes, land owned by individual Colville tribal members (most of which is also held in federal trust status), and land owned by other tribal or non–tribal entities.

7,587 people live on the reservation (2000 census), including both Colville tribe members and non–tribe members. Most live either in small communities or in rural settings. Approximately half of the Confederated Tribes' enrolled members live on or near the reservation. According to the Tribes records in 2015, they have 9500 enrolled members.[3]

Major towns and cities within the reservation include Omak (part), Nespelem, Inchelium, Keller, and Coulee Dam (part).

In 1997 and 1998, the Colville Confederated Tribes commemorated the 125th anniversary of the signing of the Executive Order that created the reservation.

Communities
Coulee Dam (part, population 915)
Disautel, Elmer City, Inchelium, Keller, Nespelem

Nespelem Community (Agency area)
North Omak, Okanogan (a small part, population 2), Omak (part, population 742), Twin Lakes

Services offered: Facility: Community Center
Campaigns: Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; First Nations / Native Americans; Tribal Communities
Updated Oct 1, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10379

Worldwide

Agaric / Co–op Resources, List of free software and how to use it

Info/Hotline · Open

Web coopguide.org/node/3
Service Permanent

Resources
Submitted by FreeScholar on Tue, 02/16/2021 – 01:10

2020 has seen many people and organizations, de–funded, de–platformed (kicked off of popular platforms like Facebook and Twitter) People are scared, broke and confused as to the future financial health of their families. Many developers have lost projects because their client's income has been cut off. This is Capitalism and unfair business practices at work.

GET FREE: Here is a site that will help you choose the best GNU/Linux operating system based on what you need.

There are tactical and logistical efforts we can use to create value within our communities, and we do that by cooperating, not competing.

CoopGuide will work to reveal the achievable dreams of Cooperators, not just list profiles. Come meet us at the Weekly Show and Tell with Agaric – skillshare and discussions.

Agaric is a worker–owned web technology cooperative since 2006 – One member = One vote. Here are a few links to free software tools and some cooperative networks recommended for learning more about being a tech worker–owner. You may add resource links in the comments!

Agaric.coop

Services offered: Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics; Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics, GOOD PRIVACY POLICY; Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics, GOOD PRIVACY POLICY, for advocacy groups; Assistance, for non–profits, Collaboration Tool; Business Services, Co–Op oriented; collaboration tools, FREE, ANY/ALL types; Disaster Tech Planning Groups; Services, Tech, Computer Consulting Service
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Mayfirst Solidarity Movement; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated May 3, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10404

Autonomous Tenants Union, List of Tenant Unions in North America [plus tenant organizing tools, legal/tactics templates, etc]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web atun-rsia.org/tenants-unions
Service Temporary

Who We Are

The Autonomous Tenants Union Network (ATUN-RSIA) is a North American collaborative of tenant unions who have chosen to remain independent of nonprofits, big foundations, and government funding in order to build power that is responsive to and led by tenants. We are committed to base building, building leadership from the poorest, and resisting the power of real estate capital that destroys our homes and our communities.

We held our first online conference call on April 7, 2018 to provide space for mutual support among tenants unions across North America. The monthly calls have attracted a growing number of tenant groups interested in combining grassroots organizing, advocacy, education, and direct action. With each call facilitated by a different autonomous tenants union, ATUN has hosted discussions on numerous topics that have helped strengthened the work of tenants unions across the continent. And ATUN has been a connecting point for tenants to give practical support in tenant union campaigns across vast distances.

Response to COVID-19
In 2020 the tenants unions that make up ATUN have resolved to work with tenants all over the continent to help them self-organize to build autonomous tenant power in response to the deepening housing crisis that is accompanying the COVID19 pandemic.

Founding Convention
In October 2020, ATUN held our founding convention virtually. We finalized and voted on our Points of Unity and Structure, formalizing ATUN as a network of autonomous tenant unions across the continent. ATUN is made up of a delegate council, with delegates from each affiliated union, and an organizing committee, which carries out the day-to-day tasks as directed by the delegate council.
ATUN's Points of Unity

The Autonomous Tenants Union Network (ATUN-RSIA) is a collaborative of tenant unions in North America who have chosen to remain independent of nonprofits, big foundations, and government funding in order to build power that is responsive to and led by tenants. We are committed to base building, especially among the most oppressed and exploited tenants, and to resisting the power of landlords and real estate capital to destroy our homes and our communities.

Tenants have always been in crisis. Since before the founding of the United States, property ownership has been a requirement for full political recognition. To be a tenant is to stand on the losing side of a class relation: we pay tribute to landlords because they own land and we don't. And they own land because landlords before them expropriated the original peoples who still live here.

Today, as land is monopolized by fewer and fewer landlords and as rents continue to outpace wages dramatically, the crisis has engulfed even formerly housing-secure tenants. Working-class tenants are increasingly immiserated, and people who are shut out of the housing market altogether are subjected to encampment sweeps, police harassment, and vigilante violence. Tenants live in neglected, unsafe housing, we face harassment from landlords, and we experience the trauma of housing insecurity and eviction. Black and brown communities in cities, often created by racist segregation policies, now face destruction as developers, politicians, and police create and carry out gentrification plans using mass evictions and other forms of state-backed violence.

Resolving these crises will necessitate overthrowing capitalism and establishing a cooperative political and economic system. As Engels wrote in 1872: "As long as the capitalist mode of production continues to exist, it is folly to hope for an isolated solution to the housing question. The solution lies in the abolition of the capitalist mode of production and the appropriation of all the means of life and labor by the working class itself."

We believe in the right to housing, the right to the city, and the right to stay put. We fight for a world without landlords and without rent. We fight to build tenant power in order to end the immiseration of the poor and working classes that housing represents under capitalism and to contribute to the struggle to end capitalism itself.

Points of unity:

We are organizations run by and for our members. We are not under the direction of paid staff, boards of directors, or state agencies, and we are funded primarily by our members rather than by grants or major donors.

We define a tenant as anyone who does not have control over their housing. For us, "tenants" includes unhoused tenants, tenants who are squatting, tenants inside the carceral punishment system, tenants in nursing homes, in university housing, and in state institutions.

We fight for tenants, not for housing. We recognize that this is a crisis of tenancy, a crisis of our place in the overall system of social reproduction. Calling this a housing crisis benefits those who design, build, and profit from housing, not the people who live in it. Tenants are full political subjects who will not be liberated by secure housing alone.

We are not service organizations; we are movement organizations. As such we practice and build solidarity □ not charity □ across buildings, neighborhoods, borders, and language barriers.

We assert that the interests of landlords and tenants are fundamentally irreconcilable, and we reject any policy that attempts to paper over this conflict. While we do not rule out on principle the possibility of temporary truces and agreements between landlord and tenant, we advocate for a strategy of class struggle. Our overall political orientation consists of opposing strategies that encourage collaboration between class enemies.

We fight gentrification so that tenants can remain in their longtime communities and support networks. We define gentrification as “the displacement and replacement of the poor for profit,” and we understand that it is purposeful and produced. Because Black and brown communities are specifically targeted for displacement, we view the fight against gentrification as one component of the larger struggle against systemic racism. Those who benefit from gentrification, including landlords, developers, and lenders, and those who manage it, including the police and politicians, are highly organized and need to be met with an organized, militant tenant movement.

We stand in solidarity with tenants in struggle around the world. We insist that tenants share interests across borders and we seek to build tenant power accordingly. We strive to adhere to an internationalist and anti–imperialist orientation in words and deeds.

We support demands for Land Back by Indigenous peoples. Indigenous communities are some of the most deeply affected by the tenant crisis. The system of capitalism and private land ownership in “North America” is dependent on the ongoing theft of Indigenous lands and genocide of Indigenous peoples. Indigenous communities bring cultural knowledge necessary to our movement regarding kinship, community, and our relationship to land and place.

We support demands for reparations for descendants of enslaved Black people. We recognize that slavery and ensuing racist practices across centuries shape the conditions that tenants experience in the present.

We support fighting for anti–discrimination in housing practices for those who identify as LGBTQIA2S+.

We are committed to language justice and aspire to create fully language–accessible spaces. We believe everyone has the right to understand and be understood in the language in which they are most comfortable and that language justice is everyone’s responsibility.

We organize democratically and we are committed to fighting oppressive behavior and systems in and outside our ranks. We seek a membership and leadership that reflects the people most impacted by the crisis. We are engaged in an active struggle against the forces of systemic oppression within our communities which restrict access to resources, education, healthcare, and housing for marginalized groups of people. Within our unions we commit to learning how to deconstruct oppression and oppressive ways of working. We are bringing tenants together across lines of race, class, gender, gender identity, orientation, ability, age, etc.

Services offered: Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Housing, Fair Housing; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business models", housing; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services, Legal Assistance
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Unions
Updated May 3, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10425

Black Lives Matter [social justice]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web blacklivesmatter.com
Service Temporary

#BlackLivesMatter was founded in 2013 in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin’s murderer. Black Lives Matter Foundation, Inc is a global organization in the US, UK, and Canada, whose mission is to eradicate white supremacy and build local power to intervene in violence inflicted on Black communities by the state and vigilantes. By combating and countering acts of violence, creating space for Black imagination and innovation, and centering Black joy, we are winning immediate improvements in our lives.

We are expansive. We are a collective of liberators who believe in an inclusive and spacious movement. We also believe that in order to win and bring as many people with us along the way, we must move beyond the narrow nationalism that is all too prevalent in Black communities. We must ensure we are building a movement that brings all of us to the front.

We affirm the lives of Black queer and trans folks, disabled folks, undocumented folks, folks with records, women, and all Black lives along the gender spectrum. Our network centers those who have been marginalized within Black liberation movements.

We are working for a world where Black lives are no longer systematically targeted for demise.

We affirm our humanity, our contributions to this society, and our resilience in the face of deadly oppression.

The call for Black lives to matter is a rallying cry for ALL Black lives striving for liberation.
Campaigns: Black Lives Matter; Communities for Restorative Justice; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jun 23, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10295

CollabraOffice privacy oriented, ONLINE, but NOT FREE Office Productivity Apps [privacy oriented alternatives to Microsoft/GoogleDocs]

Open Business* · Open

Web www.collaboraoffice.com

Services offered: Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics; Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics, GOOD PRIVACY POLICY
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Nov 14, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10796

Community Bridge [cooperative people–centric alternative to Zoom and other tools]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web communitybridge.com
Service Temporary

Editor note: this is THE platform to choose instead of Zoom, which sells your data and records and shares with governments, third party corporate affiliates, etc. Why support a HUGE ruthless capitalist Zoom, instead of a Black owned small cooperative? We can't think of ANY reason. Community Bridge is free, and they live on donations. Please use Community Bridge and/or donate...

Oh, also, if you're the admin, you can turn on the "white board" function and all participants can draw on the same white board. It's fun AND nourishs community.

OH and NEW FEATURE! while you're on the video meeting, you can collaborate on documents RIGHT IN THE CHAT and download the doc after/anytime and the new feature is that you can convert the doc TO A PRESENTATION format! Yippee! Go Community Bridge!!!

Services offered: Art Project; Assistance, for non–profits, Collaboration Tool; Business Services, Co–Op oriented; Community Service Program; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Facility: Meeting space; Local Businesses, Social Enterprises; Mutual Aid; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, For Non–Profits; Services, Tech, Web Hosting; Tech, Computer Networking Services; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Youth, Leadership Development
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Alternative Societies; Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Arts Community / Artist Network; Black Community; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; New "Business" Models; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Jul 1, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10581

Cosmos Cooperative [w/Infinite Conversations online community]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web cosmos.coop
Service Temporary

Check out their community blog!!!

https://www.infiniteconversations.com/

hundreds of conversations, thousands of posts!

Services offered: Art Project; Community Service Program; Education, Cultural; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/ Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Writing Group
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Alternative Societies; Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Arts Community / Artist Network; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; New "Business" Models; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 26, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10630

Death Cafe [a place to talk about death stuff]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web deathcafe.com
Service Temporary

more info: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Death_Cafe

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
A Death Cafe is a scheduled non–profit get–together (called "social franchises" by the organizers) for the purpose of talking about death over food and drink, usually tea and cake. The goal of these nonprofit groups is to educate and help others become more familiar with the end of life. The idea originates with the Swiss sociologist and anthropologist Dr. Bernard Crettaz [fr], who organized the first café mortel in 2004. Jon Underwood, a UK web developer, was inspired by Crettaz's work and developed the Death Cafe model in 2011. He was instrumental in the spread of the idea. They have since been held in 66 countries.

Services offered: Demographic served: people who need to talk; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Solidarity

Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Mar 17, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10561

Dweb [democratizaton/decentralization of the internet]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web getdweb.net
Service Temporary

DWeb is a project of the nonprofit Gatherings for Good.

All DWeb events are co–created and powered by a global community of volunteer designers, developers, organizers and thought leaders.

PURPOSE AND ORIGIN

These principles define the values of a decentralized web based on enabling agency of all peoples. It is the basis for behavioral norms and mutual accountability.

These principles originate from members of the DWeb Community — those involved with and convened by the Internet Archive's work on the decentralized web. These stand alongside other sets of principles that share or expand upon these values, in recognition that our efforts to build a more just and equitable world are interdependent.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, International Policy; Advocacy, Privacy/ Ethics; Demographic Served: Social Peers; Disaster Tech Planning Groups; Education, Soveriegnty; Events, Community Meetings; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Tech, Social Media; Information Resource, Watchdog, Transparency & Accountability; Internship Program, International; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services, Tech, Computer Consulting Service; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Software Tools, for Disaster Orgs/EMAs, Volunteer Coord Focused; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian; Volunteer Opportunities, International
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jun 22, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10571

Economic Democracy [education/advocacy]

School · Open

Web www.economicdemocracy.us
Service Temporary

"Economics for Emancipation is a course created by the Center for Economic Democracy (CED) and the Center for Popular Economics (CPE)

The current version of this course is the result of many years of work first led by the Center for Popular Economics (CPE) – a collective which was founded in 1979 by radical (or heterodox) economists out of the University of Massachusetts Amherst. They ran a yearly “Summer Institute” for union organizers in New England. Word spread over the decades, as organizers from across the country traveled to Amherst for the week–long in–person training which was rooted in popular education practices meant to serve real people and communities. This was and continues to be novel within the Economics field."

Services offered: Community Standards, List of; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Information Resource, How to Organize; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Economics
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; New "Business" Models
Updated Jun 23, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10579

Fediverse: Mastodon (People Centric social network app, sharing news, opinions, and chatting)

Info/Hotline · Open

There is no central control, only people hosting Mastodon "Instances", where people can join, share with people within that instance, and beyond. A nice person has this site to help people understand how Mastodon works. We LOVE Mastodon because first of all, you can be anonymous to sign up, and perhaps even more important, this is an app run BY PEOPLE not corporations... So join in the fun, don't worry about your privacy, and post/share and like! https://fedi.tips/

From the Fedi.Tips website:

The Fediverse is a collection of thousands of independent social media servers that talk to each other seamlessly. This means that the millions of users on these servers can interact with each other as if they were on a single social network.

The most popular and famous type of Fediverse server at the moment is called Mastodon and works a bit like a calmer friendlier version of Twitter, but there are many kinds of Fediverse servers including video platforms, book groups, community calendars etc. The Fediverse is made up of thousands servers, all of which are fully independent but talk to each other to form a single social network.

The process of interacting with other servers on the Fediverse is so seamless, most people don't even notice that they are communicating with other servers. This is the same experience that people have with phone calls, where they have no idea they are talking to someone on another provider.

Other guides to learning:

guides to joining:
https://fedi.garden/
https://mastodonservers.net/
are just two.

AND also, Fedi is not just Mastodon, see more here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fediverse#ActivityPub_2

Services offered: Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics, GOOD PRIVACY POLICY; collaboration tools, FREE, ANY/ALL types; Demographic Served: Social Peers; Mutual Aid
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Nov 16, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10797

Food Not Bombs (Free Meals, Alternative Societal Network Models)

Info/Hotline · Open

Contact director
Email menu@foodnotbombs.net
Web www.foodnotbombs.net
Service Temporary

from the websites:

Food Not Bombs is one of the fastest growing revolutionary movements and is gaining momentum throughout the world. There are hundreds of autonomous chapters sharing free vegetarian food with hungry people and protesting war and poverty. Food Not Bombs is not a charity. This energetic grassroots movement is active throughout the Americas, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia and Australia. Food Not Bombs is organizing for peace and an end to the occupations of Iraq, Afghanistan and Palestine. For nearly 30 years the movement has worked to end hunger and has supported actions to stop the globalization of the economy, restrictions to the movements of people, end exploitation and the destruction of the earth.

The first group was formed in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1980 by anti–nuclear activists. Food Not Bombs is an all–volunteer organization dedicated to nonviolent social change. Food Not Bombs has no formal leaders and strives to include everyone in its decision making process. Each group recovers food that would otherwise be thrown out and makes fresh hot vegan and vegetarian meals that are served in outside in public spaces to anyone without restriction. Many Food Not Bombs groups also share groceries and organize other efforts to support their communities. Each independent group also serves free meals at protests and other events. The San Francisco chapter has been arrested over 1,000 times in government's effort to silence its protest against the city's anti– homeless policies. Amnesty International states it will adopt those Food Not Bombs volunteers that are convicted as "Prisoners of Conscience" and will work for their unconditional release. Volunteers are currently being arrested in Orlando, Florida and Minsk, Belaruse. Even though we are dedicated to nonviolence Food Not Bombs activists in the United States have been under investigation by the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force, Pentagon and other intelligence agencies. A number of Food Not Bombs volunteers have been arrested on terrorism charges.

Food Not Bombs is often the first to provide food and supplies to the survivors of disasters. During the first three days after the 1989 Earthquake, Food Not Bombs was the only organization in San Francisco providing hot meals to the survivors. Food Not Bombs was also the first to provide hot meals to the rescue workers responding to September 11th World Trade Center attacks. Food Not Bombs volunteers were among the first to provide food and help to the survivors of the Asian Tsunami and Hurricane Katrina. Our volunteers organized a national collection program and delivered bus and truckloads of food and supplies to the gulf region. We were one of the only organizations sharing daily meals in New Orleans after Katrina. Food Not Bombs is now preparing for the economic crash organizing Food Not Lawns community gardens, housing the homeless with Homes Not Jails, organizing additional meals each week and starting new Food Not Bombs chapters.

Food Not Bombs works in coalition with groups like Earth First!, The Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, Anarchist Black Cross, the IWW, Homes Not Jails, Anti Racist Action, Farm Animal Rights Movement, In Defense of Animals, the Free Radio Movement and other organizations on the cutting edge of positive social change and resistance to the new global austerity program. Food Not Bombs provided the meals for the protesters at Camp Casey outside Bush's ranch in Texas and was the frist to provide food to the survivors of Hurricane Katrina. Volunteers also helped organize and shared meals at the 1999 WTO protests in Seattle and provide logistical support for many other anti–globalization actions. Kiev Food Not Bombs fed the tent city protest during the Orange Revolution and groups in Slovokia started animal rescue shelters in 24 cities. We are also sharing meals at protests responding to the global economic crisis.

As the global economy was starting to fail the city of Orlando passed a law restricting the sharing of meals with the hungry. The Orlando Police arrested Food Not Bombs volunteer Eric Montanez on April 4, 2007. Many other America cities were also introducing laws to discourage the feeding of the hungery and Food Not Bombs volunteers were arrested in Nevada, Connecticut and several other states. Eric was found innocent and Food Not Bombs challenged the law in Federal Court. After winning at the district level the Eleventh Circut Court of Appeals rule that Orlando could restrict Food Not Bombs to twice a year per park. The

city started arresting the volunteers for sharing meals at Lake Eola Park on June 1, 2011. The arrests continue. Volunteers in Minks, Belaruse are also being arrested for sharing food with the hungry. Their capaign also continues.

Many groups organize Really Really Free Markets giving away all kinds of items for free, planting Food Not Lawns community gardens and housing people with the Homes Not Jails project. Many chapters also organize Bikes Not Bombs programs collecting and repairing used bicycles to provide to people in low–income communities. We also provided meals to protesters at the Democratic and Republican National Conventions in the United States. We will provide meals to the families of striking workers and help organize actions encouraging alternatives to the failure of capitalism.

Food Not Bombs activists are currently making plans to celebrate our 30th year of cooking for peace. Along with organizing the celebration each local chapter collects and distributes food every week and there are several other projects that support the Food Not Bombs movement. One collective called "A Food Not Bombs Menu." helps people find or start local chapters. They also maintain the website www.foodnotbombs.net, organize tours and support Food Not Bombs gatherings. They also provide books, t–shirts and other materials to promote the principles of Food Not Bombs. We hope you will join us in taking direct action towards creating a world free from domination, coercion and violence. Food is a right, not a privilege.

Please visit our website to find out how you can help us work for peace and justice.

Services offered: Communications, Equipment, Radio, Ham Radio; Communications, Equipment, Radio Transmitters, Large; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Homelessness Relief Services; Rainbow Community
Updated Nov 4, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9041

FREE OpenSource Office Productivity Apps [get off Google/Microsoft

Info/Hotline · Open

Web pad.envs.net

CryptPad the end–to–end encrypted and open–source collaboration suite. hosted by envs.net a minimalist, non–commercial shared unix system and will always be free to use.

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Alternatives public instances of CryptPad:
https://cryptpad.org/instances/

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CryptPad Instances

CryptPad is open–source so anyone can install and offer the service. This page lists instances that are open to the public.
CryptPad.fr

The flagship instance that is hosted and administrated by the CryptPad development team. Additional storage space and priority support are available as part of subscription plans that fund the project's development.

https://cryptpad.fr

Hosted in France

The CryptPad instances listed below are third–party services, they are not affiliated with the development team in any capacity. In order to be listed here these services have passed a series of checks to ensure they use an up–to–date version of CryptPad and have the recommended security and privacy settings. You can check their realtime availability with our dedicated status page. Requests for support should be directed to their administrators.

Learn how to have your instance included in this list.
Unredacted Crypt

A free CryptPad instance operated by Unredacted, a 501(c)(3) non-profit

https://crypt.unredacted.org

Hosted in United States of America
pad.envs.net

envs.net is a minimalist, non-commercial shared unix system and will always be free to use.

https://pad.envs.net

Hosted in Germany
CryptPad Blabla Linux

Ceci est une instance communautaire et indépendante de CryptPad.

https://cryptpad.blablalinux.be

Hosted in Belgique
DCMNT.EU

Generic Documents instance for everyone to use. Offered by the Fedihosting Foundation (https://fedihosting.foundation)

https://dcmnt.eu

Hosted in Germany
NL Cryptpad

Український інстанс Cryptpad. powered by noleron.com

https://cryptpad.noleron.com

Hosted in Ukraine
cryptpad.ffmuc.net

Dies ist eine unabhängige CryptPad-Installation bereitgestellt von Freifunk München (ffmuc.net)

https://cryptpad.ffmuc.net

Hosted in Deutschland
Cryptpad Linux07

Ceci est une instance communautaire et indépendante de Cryptpad offert par les Services Numériques Linux07 (https://linux07.fr), Linux07 est membre des CHATONS (https://chatons.org).

https://cryptpad.linux07.fr

Hosted in France
CipherPad

Instance hosted by individuals for free and available for everyone.

https://cryptpad.malacher.fr

Hosted in France
Cryptpad at tchncs.de

The Cryptpad instance of tchncs.de - offering a fair amount of storage while trying not to conflict with the official offering.

https://pad.tchncs.de

Hosted in Germany
cryptpad.private.coffee

An independent community instance of CryptPad brought to you by Private.coffee.

https://cryptpad.private.coffee

Hosted in Austria
Fediverse Foundation

Docs, powered by you and the Fediverse Foundation!

https://docs.fediverse.foundation

Hosted in Austria
Ébauche FACiLe

Instance publique de CryptPad opérée par FACiL.

https://ebauche.facil.services

Hosted in Québec
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Services offered: Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics; Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics, GOOD PRIVACY POLICY; collaboration tools, FREE, ANY/ALL types; Computer, Software, Office Suite
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Nov 14, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10794

International Mutual Aid Disaster Relief [hub of educational info, principles, and org listings in countries aroud the world]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web mutualaiddisasterrelief.org/about
Service Temporary

to find the org listing, go to the link above and look for "resources" under "info" and click on "visit directory" or go straight there: https://mutualaiddisasterrelief.org/collective-care

from the above site:

Our national network is made up of many eco-activists, social justice activists, global justice activists, permaculturalists, community organizers, and others who are actively organizing around supporting disaster survivors in a spirit of mutual aid and solidarity. It is a decentralized network, defined by the character and creativity of a multitude of communities and drawn together by our collective commitment to stand in solidarity with those impacted by disasters and turn the tide in favor of climate justice. We build our network through education and action. We are deeply moved by the Black Panther survival programs which served the aim of satisfying immediate needs while simultaneously raising people's consciousness. Rooted in our history and experiences of social movement organizing we see our disaster relief work in the context of social struggle and believe that we must simultaneously address people's immediate self-determined needs for survival and organize for fundamental shifts in the way we relate to each other and the earth.
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID-19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Apr 12, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10271

International Solidarity Economy Project (mapping/connecting people with socially responsible businesses/enterprises)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.ripess.org/?lang=en
Service Temporary

See US and other countries by choosing the "Affiliation: Solidarity Economy" item below.
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Jul 16, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9722

It's Going Down.org's take on Pandemic, Mutual Aid, Collective living, etc, list of mutual aid networks

Info/Hotline · Open

Web itsgoingdown.org/autonomous-groups-are-mobilizing-mutual-aid-initiatives-to-combat-the-coronavirus
Service Temporary

Admin: this is a GREAT site...it really helps the casual observer understand that the pandemic isn't simply "by accident"...wonderful research/and advice, but beware of some of these mutual aid groups that are listed. Some of them seem like phishing groups or something, because the link goes to a page that looks almost identical to the other city's mutual aid group's pages. And the page asks you to input your personal information before they will tell you what they are doing. If a group can't give you specifics about what they are doing, with a list of events and/or resources, be careful about inputting your personal info. Perhaps contact them first and find out who they are, where they are from, and see if the actually know your area or not. Sorry, it gets like this during disasters...we want to believe everyone's cool...and we hope they are...just be careful... in solidarity

Specific List for Gaza Mutual Aid recommended by the It's Going Down peeps:
https://itsgoingdown.org/your-guide-on-how-to-support-mutual-aid-groups-in-palestine-as-humanitarian-crisis-deepens/

Services offered: Mutual Aid
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID-19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Helping People Suffering from the Gaza Occupation; It's Going Down [mutual aid and solidarity organizating]
Updated Nov 16, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10238

Its Going Down.org [education/news, collective living]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web itsgoingdown.org
Service Temporary

Campaigns: 2022 Hurricane Ian; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Mar 21, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10237

La Via Campesina – International Peasants' Movement [MAIN HQ]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web viacampesina.org/en
Service Temporary

The seeds of La Via Campesina was sown in 1992 in Nicaragua, during the organization of the third Continental Meeting of the 500 years of indigenous, Afro–descendant and popular resistance, as an expression of struggle, resistance and articulation to build an international movement capable of giving voice and resonance to peasants from all over the world, having as common objectives: an explicit rejection of the neoliberal model of rural development, an unquestionable rejection of being excluded from the development of agricultural policy and the determination “not to disappear”.

This common interest and commitment gave rise to the Managua Declaration, signed by representatives of eight peasant organizations from Central America, the Caribbean, Europe, Canada and the United States, who met to participate in the Second Congress of the National Union of Farmers and Ranchers (UNAG), also held in Managua on April 25 and 26, 1992.

These meetings led to fundamental episodes in the history of LVC such as the organization of the Continental Campaign for 500 years of Indigenous, Afro–descendant and Popular Resistance and the meeting that marked the beginning of the Latin American Coordination of Rural Organizations (CLOC) and the Declaration of Managua that gave rise to La Via Campesina.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES
MONS (1993)
TLAXCALA (1996)
BANGALORE (2000)
SAO PAOLO (2004)
MAPUTO (2008)
JAKARTA (2013)
DERIO (2017)
MID–TERM CONFERENCES

REGIONS
CENTRAL AMERICA
CARIBBEAN
SOUTH AMERICA
NORTH AMERICA
SOUTHERN AND EASTERN AFRICA
WESTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA
SOUTH ASIA
SOUTH EAST AND EAST ASIA
EUROPE
EMERGING REGIONS
GET INVOLVED
WRITE TO US
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Womens Rights; Advocacy, Worker Rights; Agriculture/ Farming/Gardening Resource; Demographic Served: Immigrants; Demographic Served: Migrants; Demographic Served: Social Peers; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Undocumented Individuals; Demographic Served: Victims of Environmental Injustice; Education, Food Soveriegnty; Education, Soveriegnty; Education, Traditional Ways; Government, Farm Service Agency; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Immigrant Worker Rights Instruction; Training, Government Policy; Training, Legal
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; Environmental Sustainability; La Via Campesina – International Peasants' Movement [decolonization/sovereignty
Updated Jun 16, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10564

LibreOffice [off line downloadable FREE office productivity suite] Microsoft/ GoogleDocs alternative

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.libreoffice.org

FREE. OpenSource. Downloadable. PRIVATE.

Services offered: Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics; Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics, GOOD PRIVACY POLICY; collaboration tools, FREE, ANY/ALL types
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Nov 14, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10795

Logic School [online experiment for tech workers]

School · Open

Web school.logicmag.io
Service Temporary

"Logic School is an online, experimental school for tech workers produced by Logic Foundation with support from Processing Foundation.
Our curriculum draws from the worlds of activism, design, and software engineering. Our program cultivates critical thinking about technology and its impact. We are a community built school.

Logic School has a grassroots theory of change. We believe the people who make the tech industry run—its workers—have the power to not only transform it, but to build and imagine new technologies.

At Logic School, we're guided by the idea of "underlying conditions" - what are the underlying conditions that have grown the world we live in now? What are the underlying conditions we need to create, to live in the world we want? We believe technology (from the distributed web to ancestral technologies) has a role to play in answering these questions."

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Movement Technologist Statement

We work with information technology. Some of us are movement technologists -- people who bring their political commitment to developing technology and tech capacity for social justice organizations and communities. Others are movement activists who use technology in our work.

We were among over 50 technologists and organizations of diverse types that gathered at the Highlander Center in Tennessee in May 2017 to discuss the concerns we have arising from and affecting our work, express our various views on the reasons for and impact of those concerns and build consensus among us about how to address those concerns given the political moment in which we find ourselves.

About 90 percent of those gathered were people of color. More than half were women. A large percentage of us were gender non-conforming and LGBTQ. The gathering reflected the demographics of most people who do movement technology and, because of that, we feel both empowered by and responsible for the growth and direction of this field.

So the people making and signing this statement do so in honor of the Highlander gathering and seek to draw some lessons from it. We aren't representing everyone who was there but we believe the following statement reflects the spirit of the conversations and thinking that took place at the gathering.

Our experience tells us that, to make the fundamental social changes necessary to human survival, our movements need to change some of the ways we approach technology, technologists and the role of both.
The Moment

Technology has brought us to the place where we are.

In the hands of the world's ruling class, technology has helped ravage societies, pervert the use of science, accelerate climate crisis and displace much of the working people from their jobs. It has permitted the most massive intrusion into privacy and disruption of fundamental civil rights in history. It has allowed our government to create a police state in waiting.

At the same time, technology has developed a world-wide collaborative community, modeling the culture of a new society through the way software is developed, tested and perfected. It has provided the human race with its most effective and fastest communications in history, nurturing communities, networks and mass movements and making possible almost immediate response to oppression and repression. It has made counter-speech more powerful and information completely accessible.

In the hands of the world's people, technology can now help us get to where we want to go.

In the right hands, technology brings people–powered solutions of many of the major human problems. From housing, to hunger, to climate catastrophe, to disease, to education oppression, to the very core of democratic culture...using technology we can solve these problems and make possible the world we seek to build.

Technology also makes it possible for us to struggle for and build that world.
The Challenge

Historically, technologists and the role of technology have been excluded from wider political discussions in our movements. There is one thing needed to start developing a deeper relationship between technologists and technology and the broader movement: movement technologists and movement activists must develop a deeper collaboration emanating from an understanding that we are both essential parts of building powerful movements.

Effectively, our movement should consider its technologists as the primary sources of information about technology, moving away from the toxic dependence much of our movement has on corporate technologists and tech companies. At the same time, movement technologists and tech organizers should be invited to lead the way on new tech practices and platforms for our movements, moving away from the all too prevalent tendency of developing software and other tech solutions without direct input from non–techie movement activists and organizers.

Super–funded technology organizations run by white men must no longer dominate training, movement organizing, conferences and projects –– including software development.

The days of technologists trained at and working for large organizations and foundations parachuting into local communities and community organizations to provide quick "solutions" without explanation, orientation or consultation, all while ignoring the talent and capability within those communities and organizations must come to an end.

To be clear, many of the people who "parachute" into frontline communities to provide tech solutions may be well–intentioned and truly helpful and productive. But the model does nothing to engage in deep partnership, build real power or develop the capabilities and capacities of our movements and communities. Parachuting is a service strategy; not a movement–building strategy. In the 21st century, a new approach is needed.
The Program

Currently technology is being developed, controlled, and owned by the ruling class and used in their interests to maintain a brutal system of superexploitation and oppression. We want a shift in the underlying logic of how technology is created and used. Instead of being used as a tool to divide and conquer, we believe technology must be taken back by the people and used as a tool of liberation. That communities on the ground should have access to the power to develop, control, and own technology.

The implementation of that vision will require the kind of movement relationship we've been speaking about. While the development of that relationship is progressive and will require continuous work, there are some steps needed right now. We agree that anyone who believes in the right of communities to self–determine their conditions should agree to these steps:

Our role and experience as Movement technologists, especially people of color, women, and LGBTQ people, in the movement should be respected and expected, that our opinions and knowledge be listened to and sought out. This means we should be included in conferences and convergences, networks, software and technology development initiatives and all other major movement tech initiatives through a principle of radical inclusivity.
That our leadership be accepted and encouraged. We should be included in networks and places of decision making and power within our movement from the start. Building a truly progressive movement requires the leadership of technologists grounded within movement networks and guided by this framework.
That our movements expect us to prioritize their needs and insist that we comply with that responsibility. Software Technology development, training, and its strategic use in movement building is not merely a hobby, pastime or job. It is a political responsibility and, to comply with that, we need to listen carefully to what our movements are telling us about their needs, discuss thbr />ese with them seriously, implement what is needed and engage our movements in full testing and beta–changing procedures.
That our change movement and the philanthropic institutions that support it, seriously support the development of technology from inside our movements expanded, unrestricted, and movement–directed funds. Techies coming out of movement organizations know their communities, organizations and the needs of their movement; they are the best candidate for technologist development. They will also stay in their communities and organizations building those movements rather than being lured away by industry jobs and salaries.

At this point, there is literally no support for development of this type of program. It should be an absolute priority.
The Conclusion

We believe these steps are essential to the future independence and usefulness of information technology and for the success of our connected struggles. This is a radical invitation into new ways to practice and resource the technological leadership to face the struggles ahead with stronger, more strategic, and more successful movements.
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(in alphabetical order)

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Services offered: Business Services, Co–Op oriented; Services, Tech, Internet Services
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NOVA Web Development [tech coop]

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Services offered: Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian
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Communal Giving: The Lifelong Tradition of Fundraising in Africa
When communities lead investments, directing resources to where they’re needed most, we accelerate change that resonates and endures.
Tobechukwu M. Njideaka
Oct 01, 2024

The recent convergence of global leaders at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) week in September 2024 and the African Philanthropy Forum (APF) in October 2024, highlighted the critical role of community–led development in driving Africa’s progress. During UNGA, African philanthropist Tony Elumelu emphasized empowering local communities—especially youth—as a sustainable pathway to economic growth. Similarly, at the WINGS side–event, "From Commitment to Action: Global & Local

Philanthropy for Locally–Led Development," participants discussed the importance of grassroots philanthropy in fostering effective, lasting change across Africa.

At the APF Forum, these themes were expanded through sessions like “People Power: Catalyzing Transformation through Trust–Based Philanthropy and Civic Engagement,” which explored how civic involvement and trust–based giving promote accountability and resilience in communities. Another session, “Accelerating Transformation through Strategic Engagements with Government,” underscored how aligning philanthropic initiatives with government policy can amplify impact. Together, these events have reignited attention on Africa’s rich tradition of communal giving—an approach where communities are not only recipients but active agents of their own transformation.

Across Africa, communal living and giving have long been foundational, and deeply embedded in the fabric of society. This tradition of mutual aid underpins Africa’s approach to philanthropy, far preceding modern fundraising methods. Long before the term "philanthropy" became common in development circles, African communities practised a form of giving that was inherently collective, ensuring that no one was left behind.

Today, as modern philanthropy evolves, it is vital to recognize that Africa's communal giving practices are not a new phenomenon —they are a continuation of ancient traditions that have always emphasized mutual aid and community–driven development. This article explores how Africa’s deep–rooted giving traditions continue to shape philanthropy today, demonstrating that community remains at the heart of impactful development.

Botswana: Cattle Contributions for Higher Education

One of the most remarkable examples of communal giving in Africa took place in Botswana during the 1960s. As a newly independent country, Botswana faced a critical need for higher education to foster national development. Building a university required funds that the government did not have, so President Seretse Khama turned to the spirit of communal giving that defines Botswana. A nationwide call went out, encouraging families to donate their most valuable asset—cattle—to raise money for what would become the University of Botswana.

This communal effort led to the establishment of the university in 1982, paving the way for generations of educated citizens who would contribute to the country’s growth. Today, Botswana’s free public schooling and emphasis on education are part of the legacy of that initial communal investment.

Source: University of Botswana

Kenya: Harambee Drives for National Development

In Kenya, the spirit of community is embodied in the concept of Harambee, meaning "pull together." Popularized by Jomo Kenyatta, Kenya’s first president, Harambee became a rallying cry for collective development after independence. Through Harambee drives, communities organized fundraisers to build schools, hospitals, and other infrastructure projects that would have been impossible without collective financial contributions.

The impact of Harambee is evident in projects like the Kenyatta National Hospital, which remains the largest referral and teaching hospital in East Africa, and Starehe Boys' Centre, which has provided quality education to underprivileged students for decades. Today, the Harambee spirit continues to inspire grassroots fundraising efforts, often using mobile money and crowdfunding platforms to bring people together for community upliftment.

Nigeria: Esusu for Lifelong Support

In Nigeria, the tradition of Esusu—also known as Ajo—is a testament to the power of community–driven financial support. Esusu groups are informal savings and credit associations that allow members to pool resources and provide financial assistance to each other for major life events. These associations have been pivotal in enabling community members to start small businesses, fund education, and support families in times of need.

In modern Nigeria, Esusu has laid the foundation for the microfinance industry, which provides much–needed financial services to those who are otherwise excluded from the formal banking system. The resilience of Esusu practices extends beyond Nigeria’s borders; members of the Nigerian diaspora continue to participate in Esusu, pooling resources to support projects back home. This demonstrates that communal giving is not just a local concept—it is a lifelong support system that travels wherever communities do.

South Africa: Ubuntu and Stokvels—Solidarity in Action

In South Africa, the philosophy of Ubuntu, meaning "I am because we are," represents the deep connection between community and individual well–being. Ubuntu inspired South Africans to come together during the years of apartheid, providing mutual support through difficult times. Stokvels, informal savings clubs, became essential tools for raising money for education, healthcare, weddings, and even funerals.

Today, Stokvels continues to be a major part of South Africa's informal economy, with millions of members contributing billions of rand annually. These communal savings groups have been instrumental in financing housing projects and covering educational expenses, providing opportunities for many to improve their lives. Ubuntu–driven philanthropy emphasizes that individual prosperity is tied to community well–being, an idea that remains central to both traditional and modern forms of giving.

Egypt: Waqf as a Model for Modern Endowment

In Egypt, the tradition of Waqf—an Islamic charitable endowment—has long been a cornerstone of community–driven philanthropy. A waqf is typically established to fund public services such as education, healthcare, and welfare for the vulnerable, creating lasting community benefits.

The legacy of waqf continues in Egypt today, where it supports institutions like Al–Azhar University, a globally recognized center of learning, and numerous public hospitals that provide healthcare to those who need it most. The concept of waqf is an enduring model for how endowments can support societal welfare, illustrating that structured giving is far from a new concept in African communities. It highlights the sustainability of communal philanthropy—how contributions from individuals create legacies that endure for generations.
Community Giving Beyond Borders

The African diaspora has taken the values of communal giving to new shores, establishing networks to support projects at home. Diaspora organizations and associations such as the African Diaspora Network, continue to act as vehicles for community–led philanthropy, bridging the gap between Africans living abroad and their home countries.

For example, Kenyans in the United States frequently organize Harambee fundraisers to support schools, healthcare, and infrastructure back in Kenya. Similarly, Nigerians in the UK continue to participate in Esusu to not only support each other but also to channel funds back home to support local development projects. The African Diaspora Network has become a key platform for Africans living abroad to contribute meaningfully to the continent's growth, demonstrating that communal giving is not confined by geography but remains a lifelong commitment.
Community First: A Tradition That Transforms

The legacy of communal giving in Africa is clear—from the cattle donations that helped establish Botswana's first university, to the Harambee projects in Kenya that built hospitals and schools, to the informal savings groups in Nigeria and South Africa that have empowered countless people. These examples show that philanthropy in Africa has always been, and continues to be a community–first endeavor.

In today's world, African philanthropy continues to evolve, but its essence remains the same. Mobile money donations, crowdfunding campaigns, and diaspora contributions all reflect the communal spirit that has sustained African societies for generations. As Africa continues to face new challenges, the age–old practice of coming together to uplift the community will remain a powerful driver of progress. True change comes when people rise together, and in Africa, the community will always come first.

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Radical Connections Network

We are a community of people who work with technology and are committed to building a just, democratic and sustainable world. Most of us are people of color, more than half women and a substantial percentage of us are LGBTQ and gender non–conforming.

Many of us identify as movement technologists, people who bring their political commitment to developing technology and tech capacity for social justice organizations and communities. Some of us consider ourselves movement activists who use technology in our work. But no matter how we choose to describe our relationship to technology, all of us agree that it is time to bring folks like us together in a gathering that reflects our work, our commitment and our culture.
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Shareable's Manifesto for Mutual Aid

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We make no formal endorsement of this work but find it interesting and worth the read

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This is where we found it: https://www.shareable.net/the–war–on–cash–cash–cards–crypto–and–the–war–for–our–wallets/

This is what the website says:

5 years after Hurricane Maria colonialism and capitalism wreak havoc in Puerto Rico
The Response Podcast: How Puerto Ricans Are Restoring Power to the People
Shareable|September 19, 2022
This weekend Hurricane Fiona made landfall on Puerto Rico – almost exactly five years to the day after Hurricane Maria devastated the island in 2017.

As of Monday millions of people in Puerto Rico are still without power. With winds gusting up to 100mph, The Category 1 storm has incapacitated the country and, once again, laid bare the exceptional vulnerability of the island in the face of decades of neoliberal austerity and disinvestment in infrastructure.

As events continue to unfold on the island, it's unclear exactly how severe and long–lasting the impacts of Hurricane Fiona will be — but if there's one thing we know for certain, it's that the island's residents have an unfortunately deep understanding of the struggles and challenges ahead of them.

What lessons can be learned from the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria five years ago? Perhaps revisiting our 30–minute award–winning film exploring how communities responded to that disaster can provide some insight.

"The Response: How Puerto Ricans Are Restoring Power to the People" documents how an impromptu community kitchen meant to help feed survivors in the town of Caguas quickly grew into an island–wide network of mutual aid centers (Centros de Apoyo Mutuo) with the ultimate goal to restore power — both electric and civic — to the people.

Thanks to a grant from the Guerrilla Foundation, "The Response," is now available in four different languages: English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Bringing people together for an in–person or online film screening is a great tool for opening a dialogue about the lessons learned in Puerto Rico and how your community can be better prepared to respond to current and future disruptions.

To receive a free toolkit for hosting a screening, please fill out a short registration form here.
The Response project, is a documentary film, book, and podcast series exploring how communities are building collective resilience in the wake of disasters.

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COMMONS|UPSTREAMThe Green Transition Part 1: The Problem with Green Capitalism

The Green Transition by Bethan Mure

Robert Raymond|September 15, 2022
It's clear that we need to decarbonize our economy as quickly as possible in order to avoid the worst of climate change — but carbon isn't the only problem we're facing. As the world moves towards renewables and away from fossil fuels as an energy source, we can't forget that the technology and minerals behind this green transition need to come from somewhere — and that somewhere is primarily countries in the Global South.

The supply chains which carry the lithium, copper, cobalt, and other minerals essential for renewable technology from the peripheries to the imperial cores — from places like Chile and Bolivia to places like the United States and Europe — are built upon a foundation of colonialism, imperialism, hyper–exploitation, and ecocide: all essential components of our current economic system — capitalism.

In part one of this two–part series on the green transition, Upstream explores what happens when we simply paint capitalism green without addressing its fundamental global operating principles and processes. What is the dark side of the energy transition — particularly for the Global South and Indigenous communities?

In part two they will dive deeper into some solutions, but in this episode, Upstream starts their journey in the Atacama desert of Chile and ends all the way in the Arctic Circle, exploring the global extractive machine and the communities that exist on its frontiers.

You can listen to the full Upstream Documentary below to dive deeper into this topic.

Featured guests:

Max Ajl — Associated researcher with the Tunisian Observatory for Food Sovereignty and the Environment, postdoctoral fellow with the Rural Sociology Group at Wageningen University, author of A People's Green New Deal
Ana Julia Aneise — Youth climate activist with Youth for Climate
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Jason Hickel — Economic anthropologist and author of Less is More: How Degrowth Will Save the World
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Thea Riofrancos — Associate professor of political science at Providence College and co–author of A Planet To Win: Why We Need a Green New Deal
Matthias Schmelzer — Economic historian at the University of Vienna and co–author of The Future is Degrowth: A Guide to a World Beyond Capitalism
A full transcript of the episode is available for your viewing pleasure here.

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ENTERPRISECo-ops meet capital with Start.coop's Equitable Economy Fund

Launched in 2020, Start.coop's Equitable Economy Fund is an equity fund designed to provide capital that can accelerate cooperatively-owned & shared ownership companies. Credit: Stocksy

Alessandra Bautze|September 6, 2022
The United States is home to 30,000 cooperatives, or co-ops, businesses owned and managed by the people who produce and consume the goods, products, or services they offer.

The cooperative model serves as an alternative to traditional capitalism and has the potential to open doors for individuals and communities who may have historically been excluded from opportunities to generate wealth. Research suggests cooperatives may indeed be the key to building a more equitable, sustainable economy. But how can new co-ops get the support they need to get off the ground, grow, and thrive? One organization is working to answer that question.

Meet Start.coop
Formally known as Cooperatives for a Better World, Start.coop was designed with cooperatives — and their members — in mind. Start.coop's mission is to "cultivate the next generation of cooperative businesses at scale..." To do this, the organization has three primary programs: an incubator program, an accelerator program, and design and coaching services.

To this end, Start.coop has also established a sister organization, The Equitable Economy Fund. A pilot fund of $2 million, The EEF was designed to match angel investors to co-ops to ensure said co-ops have the capital they need to succeed within the shared ownership model.

Start.coop founder and Equitable Economy Fund co-director Greg Brodksy poses with partners and accelerator program alumni. Credit: Fifty by Fifty
Co-directors Greg Brodksy and Jessica Mason are the driving forces behind both Start.coop and The Equitable Economy Fund. Brodsky is a seasoned start-up and co-op strategist and founder and co-director of the accelerator program. He also runs the Equitable Economy Fund. Prior to his current role, he founded the Bike Cooperative and helped launch the nation's first purchasing co-op for craft breweries.

Like Brodsky, Mason's work centers on helping co-ops address the challenges associated with shared ownership head on. An angel investor herself, she previously was the founder of The Social Impact Studio. In addition to her work with Start.coop, Mason is on the faculty of Foster America (an organization that sponsors a fellowship program to equip the next generation of child welfare leaders) and is a board member of the artist-owned cooperative Ampled, which previously benefited from the resources offered by Start.coop's accelerator program.

The programs in action
The Equitable Economy Fund is a pooled investment fund exempt from registration with the SEC. As such, only accredited investors are able to invest in the Fund. Investors have access to a diversified portfolio that contains several different cooperatives, as well as other shared-ownership companies — all of whom are graduates of Start.coop's accelerator program. If a cooperative or shared ownership company shows exceptional potential, then accredited investors have the option to invest more in a subsequent round (known as follow-on capital).

The Guild team (pictured in front of their cooperatively owned/managed building in Atlanta) participated in Start.coop's 2022 accelerator cohort. Their mission is to develop equitable real estate and programs for communities of color to thrive in. Credit: The Guild
Start.coop's annual accelerator program is based around a cohort model. Over the course of 16 weeks, the virtual program offers coaching, mentorship, platform service access, and an investment of $10,000 per team. Graduates who are considered high-performing are eligible to apply for $50,000 in follow-up funding. Eight companies were selected as part of the most recent 2022 accelerator program:

Freelancer Guilded Cooperative provides contract management, tax preparation, and healthcare for freelance artists.
The first breast milk bank owned by nursing mothers, Mother's Milk Cooperative provides breast milk to premature babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).
A joint venture between Navajo Power and Iluméxico (which provides affordable solar energy in Mexico), Navajo Power Home provides solar power to homes on Navajo and Hopi lands that were previously without electricity.
More than just a creative writing software program, Novlr also allows writers to make money from their writing.
Montreal-based Radish Cooperative is an online food delivery service owned by restaurants, consumers, and couriers.
SMAT provides tools for journalists to analyze hate and disinformation online.
Owned by its members, StyleCrush is an online resale market offering sustainable fashion curated into "mini-collections."
Based in Southwest Atlanta, The Guild is dedicated to building affordable mixed-use real estate for community members and activists as a way to "build a pathway to ownership for Black and Brown people."
The Nearness is a digital cooperative fostering "small-group rituals and soulful conversations" through a spiritual community.
Addressing pervasive inequities in funding
In putting forth its mission, Start.coop recognizes that "only a tiny fraction of the 30,000 co-ops in the United States are Black-

owned". With its focus on funding cooperatives owned by women and people of color, Start.coop is dedicated to ensuring that these often–excluded cooperatives have the resources they need to thrive. Funding recipients' missions often address pressing issues that are often overlooked by traditional accelerator programs, but can have real implications for marginalized people and communities. These include the rise of the gig economy, the exploitation of workers in fast fashion, the rise of fake news, and the skyrocketing cost of housing.

In 2020, Y Combinator (a well–known American technology startup accelerator who Start.coop has been compared to) released data on the diversity of the companies it funded. Of the nearly 200 companies hosted in their summer 2020 cohort, only 16 percent o had a woman founder and only 9 percent had a Black founder.

With the Equitable Economy Fund, Start.coop hopes to paint a different picture for the future of funding. Noting in its mission that historical inequities in access and capital have stifled marginalized communities' ability to thrive in traditional (and cooperative) economic spaces, Sart.coop says it is working "to address systemic racism and the root causes of inequality."

Success stories and long term vision
Several startups have benefited from both Start.coop's accelerator program and the Equitable Economy Fund. Two "alumni" include Obran Cooperative and UPROOT Homes. Obran Cooperative is a worker–owned staffing company with a focus on empowering people of color, including formerly incarcerated individuals. One of its two brands is Core Staffing, a staffing agency for returning citizens (people who are returning to society after being released from prison). Employees work in various industries,including food processing, light manufacturing, and warehouse operations.

UPROOT Homes, recognizing that 650,000 military families relocate every year, is dedicated to helping these families access homeownership and its financial benefits. UPROOT allows a succession of short–term homeowners to pay down a mortgage together and all access the long–term benefits of having a paid–off home.

The team at Core Staffing (one leg of Start.coop accelerator program alumni Obran Cooperative) connect returning citizens with quality employment and other opportunities. Credit: Core Staffing
Speaking to The Rework Podcast, Start.coop's co–director Greg Brodsky says, "…a lot of our business curriculum might look like Y Combinator, or 500 Startups. But the two pieces that look really different are the governance aspect, and then the fundraising aspect. [When you invest in cooperatives] the goal is to create long term ownership within that community, whether that community is workers or consumers or farmers or musicians."

In this way, Start.coop and its Equitable Economy Fund are determined to help cooperatives,and the often–marginalized communities they serve,hone their potential and find their footing. Brodsky continues, "We're not trying to sell the company; we're trying to bring that company wealth and voice."

Check out these related articles:
'Solidarity investing' club helps plant a new crop of co–ops in Vermont
Racism in finance has sparked a grassroots response. Meet the Boston Ujima Project.
Acquisition–conversion: the promising new strategy for scaling worker ownership
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COMMONS|UPSTREAMThe War on Cash: Cash, Cards, Crypto, and the War for Our Wallets

The War on Cash illustration by Bethan Mure

Robert Raymond|August 30, 2022
There is an invisible war taking place right now. And although you may not be aware of it, it's a war that's impacting you in a direct way. It's a war on your wallet, a war on your bank account, a war on your money. But it's not happening in the way you may think it. And it's happening right beneath your nose.

Is the growing ascendance of digital money simply an organic evolution away from the purported inconveniences of physical cash? Or is this transition actually a nefarious, corporate–engineered, neo–enclosure of money by Big Finance and Big Tech?

In his latest book, Cloudmoney: Cash, Cards, Crypto, and the War for Our Wallets, author, journalist, and financial hacker Brett Scott lays out an extremely compelling case arguing that corporations are engineering an enclosure of money — transforming it into a completely digital form which they alone will control.

In this Conversation, Upstream takes a deep dive beneath the surface of the global financial system to explore the technical and political differences between various forms of money, why corporations are attacking physical cash and plotting to completely replace it with digital money, who will really benefit from a cashless society, and why the fight for ownership of our digital footprints is one of the most pressing battles of our time.

You can listen to the full Upstream Conversation below to dive deeper into this topic.

Upstream · The War on Cash with Brett Scott (In Conversation)

Services offered: Mutual Aid; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Nov 7, 2022 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10534

Social Justice Computing [hacker space]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web sjcompute.org
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Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics; Advocacy, Social Justice; Events, Community Meetings; Services, Tech, Computer Consulting Service; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Jun 23, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10575

Solidarity Economy Network (USSEN) (association of groups/people, education, etc)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web ussolidarityeconomy.wordpress.com
Service Temporary

Mission & Organizational Statement for the U.S. Solidarity Economy Network

Drafted by the SEN Coordinating Committee, August 2007. Please note that this is a working document and is open for discussion, debate and change. Revised August 12, 2009

Mission of USSEN

The mission of the U.S. Solidarity Economy Network is to connect a diverse array of individuals, organizations, businesses and projects in the shared work of building and strengthening regional, national and international movements for a solidarity economy. Through publications, a website, mailing list, and face–to–face gatherings, the network will facilitate: ongoing communication and dialog relating to the development of solidarity economy ideas, values and practices; the sharing of experiences, models and skills; and the creation of collaborative, movement–building projects between network members.

Specific Objectives for USSEN

Global movement. To join with and build the movement for transformative social and economic justice. To develop strong relationships and exchange between U.S. and global organizations, practitioners and solidarity economy networks such as RIPESS (Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of the Solidarity Economy).

Common vision and framework. To create a structure and vision that can promote a common identity and agenda among the currently fragmented elements of the U.S. solidarity economy. SEN will build a learning community on issues relevant to the solidarity economy, including discussing and debating strategies and practices, and helping each other to uphold the principles of the solidarity economy

Collaboration. To investigate and develop ways to build collaborative support systems for solidarity economy development. Examples might include: coordination between solidarity economy producers, suppliers and distributors; collaborative marketing, branding and distribution; group purchasing of insurance, energy, supplies; peer support & tech. assistance.

Visibility and public support. To raise the visibility, legitimacy and public support for solidarity economy practices through public education and media coverage. Examples might include: development of accessible educational materials and workshops for different sectors; SEN speakers bureau; the development/implementation of a media strategy to mainstream the solidarity economy into public consciousness; dissemination of research among social movements and opinion–makers.

Public policy and resources. To promote public policies and leverage resources for the support of the solidarity economy. Examples might include: loan fund for solidarity economy enterprises; reduction of barriers faced by alternative forms of enterprise in terms of access to capital, tech. assistance, workforce development, etc.; tax incentives; support for research and dissemination; support for educational programs to train solidarity economy practitioners.

Knowledge. To facilitate research on the scope, scale, and impacts of the solidarity economy; best practices; opportunities for cooperation; and the development of training and technical support resources. To contribute to new theories of economic development informed by the dynamism and innovative practices within the solidarity economy. This knowledge base will be used to support objectives 3–5.

USSEN Structure

The USSEN Coordinating Committee was formed out of the Solidarity Economy Caucus meetings held at the U.S. Social Forum (Atlanta, GA) in June 2007. The SEN Board and four Working Groups were established in the spring of 2009, following a decision made at the first national Forum on the Solidarity Economy, held at the Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst from March 19–22, 2009.

The SEN Board currently includes the following members:

Center for Community and Labor Research
Highlander Research and Education Center
Center for Popular Economics
US Federation of Community Development Credit Unions
NASCO (N. American Students of Cooperation)
National Community Land Trust Network
Grassroots Economic Organizing
Community Services Unlimited
U.S. Federation of Worker Cooperatives
Rural Coalition
Jobs with Justice

The 4 Working Groups (WG) are:

- Research & Policy WG: coordinator Julie Matthaei
- Education, Networking and Organizing (NEO) WG: coordinator Elandria Williams
- Media & Communication WG: coordinator Dan Apfel
- Development (Fundraising) WG: coordinator Emily Kawano

If you are interested in getting involved in any of these working groups, please contact the coordinator.

The intention is for SEN to become an independent 501c3 (non–profit) organization. It was agreed that in this initial phase, the Center for Popular Economics would serve as the fiscal sponsor and provide core staffing, provisional upon raising financial resources.

[[NOTE from database inputter: it appears the group is looking for funding to fund their own work. Can't tell how much of the Board is themselves...]]

Services offered: Business Internship Opportunities for Young Adults; Documentation, Environmental Education; Education, Cultural; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Responsible Buying Guides; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training, Government Policy
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Jan 17, 2017 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9958

Solidarity Economy Online Directory of Orgs [hosted by Center for Global Justice]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.globaljusticecenter.org/solidarity–economy–directory
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See the above link for more info.

Of course, see our list here, too, which also contains a description of what a "solarity economy" oriented org is: https://reliefdb.org/items/5175

If anyone wants to combine the two pls let us know

Services offered: Directories, Online Database Resource
Campaigns: Center for Global Justice; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 21, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10629

Tech Workers Coalition [Tech Workers Rights, Community Guidelines]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web techworkerscoalition.org
Service Temporary

[see updates at above link]

A Tech Workers' Bill of Rights
Last updated 16 Dec 2020

Technology wields immense power. It fosters connection, creativity, and curiosity across the globe. Alongside the human connections fostered through tech, however, we see tech companies abusing privacy, reproducing inequality, surveilling already over–policed communities, exploiting workers and the environment, and stoking hatred and violence in our world. It is vital that workers gain the ability to shape the products we build and the work we do.

As tech workers, we represent a range of job roles, work environments, and salary levels. We are the creative, technology, academic, and office workers who deserve a say in the products and services we build. We are warehouse workers facing dangerously inadequate workplace safety protocols. We are customer service representatives squeezed to work more and more hours with insufficient pay and benefits. We are part time, gig and contract workers of all kinds who want to to protect our livelihoods in a highly competitive landscape.

The Tech Workers' Bill of Rights aims to protect and support everyone under the tech industry umbrella, no matter their job level or title, income, education, background or life experience. Additionally, in an industry where leadership is overwhelmingly homogenous, we strive to amplify the voices of the most vulnerable and oftentimes most invisible workers in this industry.

We commit to prioritizing the voices of those workers who have been marginalized within the tech industry through discrimination based on gender or gender presentation, race, class, age, ability, personal beliefs, immigration status, sexual orientation, neurodiversity and other differences.

The Tech Workers' Bill of Rights is undergirded by the core values of equity, empowerment, representation accountability, safety, autonomy, fairness, and freedom. Through our Bill of Rights we not only commit to upholding these values, but also to building a more just and equitable future for all tech workers.

Equity

Workers deserve fair and inclusive work environments free from all discrimination. Workers have the right to a harassment–free workplace regardless of race, class, age, ability, personal beliefs, immigration status, sexual orientation, neurodiversity or any other differences. Employers should provide accommodations for workers with disabilities and should work towards creating a diverse and inclusive workplace.

Empowerment

Workers should have input in decision making around their working conditions. Changes in working conditions should not solely be decided by and handed down from the top. Workers should have meaningful input and be included in discussions when working conditions change. This could include but is not limited to, working hours, office/remote conditions, equity, paid time off, benefits, and contracts.

Representation

Workers should have a meaningful say in business decisions, including company strategy and ethical standards. Our responsibility in the tech industry should be to people, communities, and the environment rather than solely to profit. This means that workers should have the protected right to individually and collectively raise concerns about products, initiatives, features, or their intended use that is, in their considered view, unethical.

Accountability

Workers deserve equality and transparency when it comes to hirings, firings, and Human Resource (HR) practices. Workers should have full transparency into hiring practices, employee evaluations, promotions and raises, HR processes (including processes around sexual, racial, and other forms of harassment and discrimination), and salary and benefits, including executive salary and benefits. All workers deserve due process before firing, to know if they are on a performance improvement plan, and the ability to raise questions, concerns, and counterpoints. Workers deserve full transparency and upfront communication when it comes to decisions around restructuring and layoffs.

Safety

Workers have the right to safe working conditions. Workers have the right to a physically and emotionally safe and accessible work environment, with, at minimum, an office space compliant with commonly accepted accessibility practices. Workers have the right to work in a cooperative environment that does not pit workers against one another. If workers feel unsafe coming into the office, employers should make every effort to allow them to work remotely. Workers should be free from overly–broad non–disclosure agreements that silence victims and hide unsafe workplace conditions.

Fairness

Workers deserve equal pay for equal work. Workers should be paid at least a living wage for their work, without regard to any discriminating personal attribute such as those mentioned above. Workers should be free to discuss their compensation with their coworkers without fear of repercussion. Workers have the right to full transparency around promotions and raises, and explicit criteria to achieve them. Regardless of job classification, whether full–time or independent contractor, on–site or remote, workers are entitled to fair and equitable pay and working conditions and should be compensated for any excessive hours worked.

Freedom

Workers should be free to express themselves, dissent, and organize without fear of repercussion or retaliation. Workers have the right to a workplace that is free of retaliation from management or other employees. Regardless of employment status, workers deserve the ability to freely discuss salary and benefits, job security in the face of disagreement, input into employment contracts, and equal protections for organizing. Employers should not conduct active, targeted monitoring of communication between workers. Workers should be free to speak about their lived experiences, without the restrictions of non–disparagement clauses. Workers should never be forced into mandatory arbitration, so as to retain their full legal rights.

This Tech Workers' Bill of Rights was created by people with varied experience in the tech industry, and in life. This is the first iteration of a living document that we are working to improve, evolve, and include more voices in. Whether you see yourself reflected in this document, don't see yourself here but want to, or have questions or ideas to get involved, please join us. We want to hear from you in order to grow our collective voice in order to make the tech industry better for everybody!

The Tech Workers' Bill of Rights is endorsed by:
The Tech Workers Union 1010.
Kickstarter United.
Tech Workers Coalition.
Silicon Valley DSA and CODE–CWA

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Our Values and Code of Conduct

The Tech Workers Coalition seeks to redefine the relationship between tech workers and Bay Area communities. Through activism, civic engagement, direct action, and education, we work in solidarity with existing movements towards social justice and economic inclusion.

Membership

We are open to all workers in the tech industry, friends and allies. We believe in respect, compassion, understanding and inclusion. We expect all community members to act in accordance with these values.

We reserve the right to reject membership based on the following:

* Being employed in a management role (i.e. with firing power)
* Employed in a role that is in support of the prison–industrial complex (police, prosecutors, prison industry, etc)
* Your desire to be part of TWC is compromised by a business interest. For example, you want access to our members to promote your product, or to do user testing
* You work as a journalist

If you have any questions about this, feel free to reach out via email.

Values of Participation

Show up. We value all forms of participation, but the most important way to participate is through in–person participation in events, actions, and meetings, as possible. We get things done by people showing up.

Expect best intentions. Aspire to acting in friendship—make TWC comfortable, welcoming, supportive, respectful, sincere, and open.
When giving feedback, keep it constructive. We value honesty, but only for the purpose of improvement, not for the sake of cruelty. On the opposite side of the spectrum, sugar–coating feedback in order to spare someone's feelings is not necessarily constructive either. The goal is to be supportive, honest, and thoughtful.

Relevance. Our Slack is a workspace and we hope to keep it unobtrusive and accessible. Work to stay on–topic and take digressing conversations into other spaces—new channels, private groups, other platforms, etc.
Harassment and Abuse

We believe disagreement and differences of opinion are a natural part of community and are important to work through when building community, strategizing, and learning from one another, but we do not tolerate harassment in any form. Participants who engage in harassment or abuse may be removed from the group at the discretion of the organizers.

Harassment includes, but is not limited to

* Unwelcome comments regarding a person's lifestyle choices and practices
* Deliberate intimidation or antagonism
* Exclusionary jokes or comments
* Unwelcome sexual attention or physical contact
* Sustained disruption of meetings, events, or online discussion
* Continued one–on–one communication after requests to cease
* Comments that reinforce social structures of domination (related to gender,
gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, age, religion)
* Threats of violence
* Abuse includes, but is not limited to Trolling, misdirection, and disrespectful use of resources and access

If you have been harassed or have witnessed abuse, please bring this to the attention of the group organizers (in meetings).

While in practice most actions from moderators and administrators will be friendly reminders, they should act on complaints/ reports quickly and involve other team members if necessary. They should take appropriate, usually private, action if they see any abuse or harassment. They must be sensitive to cultural differences, time zones, etc., but take prompt action when necessary.

Be Mindful of What You Say and Write

TWC participants should be mindful of what they write and say in public TWC meetings and in pseudo–public channels like Slack. Be aware that Slack maintains records of our conversations indefinitely. Do not say anything in a non–private channel that you do not want becoming public. Participants should also be aware that members of the press may be present or in Slack channels. While we ask them to keep what they read and hear off the record, we cannot control what they publish.

Projects

We organize much of our efforts and organization in projects. Projects are organized by one or two individuals who are responsible for being a point of contact to the broader organization, and reporting back to the larger group during our organizational meetings.

Projects are a touchstone for new members who want to participate, and we encourage project teams to reach out to new participants.

Projects should form their own topics within Slack. Many start with the prefix #proj–. See Project/Discussion Channels.

Slack

Etiquette

Manage your notifications. TWC Slack can become quickly overwhelming without proper notification management. We recommend turning off notifications for all but your own name and any specific words or terms of interest to you. (To do this, open Slack, click on the team name, then ‘Preferences’ and ‘Manage.’). Only join channels you wish to follow—have no shame in leaving or muting a channel that you don’t have the desire or time to participate in.
Use direct messages. Members of this Slack range in expertise, talent, and experience. Feel free to reach out to folks with specific questions or needs.This is also a good space to take tangential conversations—no need to do everything in public.

Avoid @channel or @here in #general or high traffic channels unless your message is important to everyone in that channel Channel Guide

Channels come and go on Slack, but here are some long–living channels:

#articles: interesting reads
#calendar: TWC events calendar items
#events: things going on that you might want to know about (not limited to TWC events)
#general: general announcements
#meetings: conversation about our org–wide meetings
#workplace–conditions: conversations about working conditions and experiences in the tech industry

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Advocacy, Worker Rights; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, for non–profits (In General); Community Outreach Programs; Community Service Program; Community Standards, List of; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Documentation, Standards, Health & Human Rights; Documentation, Volunteer Management Guidance; Education, Cultural; Education, Soveriegnty; Education, Traditional Ways; Education, Unschooling; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, How to Organize; Information Resource, Management Advice; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; Information Resource, Watchdog, Transparency & Accountability; Market/ Industry Significance; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; School * (ANY/ALL Types); Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Solidarity; Training, Activism; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training, Government Policy; Training Government, Training on How it Works; Training, Micro–Economic Entrepeneurship; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program
Campaigns: 2026 Venezula Earthquakes; Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Alternative Societies; Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Arts Community / Artist Network; Bartering Network; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Colonialism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; Helping People Suffering from the Gaza Occupation; New "Business" Models; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Unions
Updated Jul 1, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10580

Toobox for Education and Social Action (TESA) (free resources, professional consulting, advice for starting co–ops)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web valleyworker.org/members/toolbox–for–education–and–social–action
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If you have a more modern browser, you might prefer this link: http://valleyworker.org/members/toolbox–for–education–and–social–action/

Services offered: Assistance, for non–profits, Collaboration Tool; Business Services, Counseling for Small Businesses; Information Resource, Management Advice; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9816

TutaNota [free email w/GOOD PRIVACY POLICY]

Open Business* · Open

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we found out about this from Stan at Community Bridge

10–20 posted privacy policy

Privacy Statement of Tutao GmbH

This Data Privacy Statement is provided in English for your convenience. Please note that in case of a dispute or discrepancy between the German Data Privacy Statement and the English translation, the German version shall prevail.

Status: May 25, 2018
General

We are responsible for the protection of your personal data, and we take this responsibility very seriously. Therefore

Tutanota is based on the data privacy principles "data minimization" and "privacy by design",
all user data is stored end–to–end encrypted in Tutanota (except for email addresses of users as well as senders and recipients of emails),
we have technical and organizational measures in place which protect your data best possible,
all data is stored in ISO 27001 certified data centers in Germany.

Processing of personal data takes place in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) as well as with the local data protection laws applicable to the Tutao GmbH.

We are always at your disposal for any questions about privacy. Please contact us via email: hello@tutao.de.
Name and Address of the controller

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Email address: hello@tutao.de
Personal data

All personal data is kept secure by us and thus protected from unauthorized access.

For the initiation of a contractual relationship and for service provision we collect

the newly registered email address

as inventory data.

For invoicing and determining the VAT we collect for paid product variants

the domicile of the customer (country)
the invoicing address (for private users optional)
the VAT identification number (only for business customers of some countries)

as inventory data.

For the transaction of payments we collect depending on the chosen payment method the following payment data (inventory data):

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credit card data,
PayPal user name.

This inventory data is processed for the performance of the contract with the customer according to Art. 6 GDPR 1. b). For the execution of direct debiting we will share your banking details with the authorized credit institution. For the execution of PayPal payments we will share your PayPal data with PayPal (Europe).

Address: PayPal (Europe) S.à r.l. et Cie, S.C.A.,22–24 Boulevard Royal, L–2449 Luxembourg
Paypal privacy statement
Paypal contact for questions about privacy

For the execution of credit card payments your credit card data will be shared with our payment service provider Braintree. This includes the transfer of personal data into a third country (USA). An agreement entered into with Braintree defines appropriate safeguards and demands that the data is only processed in compliance with the GDPR and only for the purpose of execution of payments.

Tutanota provides services for saving, editing, presentation and electronic transmission of data, such as email service, contact management and data storage. This content data is voluntarily entered into Tutanota by the customer. When signing up for a Tutanota account, you give consent to the processing of this data according to Art. 6 DSGVO 1. a). All textual content is encrypted for the user and its communication partners in a way that even Tutao GmbH has no access to the data. This data can be deleted by the user.

In order to maintain email server operations, for error diagnosis and for prevention of abuse, mail server logs are stored max. 7 days. These logs contain sender and recipient email addresses and time of connection but no customer IP addresses. Storage takes place for the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by the controller according to Art. 6 DSGVO 1. f).

In order to maintain operations, for prevention of abuse and and for visitors analysis, IP addresses of users are processed. Storage only takes place for IP addresses made anonymous which are therefore not personal data any more. This processing takes place for the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by the controller according to Art. 6 DSGVO 1. f).

With the exception of payment data, we will not disclose your personal data including your email address to third parties. However, we can be legally bound to provide content data (in case of a valid German court order) and inventory data to prosecution services. There will be no sale of data.
Period of data storage

The personal data shall be deleted no later than 30 days after termination of the contract, unless specific reasons to the contrary apply in an individual case. In case a customer objected to the amount of the charged fees, the accounting data may be stored until the objections are terminally clarified. Furthermore, inventory data can be stored for up to two years if the handling of a complaint and other reasons require this for an orderly settlement of the contract. Moreover the deletion of inventory and billing data may be omitted provided that legal regulations or the prosecution of claims require this. Order–related data and the addresses associated with the order are stored in respect to tax, contract and commercial law retention periods and erased at the end of those periods.
Rights of the data subject

Insofar that you have given us your consent to process your personal data, we would like to point out that you can withdraw your consent for the future at any time. Upon request we will inform you about the data we have stored about you free of charge. Please send a message with your request to hello@tutao.de. In addition we are obliged to delete, to correct or to restrict processing of the data stored about you upon request. Additionally, you may object to the processing of your personal data as well as to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority and the federal commissioner for data privacy of Germany (Husarenstr. 30, 53117 Bonn). You can make use of your right to data portability by exporting your personal data stored with us in Tutanota.
Cookies

We do not use cookies.
Contact from web page

On our web pages we offer the opportunity to get in contact with us via email or contact form. In doing so personal data is voluntarily transferred to us, stored automatically and only used for the purpose of dealing with the request and getting in contact with the affected person. We will not disclose this personal data to third parties.

Services offered: Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics; Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics, GOOD PRIVACY POLICY; Business Services, Co–Op oriented
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jun 23, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10488

Ujima [black womens leadership program]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web ujimacommunity.org/who–we–are
Service Temporary

from the website:

"About Us

Launched in 2016, Ujima, Inc.: The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community serves as a national, culturally–specific services issue resource center to provide support to and be a voice for the Black Community in response to domestic, sexual and community violence. Ujima was founded in response to a need for an active approach to ending domestic, sexual and community violence in the Black community.

The name Ujima was derived from the third principle of Kwanzaa, and means Collective Work and Responsibility. As an organization, we understand the need to mobilize and heal our communities from the inside out. We utilize this principle to empower service providers, policy makers, advocates and the community–at–large to address the unique challenges faced by the Black Community as it relates to violence across a broad spectrum.
How We Define Black Culture

The Black community is comprised of a diverse set of people representing wide–ranging backgrounds and cultural expressions. It is with this understanding that we seek to be inclusive of all members of the African diaspora.

We define the Black community to include the following four subgroups:

African–Americans
Africans and African Immigrants
Afro–Caribbeans
Afro–Latinos/as.

The identification of these subgroups is meant to serve as a starting place and not as a way to limit the broad breadth and expansive diversity of the diaspora."
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Jan 2, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10146

Words Matter Task Force [racial justice/inclusivity] inclusive language guidance

Info/Hotline · Open

Web docs.google.com/document/d/1pBywKiB08wZNeWIL8q0MYARQO6EiW9nSF0Jcggwl8Uc/edit?ts=5fce8d06
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from University of Michigan, but relative to planetary peace, cooperation and safety

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Executive Summary
Information and Technology Services (ITS) is a trusted enabler of technology for the U–M community. To effectively communicate with customers, it is important for ITS to evaluate the terms and language conventions that may hinder effective communication, harm morale, and deliberately or inadvertently exclude people from feeling accepted to foment a healthy and inclusive culture. As an organization, ITS has a laser focus on customer service and strives to be sensitive to customers and their needs. By using inclusive language, ITS is able to design and build better tools and services to meet customers' needs.

Given the importance of communication and the ITS core value of inclusivity, the Words Matter Task Force was formed and charged with identifying terms used within ITS that are, or can be construed to be, racist, sexist, or non–inclusive.

Following in–depth discussion, gathering input by a short survey, and through the task force's research, several proposals were assembled for areas of improvement within ITS:

– Developed recommendations for alternative words and phrases.
– Created naming standards for commonly named artifacts.
– Planned for how this work will remain a part of organizational and cultural development.
– Recommended the creation of an Advisory Board.
– Generated a list of next steps, including ITS staff professional development and discussions with vendors.

The task force is confident that following these recommendations will create a more inclusive "One ITS" culture that will better serve customers.

Inclusive Language

Language is powerful. It has the ability to unite or cause people to feel alienated. The use of inclusive language is imperative to create a culture where everyone feels welcome, valued, and respected. It is important to remember that words can impact people in different ways. Not all words on this list may be offensive to everyone. Regardless, if a colleague considers a word or phrase offensive, their lived experience should be acknowledged, and an alternative word or phrase should be used.

Below are a few examples identified by the task force. See Appendix A.

Term => Alternative Term
–men–,–man– => –people, –person, or a wholly different word.
(e.g., "man–hours" can become "person–hours")
blacklist/whitelist => allowed/prohibited, include/exclude, allowlist/deny list
brown bag => lunch and learn
crippled => weakened, deteriorated
disabled => when referring to a system: deactivated, broken

Additional resource:

The Associated Press Stylebook, race–related coverage (the AP Stylebook is an English grammar style and usage guide created by American journalists working for or connected with the Associated Press. ITS follows AP Stylebook standards.)

Artifact Naming Standards

The task force drafted Artifact Naming Standards for use while building new systems tools, and services in ITS environments. Examples include a Google shared drive, AWS system, MiServer, or MiStorage system. It is the task force's hope that this will guide the future implementation of artifacts. See Appendix

B. Organizational Development
Development is key to adoption. Sharing how words matter within "One ITS" across the most relevant platforms will allow the task force to make the greatest impact on the community. Documentation of this work will ensure it remains a part of the conversation as the world continues to evolve. The task force initiated several areas of focus, including: website documentation, additions to the DEI strategic plan, an internal communication option, and modes of education and training. See Appendix C.

Global Influence

The University of Michigan has the opportunity to influence change with vendors, suppliers, and associations. ITS can share with strategic partners the business case for using inclusive language, and prepare them on new terms they may hear ITS staff members use. There are a few scenarios that offer opportunities for communication and relationship building, including proactively reaching out to vendors to make them aware of changes they may experience when interacting with ITS; requesting a change from vendors toward inclusive language; and starting a conversation with other university partners to increase adoption. An email template example was developed that Service Owners can use to inform and prepare external partners. See Appendix D.

Advisory Board

Acknowledging the longevity and important efforts of this initiative, a Words Matter Advisory Board should be established as part of the broader ITS and U–M DEI efforts. This advisory board will continue to support ITS as it relates to updating inclusive language resources and artifact naming standards and supporting ITS services in the adoption of inclusive language best practices.

Recommended Next Steps

Develop a list of action items to implement the task force's recommendations.
Develop training and tools for ITS staff professional development, including a new destination in the DEI Passport.

Communicate to ITS staff and university IT partners, both internally and externally:

– Potential internal communications include
– Announce via the weekly CIO message to staff
– Present at an ITS Town Hall
– Present at other cross–ITS meetings (ex: ITS Service Governance, ITS Service Owners)
– Discuss at an ITS DEI Committee meeting
– Discuss with specific teams within ITS that have influence over naming/branding, including the Communications Team, the Digital UX Team, and PSAs
– Publish an article on the ITS intranet and internal staff newsletter
– Create a new section called "Inclusive Language" to the ITS Editorial Style Guide on Backstage; to be reviewed/modified yearly
– Add a section to the list of DEI Resources on Backstage that refers users to the ITS Editorial Style Guide

Potential external communications include

– Present to ITS Unit Representatives and Strategic Technology Advisory Committee (STAC) – when approved by ITS leadership
–Share the work at the Michigan IT Symposium via opening remarks from the CIO/VPIT
– Share the work and recommendations with the U–M Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
– Share the work with EDUCAUSE
– Create a page within the DEI section of the ITS website to share the work, including the list of replacement terms – when approved by ITS leadership
– Send an email to vendors informing and preparing them of changes in language

Acknowledgments

The Words Matter Task Force would like to express gratitude to those who contributed their passion, perspectives, and experiences to this document, including department leadership.

The Words Matter Task Force welcomes feedback, questions, and ideas. Reach out to the group via email (Words–Matter–Task–Force@umich.edu) or on Slack (#its–words–matter).

Appendix A
Inclusive Language

This list is not exhaustive and will continue to grow.
Term => Alternative Term

–men–, –man– => –people, –person, or a wholly different word.
(e.g., "man–hours" can become "person–hours")

– blacklist/whitelist => allowed/prohibited, include/exclude, allowlist/deny list

– black–and–white thinking => binary thinking, all–or–nothing thinking

– brown bag => lunch and learn

– crack the whip => manage the effort closely

– crazy, insane => outrageous, unthinkable, nonsensical, incomprehensible, ridiculous, egregious, irrational

– crippled => weakened, deteriorated

– disabled => when referring to a system: deactivated, broken

– dummy => placeholder, sample

– gender–neutral he or she
– gender–neutral they, referring by name

– grandfathered (in) => legacy status, legacies in, exempted, excused

– gypped/jipped => defrauded, swindled, cheated, ripped off

– handicapped => restricted

– girl/gal, boy/guy => person, or use the person's name
guys/gals (e.g., Hi guys!)
everyone, folks (e.g., Hi everyone!)
honey, sweetheart, sweetie
use the person's name
long time, no see
“It’s been a while,” “I haven't seen you in ages!”

– low man on the totem pole => last in the pecking order, the bottom of the heap

– master/slave => leader/follower, primary/replica, primary/standby

– native => built–in, innate

– off the reservation => outside the norms, rogue, break with the group, off on your own

– picnic => gathering

preferred pronouns
pronouns

– privileged account => elevated account

– sanity check => quick check, confidence check, coherence check

– sold down the river => betrayed, thrown under the bus

– straw–man => proposed conceptual design

– uppity => arrogant, conceited

Appendix B
Artifact Naming Standards
This is a draft of recommendations for using appropriate naming conventions while building new systems, tools, and services within an ITS environment such as a Google shared drive, AWS system, MiServer or MiStorage system.

The task force recommends identifying, removing, and/or retiring current names or terms that do not meet the recommended guidelines for DEI–appropriate naming conventions.

Artifact Naming Standards:
When creating a new server or artifact, use the project/department–specific names for that object/artifact.
Avoid using the terms mentioned in the Alternative Words List. Use the suggested alternate words.
Seek consultation from the Words Matter Advisory Board if there are questions.
Here is an example naming convention:
For MiServers: macc–win–tableau–iq–dev–01
Naming of this server, and other servers, follows this pattern:
Datacenter (macc/asb) – Operating Environment (win/unix) – product installed (tableau) – department responsible (iq) – environment(dev/qa/prod) – Numbering Scheme (XXXX)

Use “01” for the primary node, and “02,” “03,” etc., to indicate the multiple nodes.
Appendix C
Organizational Development
Website Documentation
ITS Backstage will serve as the primary headquarters for staff regarding the Words Matter Task Force. On the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion webpage, there will be a section detailing the resources and knowledge articles available to ensure staff have a place to learn more. These resources will also include any education and training materials that staff can utilize or request support in facilitating.
ITS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Plan
To make a lasting impact within units, we have implemented the Words Matter Task Force’s efforts into our fourth year of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) strategic planning within ITS. This strategic plan is supported by the ITS DEI committee and reported through the U–M Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Specifically, the Words Matter Task Force is included in the strategic plan’s “Domain C: Promoting an Equitable and Inclusive Community.” This strategic objective will be documented by the impact of task force efforts at the end of FY21.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: C1. Promote and raise awareness of ITS’s commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI).

ACTION ITEM: C1.1 Continue building awareness of ITS commitment to DEI, with renewed emphasis on the five–year plan, and the outcomes measured as a result.

MEASURE OF SUCCESS: Develop a “Words Matter Task Force” to propose alternative words and phrases in the nomenclature and terminology of our daily work. Additionally, providing guidance for staff on future naming implementation across ITS services.
Slack Channel
A new Slack channel named “#its–words–matter” was created to facilitate discussion around inclusive language in ITS nomenclature and vendor documentation, ask questions, and more.
Education and Training
Educating and training about the Words Matter initiatives are integral for empowering change. The task force would like to propose the following opportunities for awareness to be embedded into consistent professional development opportunities for all current and future staff.
Educational Animations
To bring moments in which inclusive language should have been used to a real–life perspective, we want to create educational animations/short videos for ITS staff to learn more about why these issues are important. The purpose of these animated videos are:
To encourage empathy for how others may feel when words have negative connotations.
To spur curiosity about why words matter, and direct people to other educational resources.
To provide a non–threatening, quick resource that is easily shared/disseminated.

These video animations would be designed to last two minutes or less and utilize neutral images (e.g., stick figures). The storyline of the video animations would include common scenarios in which a potentially offensive phrase is used. Some examples would include:
Showing a negative response by the listener and/or observers.
Displaying backstory that illustrates why the words evoked a negative response, or show a discussion between the listener and someone they trust where the issue is explained.
Presenting an alternative scenario and omitting or replacing the offending phrase with more appropriate words.
Inclusive Language Case Studies
The task force would like to create opportunities for staff to insert themselves into the “shoes” of their customers and colleagues across a variety of problematic situations as a way of gaining empathy. The Inclusive Language Interpersonal Interactions document outlines a few scenarios that were shared with the task force and offers curated examples. This document may be extended into a more tangible case study resource for activities, training, and discussions within ITS.
ITS DEI Passport
Within the ITS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Plan, the DEI Passport was developed as a unique opportunity for staff to engage with important topics in a fun, elective way. The Passport contains “destinations” with various suggested activities for staff to create a personalized and unique, reflective learning experience by watching videos, reading books and articles, taking classes, enjoying a movie, and more. At the end of the fiscal year, staff can request a report with their Passport engagement to include in their annual performance evaluation. A new Passport destination will be created that will include targeted links for the resources that were researched, informed, and created as part of this initiative.
Curated Library of Training Resources
The ITS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion section on Backstage will include a curated list of inclusive language training opportunities available to staff via LinkedIn Learning, My LINC, Coursera, and Michigan Online. Original content may be created if there are any gaps in these training offerings.

Appendix D
Email template to vendors
Use the following example to contact strategic partners to proactively inform and prepare vendors of other terms they may hear ITS staffers use during meetings, as well as to explain the business case for why the changes were made. Be sure to notify the

ITS Communications Team so that they may alert the Office of Public Affairs. The message should not be sent until a response has been received from the Communications Team.

Subject line: Changes to ITS terminology

The University of Michigan Information and Technology Services (ITS) recognizes that inclusive language matters when serving customers.

Given the importance of communication, ITS recently evaluated the terms and language conventions that may hinder effective communication, harm morale, and deliberately or inadvertently exclude people from feeling accepted to foment a healthy and inclusive culture.

As an organization, ITS strives to be sensitive to customers and their needs. By using inclusive language, ITS is able to design and build better tools and services to meet customers' needs.

Here are a few examples of terms you may hear during meetings. The full list can be found on the ITS website [Note: Add URL to the ITS public–facing website].

Term
Alternative Term
–men–,–man–
–people, –person, or a wholly different word.
(e.g., "man–hours" can become "person–hours")
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allowed/prohibited, include/exclude, allowlist/deny list
black–and–white thinking
binary thinking, all–or–nothing thinking
crazy, insane
outrageous, unthinkable, nonsensical, incomprehensible, ridiculous, egregious, irrational
crippled
weakened, deteriorated
disabled
when referring to a system: deactivated, broken

Feel free to contact me to discuss further.

Sincerely,
[Your name]
[Title]
[Contact info if more than an email address is desired]

source: snarky article: https://www.bizpacreview.com/2020/12/24/univ–of–mich–dept–releases–list–of–acceptable–words–tucker–and–mark–steyn–offer–some–words–of–their–own–1009336/ But it's where we found this group

Services offered: Assistance, for non–profits, Collaboration Tool; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Education, Cultural; Education, Traditional Ways; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Volunteer Orientation & Training
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated May 14, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10432

Yemen

Yemen Civil Society Organizations

Info/Hotline · Open

Web reliefweb.int/report/yemen/civil–society–organizations–yemen–making–actual–and–sustainable–peace–enar
Service Temporary

ReliefWeb page w/list of Civil Society Orgs in Yemen [these are not vetted by Citizens Command Center, we're just providing the list as info, pls do your own research before sending money]

Civil Society Organizations

Tamdeen Youth Foundation

Building Foundation for Development

For All Foundation

Al–Aman Organization For Blind Women Care

Generations without Qat
Nahda Makers Foundation
Engaz Development Corporation
Gusoor for Peace and Coexistence
Democracy School
Yemen National Midwives Association
Yemen Peace School Organization
Volunteers Foundation
Youth Without Borders Organization for Development
Sada Foundation for Building &Development
Watch for Human Rights
Peace and Building Foundation
Ithraa Developmental Foundation
Heran Foundation for Local Development
Cadres Foundation for Development and Humanitarian Relief
Knoz Yemen for Humanitarian Development
Together We Rise Social Association
Qarar foundation for media and development
Wahg Al–hyat Foundation
National Foundation for Development and Human Rights
Yemeni Development Network For NGO's
Abs Development Organization For Woman & Child
Life Makers Meeting Place Organization
Sustainable Development Foundation
Soul For Development
Medical Mercy Foundation
All Girls Foundation for Development
Family Counseling & Development Foundation
Yemen Women's Union
Hemmat Shabab Foundation For Development
Relief and Development Peer Foundation
Rawahel Foundation for Development
Wa3i Foundation
Benevolance Coalation For Humanitarian Relief
Field Medical Foundation
Civil Alliance for Peace
Afaq Shababia Foundation
Marib Girls Foundation
Alf Ba Civilian & Coexistence Foundation
Creative People Solutions Foundation
Yemeni Response Council
Resonate! Yemen
LOOK INSIDE Foundation For Development
Khadija Foundation for Development

Jeel Al Bena Association for Humanitarian Development
Ejad Foundation For Development
Ma'akum Foundation for Development
Deem for Development Organization
Musanadah Foundation for Development
Rowad Foundation
Togather for Development & Human Rights
YNGO's Coalition for Child Rights Care
Tatweer For Development and Humanitarian Response Foundation(TATWEER)
Yemen Alkhair for Relief and Development Foundation
Mysarah for Development
Wujoh Foundation for Media and Development
Sheba Youth Foundation for Development
Improve Your Society Organization
Millennium Development Foundation
Rasd Foundation For Human Development
National Prisoner Foundation
Change Horizon Forum
Eayha'a Foundation for calm and social Peace
Social Development Hodeidah Girls Foundation
Basma Foundation for Child Development and Woman
The Center for Strategic Studies to Support Women and Child
Social Peace Promotion & Legal Protection
Yemeni Food Bank
Yemen Medicine Bank
Future Social Charity Association
Yemeni Psychological Association
Estijabah Foundation for Humanitarian Aid and Relief
Manarat Foundation
Social Solidarity Foundation for Development
National Organization for Health Development
Ghadaq for Development
Al–Awn Foundation for Development
Wogood for Human Security
Change Horizons Forum
Ethra Foundation
Eaha’s Foundation for calm & Social Peace
Aid response and development organization
Free Media for Investigative Journalism
Wama Foundation for Development and Human Rights
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Helping Yemen Survivors
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Other locations

After Economy (Assn of Co-operative enterprises/orgs)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web aftereconomy.squarespace.com
Service Temporary

After Economy is a resource center and guide to help you shop from, work for, start and promote Employee-Owned Companies and Customer or Worker-Owned Cooperatives of all kinds.

After Economy believes that employee and customer ownership makes for a more democratic and equal way to conduct business that works for everyone involved. We believe that Employee-Owned Companies and Customer-Owned Cooperatives will end many of the economic problems we face today, including income inequality. We are a useful tool for finding and promoting organizations that are democratically owned and operated by their workers, customers or both. We advocate for the benefits of supporting Employee-Owned Companies and Customer-Owned Cooperatives of all sorts; we also provide a directory for consumers to find and become aware of such companies. We have an online "Meeting Place" along with links to resources and information for those who wish to start Customer-Owned Cooperatives, Employee-Owned Companies or Worker-Owned Cooperatives.

After Economy believes we can all help build a more equal and democratic economy that works for everyone. Buy from, work for and start Employee-Owned Companies, Customer-Owned cooperatives and Worker-Owned Cooperatives.

Services offered: Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Management Advice; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Feb 8, 2017 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10007

Another Gulf is Possible [Mutual Aid gulf region]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Service Temporary

IDA RESPONSE
https://anothergulf.com/ida/

ONTEXT

Hurricane Ida has left a devastating track of damage, with landfall on Sunday, August 29 at Category 4 strength on the same day Hurricane Katrina hit 16 years ago. The South Louisiana was also devastated during 2020's hurricane season with Hurricanes Laura, Delta and Zeta.

This region is also one of the epicenters of the petro-chemical industry adding an even more frightening element to the recovery process. The land and water will surely be (further) toxified from the damage caused due to flooding from the storm surge, high velocity wind (up to 150 mph), in addition to possible chemical spills, flares and fires.

This all occurring in the midst of the Delta surge in the pandemic impacting black and brown people the most, where community recovery efforts will need to take into account safe physical distancing and maintaining all public health best practices.

RESOURCES
BEST PRACTICES FOR BABIES AND CHILDREN
AQUI PARA ALIMENTACIÓN DE BEBÉS Y NIÑXS

Advice on how to be helpful to folks impacted by hurricanes & flooding
Advice on reaching out to family/friends who are dealing with hurricanes & flooding

Advice on House Gutting
Hurricane Preparedness Videos in Spanish: https://youtu.be/H8OpqmlAu7Y
Hurricane Preparedness Videos in Vietnamese https://youtu.be/atuCkeZ25es

ANOTHER GULF'S MUTUAL AID & RAPID RESPONSE FUND
https://secure.actblue.com/donate/anothergulfispossible

We will distribute goods and donations directly to indigenous, black, and brown frontline folks impacted by Hurricane Ida and groups who currently don't have online donations capacity, as well as directly to individual families impacted by the storm.

Here are some local folks we encourage giving to directly:

LOUISIANA

Atakapa Ishak Tribe
Isle de Jean Charles Band of Biloxi Chitimacha Choctaw
United Houma Nation
Pointe-Aux-Chien Indian Tribe

Grand Caillou/Dulac Band
Bvlbancha Public Access list of tribes in Louisiana

House of Tulip
Southern Solidarity
RISE St. James
Mutual Aid New Orleans (FB group)
Imagine Water Works
Voices of the Experienced

Another Gulf Is Possible Collaborative is a women–of–color led, grassroots collaborative of ten members from Brownsville, Texas to Pensacola, Florida. We are built upon decades of organizing resulting in a strong and rooted ecosystem of relationships between individuals tied to a multitude of organizations, networks, communities, and alliances from the US Gulf South to the Global South.

Our collaborative centers cultural organizing, arts–based healing, direct action, advocacy, transformative justice, education, and locally–led capacity–building training as our core areas of work. We also explicitly center the leadership of brown women with anti–racist, decolonized, and abolitionist frames and lenses for the work we undertake together. In particular, we bring indigenous, latinx and desi perspectives to a region split physically, politically and socially on black and white racial lines. We see our lived experience of marginalization within this context as a strength and strive to honestly and authentically put into practice the principles we hold around sustainability, equity and justice.
ANOTHER GULF IS POSSIBLE'S PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

IMPACT: We believe we must be transformative, not transactional, in our approach.

JOY: We believe joy is resistance and increasing joy is part of our mission.

RESOURCING: We believe in fair and equitable compensation for all types of work in radicalizing and mobilizing, moving resources towards building the regenerative economies our communities need including emotional, artistic, creative, and healing services, care work, accessibility provisions, and space holding/presence/activation.

AMPLIFYING MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES: We will not be tokenized in spaces, however, we understand the value in bringing voices of the marginalized in mainstream environments.

CAPACITY BUILDING: We are committed to building up the skills, abilities and talents of ourselves and our communities across the Gulf South to the Global South.

Noel Didla is a native of Guntur, India, and has been making Jackson home for over 15 years. Noel has been invested in liberation work that centers the truths and legacies of peoples and places at the intersection of racial equity, economic justice, environmental justice, human rights, ethical leadership, food sovereignty, and healthy communities. Noel believes in nurturing movements through love and accountability powered by home cooked food that supports building and deepening of intergenerational community relationships in her kitchen and living spaces.

Jayeesha Dutta is a Bengali water protecting mermaid and artist born in Mobile, raised in New York, aged in Oakland, who now loves calling New Orleans home. Jayeesha serves on the national steering committee for the Climate Justice Alliance on behalf of Another Gulf. In the last 20+ years, her job titles have ranged from co–executive director to teaching artist to organizer to facilitator to project manager to research and policy analyst to chief of staff in the fields of education justice, youth organizing, labor organizing, arts advocacy, climate justice, and racial equity, working with a multitude of groups, networks, and alliances across the country. Jayeesha is an avid traveler, home chef, dancing queen, and most of all loves being in (or near) any body of life–giving water. She's a mermaid at the end of the day, after all.

Anne White Hat is a member of the Aśke Gluwipi Tiośpaye of the Sicangu Lakota Nation, living in New Orleans. Miss Anne is a direct descendant of Chief Hollow Horn Bear. She is the proud mother of three, a founding member of the Indigenous Women's Advisory Council of the former L'eau Est La Vie Camp– No Bayou Bridge pipeline resistance camp, Board Member of the Native American Women's Health Education and Resource Center, and Development Coordinator of the Grassroots Global Justice Alliance. White Hat Botanicals is her trade name featuring what she calls her 'community–determined' botanicals. She is a grant writer by trade, community organizer out of love for her people, jack of all trades by hustle, and blessed to work with plants for you.

Rebekah Hinojosa is an artist and community organizer from the Rio Grande Valley borderlands of Texas. Her latinx family has lived in this region located along the banks of the Rio Grande River and the Gulf coastline since before Texas statehood. For the last seven years, Bekah has facilitated art builds for community campaigns and civil disobedience actions on issues such as fracking, keystone XL, BP Oil Spill, mountaintop removal, migrant justice, and climate justice. She is currently organizing with her community to prevent the construction of three liquefied natural gas export terminals (LNG) on indigenous sacred sites and nearby latinx families, and to stop the continued construction of the U.S./Mexico border wall. She is particularly interested in bringing resources to her border and gulf coast community and is inspired by building art with people of all ages.

Sharon Linezo Hong is an environmental activist, social justice educator and award winning documentary filmmaker. After 15 years living in San Francisco, New York City, and Boston, Sharon returned to her hometown of Pensacola to build inclusive educational spaces in the deep south, including the new campus of the Pensacola Private School of Liberal Arts and her own

non–profit the Sarah Adeline Center for Social and Climate Justice, Inc. Sharon is a collaborating member of the collective, Another Gulf Is Possible, working to envision just economies, vibrant communities, and sustainable ecologies.

Yudith Nieto is a queer organizer and artist born in Mexico who grew up in the fence–line refining community of Manchester in Houston, now living in New Orleans. Out of necessity to mobilize her community she joined the environmental justice movement and dedicated her media making skills, advocacy, and art to confronting the petrochemical industries that perpetuate environmental racism in marginalized communities of color. She attended the Four Directions Inter–generational Youth Exchange of Los Jardines Institute in Albuquerque, NM, in 2013 where she learned how the Chican@, Mexican American, and Indigenous cultures are intrinsically linked. Yudith now serves on the planning committee for Four Directions and is currently working with other youth, nationally to create youth leadership and art in activism trainings where she is able to contribute to the discussion on the many issues they face because of the fossil fuel industry, as well as other human rights issues that impact their way of life.

Bryan Parras is a co–founder of Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services (t.e.j.a.s.), co–founder of The Librotraficantes and now works as an organizer for the Sierra Club's Beyond Dirty Fuels campaign out of Houston. Bryan has been working with local partners, policy makers and local governments to identify potential Health threats to vulnerable communities living in high risk areas like the Houston Ship Channel which has already been identified as a health threat by local research institutions and health professionals. He is a trained facilitator of Theater of the Oppressed techniques, a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin. He has worked as an organizer, a journalist and as an artist.
Patti_headshot_forAGIP

Patricia Rubio is from the Rio Grande Valley. A lifelong learner firmly grounded in my Rio Grande Valley heritage, which she uses as a resource to inspire, gather, and share knowledge with diverse communities. She has a certificate in Permaculture design, served as a Board member of Directors for H.O.P.E. Community Garden Project and community organizing. Her experience as an interpretive naturalist and environmental educator inspires her to bring people with nature and foster deep connections with indigenous flora and fauna of the RGV. Patricia recently joined Another Gulf is Possible, to work with projects involving nature education, riparian conservation and humanitarian efforts.

Ramsey Sprague was born in Houma, Louisiana, raised in Arlington, Texas, and has lived in Mobile, Alabama since 2013. Sprague is an enrolled tribal member of the Biloxi–Chitimacha–Choctaw Tribe and currently serves as a volunteer with the Mobile Environmental Justice Action Coalition. They take heart in the ways that systematically disenfranchised communities throughout the Gulf South are embracing the environmental and climate justice movements. Ramsey's faith and ethic drive their resolve to help develop a fairer economy via a just transition from fossil fuels for the benefit of future generations and to honor both the living and departed traditional caretakers of our lands.

Monique Verdin is an interdisciplinary storyteller who documents the complex relationship between environment, culture, and climate in southeast Louisiana. She is a citizen of the Houma Nation, director of The Land Memory Bank & Seed Exchange and a member of the Another Gulf Is Possible Collaborative. Monique co–produced the documentary My Louisiana Love and her work has been included in a variety of environmentally inspired projects, including the multiplatform performance Cry You One, Unfathomable City: A New Orleans Atlas, and the collaborative book Return to Yakni Chitto: Houma Migrations.
Campaigns: 2021 Hurricane Ida; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Houma Nation
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Anti–Eviction Mapping Project [tenant organizing/rights resource]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web antievictionmap.com
Service Temporary

Killer resource for understanding eviction, the tools landlords use and get policy makers to implement. LEARN THE NUMBERS!

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Housing, Fair Housing; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Womens Rights; Community Outreach Programs; Community Service Program; Community Standards, List of; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Documentation, Standards, Health & Human Rights; Education, Soveriegnty; Education, Traditional Ways; Education, Unschooling; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Information Resource, How to Organize; Information Resource, Legal Templates; Information Resource, Management Advice; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Government; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; Market/Industry Significance; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business models", housing; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, For Non–Profits; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Solidarity; Training, Activism; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Arts Community / Artist Network; Black Community; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; New "Business" Models; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jun 23, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10577

Bliss Wine Imports (sustainable farming)

Open Business* · Open

Web www.blisswineimports.com/about
Service Temporary

from the website:

All of our winemakers use natural, organic vineyard treatments and minimalist winery practices. The pay off is more than just sustainable agriculture and a healthier environment. It also produces better tasting wine! Do you know what chemicals and additives are in the wine you drink?

from their twitter feed:

Hand–harvesting grapes produces the highest quality #naturalwines, allowing the growers to select only the very best grapes to go on to the next stage. It's also a form of #sustainablefarming, because it requires no specialized machinery, fuel, or electricity. Just human power.

Services offered: Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Feb 24, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10150

Boston Area Liberation Medic Squad (BALM)

Medical Facility · Open

Web bostoncoop.net/~balm
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9787

CrowdSource Rescue [requests for individual assistance]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web crowdsourcerescue.org/campaigns/home/289
Service Temporary

People enter their needs. People respond.

NOTE: the site isn't very well organized in that, you can't go to the main org page and find the response to a specific disaster. It's organized by "map" or "campaign". Here's the page for the 2022 Hurricane Season:

https://crowdsourcerescue.org/campaigns/view/289?scope_campaigns=289

Services offered: Directories, Online Database Resource, Needs/Avail Matching
Campaigns: 2022 Hurricane Ian; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Sep 30, 2022 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10532

Data for Black Lives

Info/Hotline · Open

Web d4bl.org
Service Temporary

About Us

Data for Black Lives is a movement of activists, organizers, and mathematicians committed to the mission of using data science to create concrete and measurable change in the lives of Black people. Since the advent of computing, big data and algorithms have penetrated virtually every aspect of our social and economic lives. These new data systems have tremendous potential to empower communities of color. Tools like statistical modeling, data visualization, and crowd–sourcing, in the right hands, are powerful instruments for fighting bias, building progressive movements, and promoting civic engagement.

But history tells a different story, one in which data is too often wielded as an instrument of oppression, reinforcing inequality and perpetuating injustice. Redlining was a data–driven enterprise that resulted in the systematic exclusion of Black communities from key financial services. More recent trends like predictive policing, risk–based sentencing, and predatory lending are troubling variations on the same theme. Today, discrimination is a high–tech enterprise.

Services offered: Information Resource, Demographic Information; Management, Disaster Consultant; New "Business" Models; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian
Campaigns: Black Community; Black Lives Matter; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Mayfirst Solidarity Movement; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Mar 30, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10407

Don't Call The Police [Mutual Aid resources for alternatives to 911]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web dontcallthepolice.com
Service Temporary

see list of resources and map at the link for different cities
Campaigns: Don't Call The Police.com; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic

Oppression; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Apr 22, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10423

DSA Mutual Aid Working Group [Democratic Socialists responding to mutual aid needs]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web twitter.com/dsamutualaid
Service Temporary
Campaigns: 2022 Hurricane Ian; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity
Updated Sep 30, 2022 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10531

Fair Shake [resource center for previously and currently incarcerated]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.fairshake.net
Service Temporary

GREAT RESOURCE!

from the website:

Sue Kastensen founded Fair Shake in 2009 and is currently the executive director. She created Sun Dog Hemp Body Care in 1993, which is now owned by Dr. Bronner's Magic Soaps. She graduated from Walden III, an alternative High School in Racine, WI, and 26 years later received her bachelor's degree in Individualized Learning from Viterbo University in La Crosse, WI. In 2019, Sue received her Masters of Education from Rutgers University. She is a member of the Correctional Educators Association and, in 2015, received the distinguished Ralph Kaplan Memorial Award for Dedication to Technological Advancement in Correctional Education Settings. She has been invited to the White House twice: in 2015, for her use of technology within a prison setting and again in 2016, as a Champion of Change for Expanding Fair Chance Opportunities. She serves her community by participating in both the Planning Commission and the Variance Committee for the City of Westby. She envisioned and developed Fair World Project in 2008. Sue is the former board chair for MOSA, an organic certification agency; former board chair for the Domestic Fair Trade Association and former board chair for the Viroqua Food Coop in Viroqua, Wisconsin.

Sue had no experience working in a prison setting and is now considered a reentry expert. She travels around the country in her 'bubble truck' to talk about Fair Shake: she shares what she's built so far, and learns from folks in state and federal prisons so she can make Fair Shake better and better.

About Fair Shake
Fair Shake provides free resources and information to incarcerated people, formerly incarcerated people, their friends and families and other vital reentry stakeholders.

Prisons focus on safety and security. They do not offer lists of current resources and rely on outside organizations to provide this information. Many prisons allow private organizations (e.g. schools, religious organizations, and entrepreneurship programs) to come in and reach their target audiences via a variety of structured programming. But programming does not provide the freedom of self–directed exploration, and it does not reach everyone.

Incarcerated people are no different from the rest of us; all adults want to search, review, and decide for ourselves which resources will be the most beneficial for the trajectory that we would like our lives to take. We want to see how things connect to prioritize our goals. And we want the freedom to look around – without being subject to someone else's agenda – so we can reflect, weigh our values, commitments and options, and own our decisions.

By providing resources, curated websites, educational manuals and interactive tools Fair Shake provides our incarcerated and formerly incarcerated neighbors with access to the resources and information they need to carve out their own unique path to successful re–entry. We actively maintain these ever–changing resources and give them to state and federal prisons free of charge. For the past 10 years, more than 200 state and federal prisons have been sharing Fair Shake's information on their websites and with those incarcerated in their institutions. In fact, many institutions have one or more copies of our 200–page "Reentry Ownership Manual," our guide to supportive re–entry resources, in the prison library.

We operate on an annual budget of just $110,000.

Services offered: Demograpohic Served: Previously/CurrentlyIncarcerated/Prisoners/Ex–Cons; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Gross Inequity
Updated Mar 17, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10559

Freebie Alerts [free stuff app to get stuff from NextDoor, CraigsList, and other free apps] [SEE WARNING IN NOTEs]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web freebiealerts.app
Service Temporary

This app was recommended by a solidarity oriented person who has had good luck with it. She gets free stuff from all over, and it's easy for her because the app "correlates" [gathers/sorts] free offers from a long list of other apps, like CraigList, NextDoor, etc etc... and you can "whitelist" so that only the ads for the stuff you want show up.

WARNING: THIS APP APPEARS TO BE AN AUTOMATED BOT FOR GATHERING YOUR PERSONAL DATA. We recommend [if you have to use this app] to set up a special email that you only use for this particular app and to ONLY use the app from a computer, NOT a Smart Phone

We list this app because solidarity oriented people are getting free stuff using it BUT we hope that there is a cooperative/solidarity oriented app that takes its place, because this app appears to be an automated data gathering of your personal wants/desires, etc... the app's privacy policy basically reserves the right to correlated "activity" with your computer's IP address and sell [share with their third party affiliates and sell the company when they get enough data] the data you're generating by using the app. Also, depending on your smart phone settings, it could very well be correlating all the data with your phone/text activity, AND if you are using Facebook Messengers and you gave that app permission to share all your contacts, well...it goes on and on.

Services offered: Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Nov 7, 2022 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10533

FRSH Banking [anyone can open an account]

Open Business* · Open

Web myfrsh.com/banking
Service Temporary

from website:

FRSH is 100% focused on giving the justice impacted community access to the best banking products and services no matter your background. FRSH is removing the roadblocks built by decades of systemic discrimination and minimizing as many fees as possible to make it more affordable to live in today's electronic society. Why would we do this? FRSH is built by the justice impacted community for the justice impacted community.

Our community struggles with valid forms of ID, little to no upfront capital, accumulated debt, inactive accounts at large banking institutions, and other barriers of entry and remain unbanked or heavily reliant on predatory lenders or check cashing facilities.

FRSH solves this by eliminating all barriers to entry for the formerly incarcerated and gives access back to the community. We hear you. We see you. We got you!

One of the main determining factors in returning citizens successfully re–entering society is whether or not they can establish financial stability.

The justice impacted community deserves the chance at economic mobility and stable, prosperous futures for themselves and their families. It's time for a FRSH Start. We got you!

Services offered: Demograpohic Served: Previously/CurrentlyIncarcerated/Prisoners/Ex–Cons; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity
Updated Mar 17, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10560

Indigenous Futures Survey [land defenders coordination]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web indigenousfutures.org
Service Temporary

from the website:

The purpose of the Indigenous Futures Survey (IFS) is to gather and share critical information and strategies about the priorities and needs of Native communities. It is the first survey in Indian Country that provides an opportunity for all Native peoples to be a part of shaping our future on critical issues impacting Indian Country that can be used to motivate change.

The IFS is the largest "by us and for us" study in Indian Country with 2020 participation from over 6,400 Native peoples, representing 401 tribes and from all 50 states with a diverse and representative sample across age, gender and geography.

IFS data is being used to make real changes on the priorities and needs of Indian Country. The first two reports and research data were shared broadly across Indian Country, and were used to inform Congress on the impacts of COVID on Indigenous communities, and on a broad spectrum of issues including civic engagement, identity and culture. You can expect more reports that address critical issues in and across our Native communities. In 2021 and beyond, our goal is to substantially increase participation in the survey, and call upon our relatives across the nation to participate, and ask you to encourage your family members, friends and community members to participate as well.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, International Policy; Calendar, Community Events/Protest Actions; Events, Protest Actions; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Constitutional Rights

Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Colonialism; Environmental Sustainability; First Nations / Native Americans; Indigenous Mutual Aid
Updated Nov 18, 2022 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10544

Indigenous Mutual Aid Network [groups to get/give help]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.indigenousmutualaid.org/directory
Service Temporary

from the link above [see live links for the text below at the link above]:

"Indigenous Mutual Aid is an information and support network with an anti–colonial and anti–capitalist framework. We exist to inspire and empower autonomous Indigenous relief organizing in response to COVID–19.

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organizers from throughout what we recognize as Turtle Island.

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organizers from throughout what we recognize as Turtle Island.
Please connect to our Slack channel (send an email to request an invite: indigenousmutualaid@protonmail.com) to connect, share, & build.

As our communities have a deep history with organizing to support each other in times of crisis, we already have many existing Mutual Aid models to draw from. This looks like a small crew coordinating their relatives or friends to chop wood and distribute to elders. It looks like traditional medicine herbal clinics or sexual health supply distribution. It looks like community water hauling efforts or large scale supply runs to ensure elders have enough to make it through harsh winters. Basically any time individuals and groups in our communities have taken direct action (not through politicians or indirect means) and supported others, not for their own self–interests but out of love for their people, this is what we call “mutual aid.”
Our concept of mutual aid does not exclude our non–human relatives or the land. For more info on what Mutual Aid is (and isn’t) please see “Let’s Talk Mutual Aid” by Regan De Loggans. Check out our piece here and these too:
A Mutual Aid Explainer Video
Submedia’s: What Is Mutual Aid?
Big Door Brigade: What is Mutual Aid

Check out our guide on How to Start an Indigenous Mutual Aid relief project.

This project is currently maintained by volunteers with Indigenous Action,
Táala Hooghan Infoshop, and Kinłani Mutual Aid based out of the
Southwestern region of the so–called “United States.””

Services offered: Support for "All" Disasters; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Alternative Societies; Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Arts Community / Artist Network; Bartering Network; Black Lives Matter; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Colonialism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; Environmental Sustainability; First Nations / Native Americans; Food Not Bombs; Green–Rainbow Party; Indigenous Mutual Aid; International Community, Middle Eastern, Palestinian; Lucy Parsons Center; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Quakers; Rainbow Community; Seed Bank / Seed Exchange / Seed Library / Seed Preservation; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Tribal Communities; Worcester Roots; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Nov 29, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10391

InPowerMovement (reducing wireless emanations) (good privacy/terms policy!) (legal templates)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web inpowermovement.com/liability–action–document–templates
Service Temporary

This group helps people reduce the electrical emanations from utility meters. New "smart meters" are like a microwave oven running 24x7 in your basement. If you have gas, electric AND water meters...that's like 3 microwave ovens running all day/night. AND it sends emanations (dirty electricity) all over your house, via "noise" that can be harmful to health, heart/safety monitors, etc.

The group has given up asking utilities to help and is instead showing people how to invoke "administrative law" to impose liability on these utilities when they do not help a homeowner get rid of these meters. To do this, they suggest that you use the templates provided to give notice to the companies.

Check out their terms of service: https://inpowermovement.com/terms/

Their privacy policy reserves the right to change it without notification... so it's not perfect, but their terms of service seem to indicate their heart is in the right place!

"By using this Website, you consent to be of service to the highest good for yourself and for humanity, on all levels, with your service supporting a global emancipation of the human race from unnecessary and outdated systems of bondage and suppression."

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics, GOOD PRIVACY POLICY; Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics, GOOD PRIVACY POLICY, for advocacy groups; Advocacy, Reducing Impact of Wireless Emanations; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Special Needs Folks; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Information & Resource Referrals (For Elders/Seniors); Demographic Served: Autism Spectrum; Demographic Served: Caregivers; Demographic Served: Critically Ill; Demographic Served: Disabled, Persons With Disabilities; Demographic Served: Homebound; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Special Needs; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Legal Templates; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Services, Legal Assistance; Services: Legal Assistance for Disaster Survivors; Services, Legal Assistance (For Low–Income Families); Services, Legal, Community, Environmental Issues; Training, Legal; Training, Micro–Economic Entrepeneurship
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; New "Business" Models; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jan 23, 2018 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10110

Lasagne Love [free lasagne meal delivered, cook, drive, donate, eat]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web lasagnalove.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Lowellians, Lifting Lowellians Mutual Aid Facebook group; Social Activists/ Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Apr 11, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10412

List of Solidarity Economy Maps (socially responsible businesses, co–ops, etc BY CITY)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.shareable.net/blog/how–to–map–the–new–economy–in–your–city
Service Temporary

Go to the list above, and choose a city.

NOTE there are instructions on how to do this in your city:
http://ussen.org/mapping–economic–integration

BUT it's not clear on some of these maps how to add items to the map.

Non–US oriented group doing the same thing:
http://www.ripess.org/?lang=en

Services offered: Documentation, Mapping Reference; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Jul 16, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9719

MedTown [Euro solidarity organizing]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.enicbcmed.eu/projects/medtown
Service Temporary

from the website:

About the project

Public services face an unprecedented set of challenges: increasing demand, rising expectations, seemingly intractable social problems and, in many cases, reduced budgets. In Europe, previous approaches have produced important improvements in some areas but failed to tackle the structural inequalities that are fuelling the demand for services. In the Arab world, heterogeneous and fractured social structures, along with occupational shifts from agricultural to industrial and service activities, are overstretching already weak social services schemes that fail to address the real drivers of poverty, inequality, and exclusion. MedTOWN is an initiative focused on the combined potential of agents of the social and solidarity economy (SSE), citizens and local authorities to co–produce the social policies that can fight poverty, inequality, social exclusion, and environmental

unsustainability, providing them with tools and connections to build local resilience and foster the transition towards more fair, resilient and sustainable societies in the Euro–Mediterranean region.

Key information

Acronym:
MedTOWN

Full title:
Co–producing social policies with SSE actors to fight poverty, inequality and social exclusion

Thematic objective:
A.3 Promotion of social inclusion and the fight against poverty

Priority:
A.3.2 Social and solidarity economy
Countries:

Spain, Greece, Palestine, Jordan, Tunisia, Portugal
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 24, 2019 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10135

Mutual Aid Disaster Relief [tools/network to engage in solidarity not charity]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web mutualaiddisasterrelief.org
Service Temporary

Mutual Aid Disaster Relief: A grassroots disaster relief network dedicated to getting help directly to the underserved communities who are often left out. Donate at mutualaiddisasterrelief.org .

source: https://eu.statesman.com/story/weather/hurricane/2024/09/27/hurricane–helene–how–help–victims–relief–organizations–charities/75412916007/

Services offered: Mutual Aid
Campaigns: 2024 Hurricanes Milton/Helene; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Sep 29, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10637

Mutual Aid Organizer's resource [Great "how to" guides]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web docs.google.com/document/d/1dpMzMzsA83jbVEXS8m7QKOtK4nj6gIUk1U1t6P4wShY/preview
Service Temporary
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Apr 7, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10256

National Cooperative Business Network

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.ncba.coop/our–members
Service Temporary

Services offered: Business Services, Counseling for Small Businesses; Information Resource, Management Advice; Local Businesses, Social Enterprises; New "Business" Models; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS)
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9820

Navajo and Hopi Nation, Covid Response Mutual Aid

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web www.navajohopisolidarity.org
Service Temporary

from the website:

The Relief Fund was established on March 15, 2020 when Ethel Branch, the former Navajo Nation Attorney General, started a GoFundMe Campaign to raise money to assist a few Navajo and Hopi families with purchasing two–weeks' worth of food so they could go into self–quarantine and be protected from the initial onslaught of COVID–19 cases in the area.

The GoFundMe Campaign raised $5000 by the end of the day, and Ethel reached out to 8 amazing Navajo women leaders to ask for their assistance in spreading this aid broadly across the Navajo and Hopi Reservations. The Relief Fund soon had a Leadership Team of 12 amazing Navajo and Hopi women leaders and one honorary member and key partner, Klee Benally of Kinlani/Flagstaff Mutual Aid. The Team raised over $5 million on GoFundMe and formed Yee Ha'oolniidoo to manage the funds and conduct relief work.

As of September 21, 2020 the team and a legion of Navajo and Hopi volunteers all over the two nations has provided food and water to roughly 30,000 households (roughly averaging 4 persons per household) in over 80 Chapters on Navajo and in 9 of the 12 Hopi Villages. The team is also handing out masks and hand sanitizer with their Kinship Care Packages.

Services offered: Baby, Baby Formula (ANY/ALL Types); Cleaning, Cleaner, Disinfectant Wipes; Diapers * (ANY/ALL Types/ Sizes); Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Supplies, Regional Distribution; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster, Mobile; Food Distribution, Grocery Delivery (For Seniors); Hygiene, Diapers, Adult Diapers; Hygiene, Feminine Hygiene, Tampons; Masks, Face Masks, N95 (w/Respirator/Cartidges); Masks, surgical masks, cloth; Medical, Equipment, O2 Nebulizer Chamber w/Masks or Mouth Pieces; Medical, Masks, Non–Rebreather Face Masks; Medical, Supplies, Masks, Face Masks, Medical Purposes; Wipes, Antiseptic Wipes
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; Indigenous Mutual Aid
Updated Oct 14, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10396

Our Data Our Bodies [data sovereignty advocacy/education]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.odbproject.org/about–us–2
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics; Art Project; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, for non–profits (In General); Community Outreach Programs; Community Service Program; Community Standards, List of; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Documentation, Standards, Health & Human Rights; Education, Cultural; Education, Soveriegnty; Education, Traditional Ways; Education, Unschooling; Event Listings; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, How to Organize; Market/Industry Significance; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, For Non–Profits; Services, Social Services, General Social Services; Services, Tech, Web Hosting; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Solidarity; Training, Activism; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Government, Training on How it Works; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Alternative Societies; Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Arts Community / Artist Network; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Colonialism; Ending Gross Inequity; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; New "Business" Models; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jun 23, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10578

Seeding Soildarity [Indigenouse Mutual Aid / Advocacy]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web seedingsovereignty.org
Service Temporary

from the website [see live links at the website]:

Seeding Sovereignty; an Indigenous–led collective, works to radicalize and disrupt colonized spaces through land, body, and food sovereignty work, community building, and cultural preservation. By investing in Indigenous folks and communities of the global majority, we cross the threshold of liberation together.

Rise with us. Grow with us.
What we're doing:
FACE THE FUTURE X FEAR THE KIDS MASK CAMPAIGN

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We're currently working to provide near 60,000 masks to Indigenous youth across 68 nations and 6 states after receiving a request from a representative at FEMA.

Join our buy one, give one mask drive and help to protect Indigenous students today!
MUTUAL AID artwork by Ade Cruz

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In response to the escalating COVID–19 global pandemic Seeding Sovereignty has launched a long–term mutual aid program, now in its second phase called:

The Indigenous Impact Community Care Initiative.
LEARN ABOUT TRUTHSGIVING

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November is recognized as Native American Heritage Month, a time that invites non–Natives to learn through the lived experiences of Indigenous folks throughout the so–called United States.
While many non–Natives celebrate Thanksgiving, our collective recognizes Truthsgiving.

DONATE TO INDIGENOUS IMPACT COMMUNITY CARE INITIATIVE FUND

Vulnerable communities are hit hardest by crises – especially those that purport to affect everyone.

Indigenous communities remaining strong and resilient during this global pandemic despite chronic, deep poverty, a youth suicide epidemic, violence to womxn, and myriad COVID–19 health complicating illnesses. Our communities will be last to receive desperately needed PPE, medical care and support.

Our Indigenous Impact Community Care Initiative works in partnership with Apache, Pueblo, and Navajo communities in New Mexico, in addition to Paiute, Lakota, Dakota, and Ojibwe communities around the country, where need is critical to immediately provide personal protective equipment and reusable masks to communities, distribute healthy food to elders and families, redistribute money to fund essential aid to those in need providing on–the–ground care to LGBTQIA+/Two Spirit and unsheltered relatives, and send Indigenous authored books to quarantined families.

We are committed to our intergenerational knowledge keepers and language bearers who sustain our communities, ways of knowing and provide grandparent and future ancestor medicine. Their Indigenous knowledge can help our global community during this climate crisis.

Indigenous peoples are on the frontlines and protect living forests, waterways and resist extractive projects for us all. During the COVID–19 crisis we are helping them first. Please join us!

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Energy; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Environmental, Wildlife
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Alternative Societies; Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Bartering Network; Black Lives Matter; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Colonialism; Ending Pollution; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; Environmental Sustainability; First Nations / Native Americans; Indigenous Mutual Aid; New "Business" Models; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
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Seventh Generation Fund [Indigenous Mutual Aid]

Open

Web 7genfund.org/our–work/flicker–fund
Service Temporary

from the website [see live links at the website]:

The Flicker Fund provides pandemic relief, wildfire response, and is designed for emergency response.

The Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Peoples resides in the heart of the ancient redwoods, along the Pacific coast in Wiyot Territory. One native bird that bears cultural and spiritual significance to local Native Peoples of this region, and throughout the Indigenous World, is the flicker. It is a medicine bird; flicker feathers are often a part of ceremonies, and help make good medicine and bring healing. Their flight patterns also represent agility and the color and swiftness of a flame.

Embodying the fast flight and power of a flicker, our Flicker Fund was created as a way to rapidly respond to stressed Indigenous communities on the frontlines of COVID–19. The Fund launched within days of learning about the pervasiveness of the virus and its impact on Indigenous communities.

As every corner of the world has been shaken by these extraordinary times, the Indigenous World has been notably impacted. Ongoing colonial issues already affecting Indigenous communities at alarming rates are only intensified by this global health crisis. Flicker Fund grantees especially demonstrate culturally grounded, innovative and creative strategies of response during this pandemic; strategies our organization has the honor to learn from and support. All supported projects we partner have direct accountability to those they serve. Each has at least 80% Indigenous leadership, and emerge from and operate by and for their communities.

The Flicker Fund directs support to projects representing one or more of the following:

Support basic and urgent health and wellness needs of the most vulnerable with a focus on elders, multi–generational households and families with children under the age of five years old.
Engage with traditional healing practices and remedies, food systems and immune support.
Amplify historic and cultural teachings, stories and lifeways that advance traditional knowledge systems informing community members on health, healing and moving forward with vitality.

Mobilize resources for crisis–impacted Indigenous communities throughout the world.

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Affiliate Program
Community Vitality
Land Defenders & Water Protectors
Thriving Women
Tradition Bearers Fellowship
Flicker Fund

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In Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council since 2017

Services offered: Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice; Distribution, Supplies, National Distribution of Supplies; Documentation, Environmental Education; Education, Food Soveriegnty; Education, Soveriegnty; Education, Traditional Medicine; Education, Traditional Ways; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Medical, Education, Health Awareness; Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); New "Business" Models, Education; Training, Activism; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Gardening Instruction; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training, Education, Health, Sanitation / Hygiene; Training, Farming, Organic; Training, Government Policy; Training, Medical, Education *(ANY/ALL Types); Trainin, Social Awareness
Campaigns: Anti-Colonialism / Anti-Racism / Decolonializers; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Colonialism; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; First Nations / Native Americans; Indigenous Mutual Aid; Social Activists/ Organizers; Social Change Initiative; United Nations – U.N.
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Tiny House Resources (buy/sell/park/connect)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web tinyhouselistings.com
Service Temporary

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Buildings, Modular; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Online Database Resource; Directories, Online Database Resource, Needs/Avail Matching; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co-Housing, Co-Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Housing, Mobile Homes; Housing, Modular Trailers, Oversize; Housing, Online Housing Directory Resource; Housing, Portable Housing Units; Housing, Quanza Huts; Housing, Tiny House Resources; Housing, Trailers; Housing, Transitional Housing; New "business models", housing; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Feb 26, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9921

United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (worker-run democratic union)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.ueunion.org
Service Temporary

Info about organizing unions, democratic governance, worker rights.

Great resource for understanding the Affordable Care Act.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Employment, "At-Risk" Job Applicants; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals, Employment & Job Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Community Outreach Programs; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Counseling, Career Counseling; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Legal Advice & Referrals; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights, First Amendment; Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Information Resource, Management Advice; New "business" models, Government; Services, Legal Assistance; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Networking Group, Employment/Professional Networking; Training, Activism; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training, Citizen Activism, Constitutional Law; Training, Government Policy
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Jobs with Justice; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co-Operatives
Updated Dec 13, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9830

US Federation of Worker Cooperatives (incl directory of regional networks of cooperatives)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.usworker.coop
Service Temporary

Services offered: Information Resource, Management Advice; Local Businesses, Social Enterprises; New "Business" Models
Campaigns: Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co-Operatives
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9821

US–wide Mutual Aid Helper Network [enter city and get speciifc people/offers of help!]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web www.covaid.co
Service Temporary

This tool is GREAT! enter your zip or city and get specific people with contact info and offers for specific help they are offering!
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Apr 7, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10255

We Are Casa [US–based Central Americas Immigrant Rights/Advocacy/Mutual Aid]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web wearecasa.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Demographic Served: Immigrants; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Training Classes, Immigrant Worker Rights Instruction
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; We Are Casa [Americas–based Immigrant Rights/Mutual Aid]
Updated Nov 7, 2022 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10537

WhirlyBird Housing Co–operative

Shelter · Open

Web whirlybird.bostoncoops.org
Service Temporary

EXCELLENT VIBE at this space. Friendly community gatherings w/music

Location: 36 Faneuil St., Brighton, MA

Next to 86 and 64 buses which go to Harvard, Central, and Kendall. Also a walk to 57 bus goes to Kenmore and the express 501 bus to downtown is nearby too.
Everything in the city is bikable distance from here.
Next to McKinney Playground and Park (with basketball hoops and baseball field)
Quick stroll to Brighton Center (tons of restaurants bars etc.)

Shared Responsibilities

contribute to 1 house meal a week so we can have foods prepared most days.
chores. plan do a 2 – 3 hours a month of chore work like cleaning
meetings. plan to meet with roommates about twice a month to check in, make plans, review house processes etc.

Rent

We have 8 members (6 rooms) and the average rent is $450 per person with range 350 – 575 (average $600 per room with range 525 – 750).

House

is 2 family residence
6 bedrooms and two kitchens (upstairs could be the main kitchen that everyone uses). There's also a dining room and adjoining living room upstairs. A dining room downstairs could be given some other function like art space or who knows.
Basement is pretty big and the divider wall could be taken out easily to make it more open for some use.
Attic is unfinished but perhaps in the distant future it could be and a stairwell added to get more bedrooms.
Two enclosed back porches. one on each floor.
Backyard is cute. has picnic table and a big ol' maple tree. The back is shady because of tree but could try a garden here.
Front yard has rusted fence and big bushes that fill it up. These can be removed to make way for a front garden.
check pics

History:

Founded in August 2011.
The Maple Tree seed is nicknamed a whirlybird and there's bucket loads of them in the backyard thanks to an awesome maple tree in the backyard.

Contact Information:

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Services offered: Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Housing, Fair Housing; Animals, Shelter, Pet Friendly Lodging; Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; New "business models", housing; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Music

Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated May 5, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9950

Worker Cooperatives, USFWC member coops [list w/map!]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.usworker.coop/member–directory
Service Temporary

from the website:

The United States Federation of Worker Cooperatives (USFWC) is the national grassroots membership organization for worker cooperatives. Our mission is to build a thriving cooperative movement of stable, empowering jobs through worker–ownership. We advance worker–owned, –managed, and –governed workplaces through cooperative education, advocacy and development.

Our Federation represents nearly 200 business and organizational members representing 6,000 workers across the country. We organize through local cooperative networks while building power with national and international partners to advance an agenda for economic justice rooted in community–based, shared ownership.
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 24, 2019 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10136