Ending Extreme Poverty: Resource Guide

Ongoing

Generated November 15, 2026 · 175 open facilities · closed facilities are not listed · call before you go: details change quickly

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Community Action Partnership of North Alabama

Walk–in Resource · Open

CENTRAL OFFICE:; 1909 Central Parkway SW, Decatur, AL 35061

Phone (256) 350–3662
Web www.northalabamacommunities.org
Serves Morgan, Lawrence, Cullman, Franklin, Colbert, Cherokee, DeKalb, Jackson, Marshall, Blount, Marion, Winston, and Walker Counties in North Alabama
Service Permanent

FROM THE SITE:

Housing Development

Affordable housing is provided for low income persons in Alabama and the Southeast. U. S. Housing and Urban Development programs, low–income housing tax credits, Federal Home Loan Bank and conventional financial resources are used. For more information, contact Richard Lyons at 256–260–3121.
Housing Counseling

Comprehensive housing counseling services to home buyers, homeowners and renters – both current and perspective. This assistance enables them to improve their housing conditions and meet the responsibilities of tenancy or home ownership under HUD and other funding in Morgan, Lawrence and Cullman counties. For more information, contact Sue Stancil at 256–260–3112.

Volunteer Development

Volunteers help people and change lives– in 2005, volunteers contributed more than 21,000 hours of service to individuals assisted through the services of the Partnership. Volunteer opportunities include reading to children, classroom assistance, mentoring, assisting seniors, information and referral, meal preparation and delivery, income tax assistance, clerical activities, writing, research, and other program activities that assist the Partnership with accomplishing its mission and purpose. Individuals looking for opportunity to volunteer in their community should contact Laurie Lincoln at 256–260–3106.

Senior Companions

Seniors, 60 and older, are recruited to provide help in the homes of individuals at risk of having to accept alternative care rather than continue to live in the comfort and familiarity of their homes. They offer light housekeeping, prepare meals, monitor medications, encourage exercise and provide respite care. They enable their clients to maintain their independence. Services are provided in Morgan, Lawrence, and Cullman counties. For more information, contact Tamisha Sales at 256–260–3142.
Meals on Wheels

This program provides a nutritious meal and a brief wellness check each weekday for eligible homebound elderly and/or handicapped adults in Morgan County. One–hundred percent locally funded through support from city and county governments, United Way, churches, individuals, civic and social clubs, various organizations, The Decatur Daily and other area businesses. For more information, contact Cindy Anderson at 256–260–3108.

Family Development Credential Program

The Family Development Credential (FDC) program is an interagency strengths–based professional development course and credentialing program for frontline workers. The program is intended to transform the way health, education and human services are delivered to families with an emphasis on moving systems away from fragmented crisis oriented services to strengths based empowerment service delivery practices. This systematic, comprehensive program of study provides both skill development and a way to identify the “credentialed worker” as one with consistency and professionalism in their work with families. FDC courses are offered through interagency partnerships by community based instructors an portfolio advisors who are trained by the partner agency in that state. For more information, contact Stephanie Johnson at 256–260–3144.

Economic Development

Our CDFI (Community Development Financial Institution) lends funding for asset development and the establishment of micro–enterprise businesses.

Real Estate Loan Program
This loan program provides low–interest loans to low–income individuals needing critical health, safety or code compliance improvements or repairs to their home.
(now taking applications)

Capacity Building/Emergency Loan Program
This loan program provides low–interest loans to low–income individuals needing financial assistance to obtain a job, housing,

education, or transportation and can be used for health related issues that cause barriers to employment, housing, or education. (enrollment is not open at this time)

Small Business Micro–Enterprise Loan Program
This loan program provides funding to small business for asset acquisition, asset development and business start–up capital. (enrollment is not open at this time)

For more information, contact Richard Lyons at 256–260–3121.
Results Oriented Management and Accountability

Today, Non–Profits are expected to deliver services that are high impact and produce results. The Community Action Partnership offers a two–day learning session that equips participants with the tools and the skill necessary to indentify programmatic outcomes and report their impact. Training areas include identifying outcomes, logic model development, measuring results using an outcome scale, and impact illustration using an outcome matrix. For more information contact Jack Green at 256–260–3128.
Accountable Case Management

The Community Action Partnership offers a one–day learning session that introduces participants to fundamental case management principles and techniques. A unique element of this training session is its close connection to outcome management. This session can be presented in conjunction with the Results Oriented Management and Accountability training session. For more information contact Jack Green at 256–260–3128.

211 Information and Referral

211 is an easy–to–remember, free–to the–user phone number linking people with the services they need. Dialing 211 connects the caller to a specialist who can assess the caller's needs and link the caller to the right solution using a comprehensive database of services – federal, state, and local; government and nonprofit. 211 is for everyone. For more information, contact Laurie Lincoln at 256–355–7843.
Low Income Home Energy Assistance

Assistance on a one–time basis to low income families to meet heating and cooling energy costs and to prevent energy from being terminated in health crisis situations. Funds are paid directly to utility companies and vendors. For more information in Morgan County, contact Cindy Anderson at 256–355–7843; in Lawrence County, contact Jennifer Kelley at 256–974–9026, and in Cullman County, contact Robin Johnson at 256–734–5170.
Operation Warm

A limited area energy program that provides assistance on a one time basis to persons who are elderly, handicapped, or in health crisis situations. Funding is provided by residents of Morgan and Lawrence counties through donation of $1.00 or more above their monthly bills. For more information in Morgan County, contact Cindy Anderson at 256–355–7843; and in Lawrence County, contact Jennifer Kelley at 256–974–9026.

Location: Morgan and Lawrence Counties
Operation SHARE

Operation SHARE is a limited area energy program created by the Cullman Power Board and the Cullman Electric Cooperative, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, that provides energy assistance to persons in the Cullman Power Board and the Cullman Electric Cooperative service area who are elderly, disabled, or needy. Funding is provided by Cullman Power Board and the Cullman Electric Cooperative service area residents that designate and contribute $1, $2 or $5 each month on their electric bill. For more information contact Robin Johnson at 256–734–5170.

Location: Cullman County
FEMA – Emergency Food & Shelter

Morgan County Food and/or mortgage/rent assistance to individuals in Morgan County who at risk of becoming homeless because of a mortgage foreclosure or eviction notice. For at–risk individuals in Cullman County, food and/or utility assistance is available. For more information about the FEMA program in Morgan County, contact Sue Stancil at 256–355–7843 and in Cullman County, contact Robin Johnson at 256–734–5170.

Locations: Morgan and Cullman Counties
Alabama Charitable Trust Fund – Utility Assistance

The nonprofit Alabama Business Charitable Trust Fund Trust was created by Alabama Power in 1992 to supplement other energy assistance efforts. The Trust works with community action agencies to help cover heating and cooling costs of low–income families and those struggling with temporary financial problems. For more information, contact Jennifer Kelley at 256–974–9026.

Services offered: Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Financial Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance; Financial Assistance, Loans, Low Interest Loans; Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Homeless, Services for the Homeless; Services, Senior/ Elderly Services
Campaigns: 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Ending Extreme Poverty; Homelessness Relief Services; Meals on Wheels
Updated Apr 30, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8058

HERO (Hale Empowerment & Revitalization Organization, Inc.)

Info/Hotline · Open

1120 Main Street Greensboro, AL 36744, Greensboro, AL 36744

Phone 334–624–0842
Web www.herohousing.org
Serves Sawyerville, AL
Service Permanent

9/12/11 Requested 12–15 first aid kits. They were sent out next day.

6/6/11– No longer a drop–off location. When rebuilding starts they will be a VRC.

Anyone that wants to make a donation of personal items, i.e. towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, hand towels, towels, washclothes, cleaning supplies, feminine products, clothes, toilet paper, paper towels, water, bedding, shampoo, body wash, canned food, non–perishable food can be dropped off at the HERO office downtown for the Sawyerville victims.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Disaster Relief Supplies; Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Meals, Volunteers, Meals for Volunteers; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Youth, Leadership Development; Youth Program
Campaigns: 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; AmeriCorps; Ending Extreme Poverty; Habitat For Humanity

Updated Sep 12, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8031

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

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

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## Fuel Relief Fund HQ

Info/Hotline · Open

Non-Profit, Disaster Relief
HQ: 4344 Latham Street, Suite 230,, Riverside, CA 92501

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| **Phone** | U.S.: 1-909-322-1481 |
| **Web** | www.fuelrelieffund.org |
| **Checks payable to** | Fuel Relief Fund |
| **Service** | Temporary |

Fuel Relief Fund had to leave Haiti when supportive funds ran dry. They worked long and hard to secure grants to be able to return to continue their urgently needed disaster relief and recovery efforts with fuel, but ultimately it was not to be. They served a vital and life saving purpose for several months after the 1/12/10 Earthquake in Port-au-Prince and its surrounding neighborhoods, such as Croix-des-Bouquets, Grantier, Petion-Ville, Carrefour, Fontamarra, Bel-Air, all of Delmas, Bon-Repos, Cite Militaire delivering fuel for generators and ambulances and so much more.

BLOG: http://fuelrelieffund.wordpress.com/
FACEBOOK: http://www.facebook.com/pages/FuelReliefFundorg/255001598753
TWITTER: http://twitter.com/fuelrelieffund

**Services offered:** Donations, Disaster Fund; Fuel, * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Support for "All" Disasters
**Campaigns:** 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2010 /2011 Haiti Cholera Epidemic; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Oil Spill Gulf of Mexico; 2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2011 Japan Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disasters; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; 2013 Philippines Super Typhoon Haiyan-Yolanda; 2017 Hurricane Harvey; 2017 Hurricane
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IRMA Response; 2017 HURRICANE MARIA; 2019 "HURRICANE DORIAN"; Do Your Part; Ending Extreme Poverty; Fuel Relief Fund; Helping Yemen Survivors
Updated Nov 15, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5594

CO

Emergency Family Assistance Association – EFAA

Walk–in Resource · Open

1575 Yarmouth, Boulder, CO 80304

Phone 303–442–3042
Web efaa.org
Hours M, T, Th, F 9:30 am - 4:30 pm W noon - 4:30 pm
Serves Boulder and Broomfield Counties
Service Permanent

Volunteer Opportunities –
http://efaa.org/index.php/Volunteer–Opportunities/

Services offered: Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Demographic Served: Disabled, Persons With Disabilities; Demographic Served: Families; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Housing, Rental Assistance; Financial Assistance, Medical Expenses; Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Food Bank (Public Distribution Available); Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types); * KITS, TOILETRY/COMFORT KIT, NEW Items ONLY; Medical, Services, Eyecare Services; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Transportation * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty
Updated Sep 14, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6198

Catholic Charities of Denver (COVOAD Member)

Info/Hotline · Open

VOAD
4045 Pecos Street, Denver, CO 80211

Phone 303–742–0828
Web www.catholiccharitiesdenver.org
Service Temporary

Services

Adoption/Birth Parenting
Adult Services
Child Care/Head Start Programs
Counseling
Disabled Services
Emergency Assistance
English as a Second Language
Farm Labor Housing
Foster Care
Homelessness
Housing
Immigration Services
Kinship Care Services
Northern Colorado Offices & Operations
Pregnancy Counseling
Western Slope Office & Operations – Glenwood Springs
Youth Services

http://www.catholiccharitiesdenver.org/volunteer.aspx

Volunteers are the backbone of Catholic Charities. Their time, energy and compassion are what make our programs so successful. Catholic Charities volunteers are thoroughly trained and have background checks to ensure the safety and overall quality of our programs.

Thank you for visiting the volunteer area of our website. Below you will find links to the various geographical regions we serve. Click on the region where you live to view the current volunteer openings at our programs in your area at the site.

Denver Metro Region
Northern Colorado Region
Western Slope Region

Services offered: Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant, Legal Services; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Demographic Served: Children; Demographic Served: Disabled, Persons With Disabilities; Demographic Served: Families; Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Immigrants; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Diapers * (ANY/ALL Types/Sizes); Financial Assistance, Housing, Rental Assistance; Financial Assistance, Medical, Prescription Assistance; Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance; Food, Distribution, Emergency Food Program; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Emergency Services; Services, Family, Adoption Services; Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Family, Children, Foster Care; Services, Homeless, Services for the Homeless; Services, Immigration, Refugee Resettlement (See also "Assistance"); Services, Senior/Elderly Services; Services, Social Services, General Social Services; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Homeless Shelter; Toiletries, Personal Hygiene Products * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Training Classes, ESL (English as a Second Language); Translators, Spanish/English, Volunteers; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Vouchers, Bus Tokens; Youth, After-School, Afterschool Program
Campaigns: Catholic Charities; Ending Extreme Poverty; Head Start Program; Homelessness Relief Services; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Sep 12, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6373

Colorado FriendShip (Division of NERT – COVOAD Member)

Info/Hotline · Open

P.O. Box 84, Jamestown, CO 80455
Phone 303-545-0242
Hours M-F 8:00 am – 5:00 pm MST
Service Temporary

Some of the Programs:
http://199.2.58.16:8080/services.htm

Hot Meals on the Street
Food and clothing distribution to the homeless

Mobile Pantry
Distribution of food to those in need

Food Donation Distribution
Costco pick-up and delivery

What We Need
Volunteers, Donations and Corporate Friends

There are three ways you can help: Volunteer, donate or become a
Colorado FriendShip Corporate Friend. For those able and interested, we invite
you to become all three!

http://199.2.58.16:8080/donations.htm

For information about volunteering, tax-deductible giving, or introducing Colorado FriendShip to your business, company or organization, please contact Robert Tarantino at:

info @coloradofriendship.org
or call 303-545-0242

EVENTS -
Annual Fundraisers

2010 FourMile Canyon Wildfire

http://199.2.58.16:8080/images/video/ABC%207%20News%20Clip%20-%20CF.wmv

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Colorado Friendship has a trailer at the Boulder YMCA to take food and clothing for evacuees. They tell us they are in need of new socks and underwear.

SOURCE: http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/24958379/detail.html

Services offered: Donations, In-Kind Donation, Services; Events, Donation Drive; Food Distribution, Food Pantry, Mobile Food Pantry; Generators * (ANY/ALL Types); Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2010 Colorado, Fourmile Canyon Wildfire; Ending Extreme Poverty; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Sep 14, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6372

CT

Bristol Community Organization, Inc. (BCO)

Info/Hotline · Open

55 South Street, Bristol, CT 06010

Phone (860) 584–2725
Web bcoct.org
Hours Mon ~ Fri 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Serves Bristol, Burlington, Farmington, Plainville, Plymouth
Service Temporary

Services:
Employment and Training, Head Start, Energy and Heating Assistance, Weatherization, Financial Education, Eviction Prevention, Food Pantry, Information and Referral, Case Management and Counseling.

DEPARTMENTS –

Energy Department –
Through state, federal and private funds, the energy department is able to provide eligible households with assistance in meeting their home heating and energy costs. Referral and counseling services are also available to provide information regarding energy conservation and consumption, help with termination of utility services. Weatherization of homes and apartments, and furnace repair and replacement are available to those meeting eligibility requirements.

Headstart – (2 locations)
The Head Start Program is a federal and state funded preschool program for children from low–income families. Children are provided with a learning environment and the varied experiences that will help them develop socially, intellectually, physically, and emotionally in a manner appropriate to their age and stage of development. The program goal is to allow the child and the parents to participate in a variety of educational activities, which help them to succeed.

HOMEMAKING/COMPANIONSHIP/RESPITE –
Basic homemaking services such as light housekeeping, laundry, shopping assistance, and cooking are provided to economically disadvantaged elderly, and/or disabled residents. Respite care is also available for caregivers. Cases are accepted under a variety of funding sources including the North Central area Agency on Aging (NCAAA) – Title III of the Older Americans Act, the CT Department of Social Services and CT Community Care, Inc. Services can also be provided on a private pay basis.

RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) –
RSVP is a service program which is federally funded by the Corporation for the National and Community Service. The Greater Bristol RSVP is a member agency of the United Way of West Central Connecticut. It is dedicated to matching the talents of citizens 55 years of age and older with the community service needs of local nonprofit organization and agencies.

Social Services –
A variety of programs are administered by the Social Service Staff. This department serves economically disadvantaged families and individuals of all ages. Services include counseling, advocacy and support services. Information and referral services cover a variety of needs, including childcare resources, health, food, furniture, clothing, employment assistance, shelter assistance, money management, and State DSS services.

Transportation –
Elderly, handicapped, and economically disadvantaged Bristol residents who have no access to private transportation are offered Dial–A–Ride services within the Bristol city limits between 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. To reserve a ride, please call at least 24 hours in advance. Funding is provided by the City of Bristol and the North Central Area Agency on Aging (NCAAA) - Title III of the Older Americans Act.

Weatherization –
Weatherization of homes and apartments, and furnace repair and replacement are available to those meeting eligibility requirements. Weatherization applications are available at BCO for all eligible energy assistance clients.

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Heating Fuel; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Emergency Services, Senior/Elder; Services, Senior/Disabled, Homemaker Services (For Elders/Seniors/Disabled); Transportation * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2010 New England Flooding; Connecticut Association For Community Action – CAFCA; Ending Extreme Poverty; LTRG, Long Term Recovery Group; Tri–State LTRG (New England)
Updated Jul 28, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6061

Community Action Committee of Danbury, Inc. (CACD)

Info/Hotline · Open

Main Office:; 66 North Street, Danbury, CT 06810

Phone Main Line: 203–744–4700 | Energy: 203–748–5422
Web www.cacd–caa.org
Service Temporary

Case Managment/Neighborhood Services Office:
57 North Street Suite 110
Danbury, CT 06810
Main Number: 203-885-1076

CACD Programs:

Action Early Learning Center –
offers a comprehensive year-round day care program for children in the Danbury area. Fees are determined by a sliding scale based on family income.

Case Management –
Through interviews, assessment, referrals, action plans, application assistance, and follow-ups, clients are guided and helped toward the ultimate goal of self-sufficiency.

Diaper Program –
CACD's diaper program is designed to help those in need who are unable to buy an adequate amount of diapers and baby wipes for their babies on a monthly basis.

Energy Assistance & Weatherization –
Enables eligible participants to obtain fuel, utilities, and ways to combat the rising cost of energy.

Food Pantry –
CACD's food pantry is one of the three largest food pantries in Danbury.

Holiday Baskets –
It is hoped that the holiday baskets bring cheer and the holiday spirit to low-income families and individuals who may otherwise be unable to celebrate the holidays.

Housing Services –
Helps low and moderate-income individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless due to eviction or foreclosure.

Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Program (EFPP)
Emergency Shelter (FEMA-Rental)

Homeless & Prevention Rapid Rehousing Program (HPRP)
The Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) is a new program, funded by the federal Housing and Urban Development agency, aimed at preventing homelessness.

DSS Security Deposit Guarantee Program (SDGP)

Income Tax Preparation Assistance –
Provides free income tax preparation and the option of free electronic filing for individuals and families meeting the program's elgibility requirements.

Individual Development Accounts (IDAs)–
Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) are matched savings accounts that enable low-income American families to save, build assets and enter the financial mainstream.

Money Matters –
Money Matters' classes are held in the evening and provide information to attendees to help them better understand their incomes and spending habits, determine what spending is essential to maintain their homes and families, discover discretionary spending habits that are hindering their abilities to keep up with essentials and learn to develop and implement a budget to guide their spending and savings' efforts.

Neighborhood Services –
Provides clients with emergency food and housing assistance, health and advocacy, budget and savings counseling and asset building programs. Seasonal gift and food baskets as well as events and programs are provided at various times throughout the year.

RSVP of Northern Fairfield Co. –
RSVP is the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

How you can help –

DIAPERS –
CACD welcomes diaper and baby wipe donations or monetary contributions to the program. Monetary contributions should be sent to CACD's Finance Director at CACD, 66 North Street, Danbury, CT 06810. Help keep our precious children healthy by donating to the Diaper Program!

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FOOD –
The number of meals distributed continues to rise as economic conditions in the area worsen. In order to help low-income

families and individuals, CACD is seeking both monetary and non–perishable food contributions. The agency's goal is to keep people from being hungry. Monetary donations should be sent to CACD's Finance Director at CACD, 66 North Street, Danbury, CT 06810.

FACEBOOK –
http://www.facebook.com/pages/Community–Action–Committe–of–Danbury/111422118870563

Services:
Employment and Training, Head Start, Preschool, Adult Education, Energy and Heating Assistance, Financial Education, Eviction Prevention, Food Pantry, Information and Referral, Case Management and Counseling.

Towns Served:
Bethel, Bridgewater, Broeokfield, Canaan, Cornwall, Danbury, Kent, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, North Canaan, Redding, Ridgefield, Roxbury, Salisbury, Sharon, Sherman, Warren, Washington.

Services offered: Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Diapers * (ANY/ALL Types/Sizes); Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Heating Fuel; Financial Assistance, Housing, Rental Assistance; Food Distribution, Food Baskets; Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Family, Children, Daycare Services; Services, Financial, Tax Filing Assistance
Campaigns: Connecticut Association For Community Action – CAFCA; Ending Extreme Poverty; LTRG, Long Term Recovery Group; Tri–State LTRG (New England)
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National Cristina Foundation

Info/Hotline · Open

Non–Profit
500 West Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830
Phone 203.863.9100
Web www.cristina.org
Service Temporary

Linking Life to its Promise. The National Cristina Foundation is a not–for–profit foundation dedicated to the support of training through donated technology. For more than 25 years we have encouraged companies and individuals to donate computers and other technology, which is then matched to charities, schools and public agencies in all 50 states, Canada, and in many countries around the world.

Computer Donation Requirements

* Pentium III & Higher CPUs (486 and Pentium I and II no longer accepted). Alternative CPUs accepted if Pentium III equivalent or better.
* If your donation includes a complete system (Hard Drive, Monitor, Keyboard, & Mouse), use the "PC Desktop" or "Mac Desktop" category on the donation screens that follow. If not, please use the "Partial CPU" checkbox.
* If possible, please include Software License Agreements for installed software.
* Hardware needing repair is considered on a case–by–case basis where partner organizations have repair capabilities.

DONATION PROCESS: http://www.cristina.org/process.html

DONATION REQUIREMENTS: http://www.cristina.org/donate_computer.html

Services offered: Computer, Desktop; Computer, Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types); Computer, Laptop; Computer, Peripherals, Misc.; Computer, Printer; Computer, Software, Operating System – Windows * (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Disabled, Persons With Disabilities; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Donations, In–Kind Donations; Information Resource, Recycling Methods, Tech; Recycling, Computers & Electronics
Campaigns: Cristina Foundation (Computer Reuse); Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/ Services
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Connecticut Association For Community Action – CAFCA (MAIN SITE)

Info/Hotline · Open

Mailing Address; 144 Clinton St, New Britain, CT 06053
Phone 860–832–9438
Web cafca.org/v3
Service Temporary

NEWS –

Community Action Network Receives Thirty–Six Million Dollars In Heating Assistance Funds
Derek Haviland | January 18, 2011 | CEAP, Connecticut Energy Assistance Program

The Connecticut Association for Community Action (CAFCA) and its twelve member agencies were relieved when Gov. Dan Malloy announced the release of an additional $36 million in federal LIHEAP funds—the funding stream that drives Connecticut's winter heating assistance program.

FOR MORE DETAILS SEE:
http://www.cafca.org/viewPost.cfm?postID=41

CAFCA Programs
CAFCA provides training, support, and coordination among Connecticut's 12 Community Action Agencies in our common quest to reduce poverty and promote self–sufficiency.

•CAFCA Legislative agenda
•CT CAPS Newsletter
•2009 Annual Conference Link
•Connecticut Poverty Resource Center
•CT Assets for Independence
•Individual Development Account Demonstration Project Implementing
•ROMA (Results–Oriented Management and Accountability)

CAFCA's Community Action Agency locator. Just click the area of the map where you live to be brought to your agency's page.

http://www.cafca.org/our–network

Member Agencies
http://cafca.org/v3/index.php/member–agencies

Action for Bridgeport Community Development, Inc. (ABCD)
The ACCESS Community Action Agency, Inc. (ACCESS)
Bristol Community Organization, Inc. (BCO)
Community Action Agency of New Haven, Inc. (CAA–NH)
Community Action Committee of Danbury, Inc. (CACD)
Community Renewal Team, Inc. (CRT)
CTE, Inc. (CTE)
Human Resources Agency of New Britain, Inc. (HRA–NB)
Norwalk Economic Opportunity Now, Inc. (NEON)
New Opportunities, Inc.
Training, Education And Manpower, Inc. (TEAM)
Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc. (TVCCA)

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Employment & Job Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Short–Term Housing Referrals; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Community Service Program; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Directories, Directory of Services, Case Management; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Heating Fuel; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); 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, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Family, General Family Assistance; Services, Social Services, General Social Services; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction)
Campaigns: 2010 New England Flooding; Connecticut Association For Community Action – CAFCA; Ending Extreme Poverty; LTRG, Long Term Recovery Group; Tri–State LTRG (New England)
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Community Action Agency of New Haven, Inc. (CAA–NH)

Walk–in Resource · Open

781 Whalley Avenue, New Haven, CT 06515
Phone 203–387–7700
Web www.caanh.net
Service Temporary

Programs & Services:

Energy Assistance –
Energy Assistance Program – is a state and federally funded program which assists families in the New Haven region with fuel expenses. Applications are processed for town residents of New Haven, Hamden, West Haven, East Haven, and North Haven. This program is designed to provide Energy Assistance to individuals and families who meet the federal poverty guidelines with their primary source of heat. The program is accessible through intake sites scattered throughout New Haven and the inner ring of suburbs, and can also be accessed through New Haven Senior Cafes.

CAANH Energy Assistance program helps people who meet federal poverty guidelines with their heating bill. We make direct payments to companies providing natural gas, propane oil, wood or electric.

Weatherization –
This program is designed to increase the energy efficiency of homes and thereby reducing energy costs. This is a free program for

those individuals or families who qualify. Those who qualify will be connected with a contractor who will perform the home weatherization.

Personal Finance –
Individual Development Accounts (IDA) – IDA matched savings programs provide education for 1st time homeownership, post secondary, and business entrepreneurial education. This includes a 10–week FDIC approved course "Money Smart" which offers basic information concerning credit repair, loans, budgeting, homeownership, retirement savings, and other financial issues. Participants receive training in how to acquire specific assets and guidance with the process of saving for and attaining their goal. Participants also receive intensive case management to help them thru any problems that may arise and to stick to their savings agreement. Participant's savings are matched 2 to 1 and between $500 and $1000 can be matched per calendar year.

Children & Families –
Food Pantry/ Diaper Bank – provides qualified families once a month with a bag of groceries and 20 diapers. The Food Bank and Diaper bank are accessed at the Main Site in New Haven.

S.M.A.R.T. Women

Manage Your Future (MYF)–
designed to provide summer employment for youth that gives them the best opportunity to develop the skills and competencies needed to move forward in life. Manage Your Future provides New Haven youth between the ages of 14 and 18 years old with meaningful employment opportunities at various worksites throughout the city. This six week summer program provides practical work experience, financial education, savings, planning, and employability skills training. Mandatory workshops based on workplace diversity, behavior, attitudes, and attire are integrated into job training sessions facilitated by area instructors from the human services, business, and academic fields. Participants work 25 hours per week, making weekly deposits towards their pre–set goal for asset acquisition. This program also incorporates a unique opportunity for youth participants to become financially educated by participating in the youth Individual Development Account (IDA) Program. At the end of the summer program, these youth have their savings of up to $500 matched, and used for educational expenses.

Other Services –
Medical Transportation – provides door to door transportation in a wheelchair equipped vehicle for medical, dental or therapeutic appointments to Hill Health patients to ensure that they keep their routine clinic appointments.

SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS on qualifications!

Services:
Employment and Training, Energy and Heating Assistance, Weatherization, Individual Development Accounts, Financial Education, Eviction Prevention, Meals on Wheels, Food Pantry.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Womens Rights; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, How To, Loan & Grant Application Assistance (Disaster Survivors); Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Employment & Job Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Job Placement; Case Management, Battered, Abused Women; Case Management, Long–Term Case Management; Case Management, Low Income (Individuals/Families); Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Community Service Program; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Diapers * (ANY/ALL Types/Sizes); Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Financial Assistance Programs; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Case Management for Financial Matters; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Heating Fuel; Financial Assistance, Referrals, Temporary Financial Assistance Referrals; Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Grants, Education; Grants, Housing, Housing Related; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Jobs, Paying Jobs (For Disaster Survivors); Medical, Services, Transportation, Patient Transport Services; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Services, Employment, Internship Program; Services, Employment, Job Counseling, Referrals & Placement; Services, Employment, Paid Gigs, Paying Jobs; 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, Insurance Counseling (Seniors/Elders) ; Services, Legal Assistance; Services, Legal Assistance (For Low–Income Families); Services, Weatherization Services; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Communication Skills; Training Classes, Computers Skills; Training Classes, Education, 1st Time Home Buyer Education; Training Classes, Employment, Job Training (Elders/ Seniors); Training Classes, Financial Literacy; Training Classes, Financial, Money Management; Training Classes, Language Skills; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Literacy Training; Training Classes, Trade Skills, Training; Training Classes, Vocational; Training, Services, Employment /JobTraining ; Transportation, Accessible (for Persons w/Disabilities); Transportation * (ANY/ALL Types); Transportation Assistance (To Receive Medical Care); Vouchers * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2010 New England Flooding; Connecticut Association For Community Action – CAFCA; Ending Extreme Poverty; LTRG, Long Term Recovery Group; Tri–State LTRG (New England)
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CTE, Inc. (CTE)

Info/Hotline · Open

34 Woodland Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902

Phone (203) 327–3260
Web www.ctecap.org
Serves Darien, Greenwich, Stamford.
Service Temporary

Services:
Employment and Training, After School and Summer Programs, Energy and Heating Assistance, Individual Development Accounts, Financial Education, Homeless Shelter, Health Clinics, AIDS Prevention and Counseling, Substance Abuse Counseling, Information and Referral, Case Management and Counseling.

CTE Programs

AIC
A description and contact information for the Alternative Incarceration Center
Education & Youth
CTE programs for young people

Workforce Development
CTE programs designed to assist individuals seeking self–sufficiency

Family Services
Family development services including the CTE Individual Development Account

Wealth & Asset Development / IDA Programs
Family development services including the CTE Individual Development Account

Viewpoint
An Overview, Goals and Mission of the Viewpoint Recovery Program

Services offered: Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Community Outreach Programs; Community Service Program; Counseling, Crisis Counseling; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Migrants; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Heating Fuel; Mental Health Services; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Employment, Job Counseling, Referrals & Placement; Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Homeless, Services for the Homeless; Services, Substance Abuse, Outpatient Program (Drug/Alcohol); Training Classes, Computers Skills; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program
Campaigns: 2010 New England Flooding; Connecticut Association For Community Action – CAFCA; Ending Extreme Poverty; LTRG, Long Term Recovery Group; Tri–State LTRG (New England)
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ACCESS Community Action Agency (CAA) or (ACCESS)

Info/Hotline · Open

1315 Main Street, Suite 2, Willimantic, CT 06226

Phone 860–450–7400
Web www.accessagency.org/access
Serves Windham and Tolland counties, Eastern region and statewide
Service Temporary

From their website:

Who We Are

The Access Community Action Agency is a federal and state designated Community Action Agency (CAA) that serves Windham and Tolland counties. However, many of our programs provide services to the entire Eastern Connecticut region, and some provide services throughout the state. We offer a variety of programs free of charge to qualifying participants. These programs provide food, heat, energy, housing assistance, job and life skills training, referrals for transportation, community services, small–business counseling, mentoring, and much, much more.

Access is a private, nonprofit corporation and is a charitable and educational entity to the fullest extent permitted by IRS section 501(c)3.

Main Offices –

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Willimantic, CT 06226
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231 Broad Street
Danielson, CT 06239
Phone: 860-774-0418 • Fax: 860-774-3347

Central Administration: Development • Finance • HR • CIS

Community Services: Case Management • Emergency Food Bank • Energy Assistance • Eviction & Foreclosure Protection

Family Asset Development: IDA(Individual Development Accounts) • VITA(Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)

Home Services Program: WRAP • LEAP • Housing Preservation • Weatherization

Nutrition Programs: CACFP(Child & Adult Care Food Program) • WIC(Women, Infants & Children)

Behavioral Health: One-on-One Mentoring • Community Base Life Skills • Therapeutic Support Staff & Support Staff • Access and Visitation •

Other Locations -

Emergency Shelter
51 Reynolds Street
Danielson, CT 06239
Phone: 860-774-4977

Hawkins House Group Home
Danielson, CT 06239
Phone: 860-774-2876

Crossroads
Norwich, CT 06360
Phone: 860-887-7800

Workforce Development -

CTWorks One-Stop Center
1320 Main Street
Willimantic, CT 06226
Phone: 860-465-2120

CTWorks One-Stop Center
95 Westcott Road
Danielson, CT 06239
Phone: 860-412-7060

Services:
Employment and Training, Individual Development Accounts, Energy and Heating Assistance, Weatherization, Homeless Shelter, Women, Infants and Children Food Program, Case Management and Counseling, Hawkins House Group Home, Parents Step Up Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, Nontraditional Employment for Women Program.

How to Help -

If you are looking for an opportunity to assist us, The Access Community Action Agency is a great place to lend a hand. We occasionally have opportunities available for clerical work or if you prefer, at one of our many program sites. In addition to volunteers, we also have school intern positions available in our programs. If you have some time to spare and would like to be involved in one of our programs, please let us know so we can arrange to find a suitable match for your interests.

Towns Served:
Andover, Ashford, Bolton, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, Eastford, Ellington, Hampton, Hebron, Killingly, Lebanon, Mansfield, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Scotland, Somers, Stafford, Sterling, Thompson, Tolland, Union, Vernon, Willimantic, Willington, Windham,

Services offered: Business Services, Counseling for Small Businesses; Community Service Program; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Financial Assistance, Heating Fuel; Financial Assistance, Housing, Rental Assistance; Food, Distribution, Emergency Food Program; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Connecticut Association For Community Action – CAFCA; Ending Extreme Poverty; LTRG, Long Term Recovery Group; Tri-State LTRG (New England)
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China

Budget Schools (school for the poor, in developing countries)

Info/Hotline · Open

School

Web www.boston.com/bostonglobe/ideas/articles/2010/05/09/class_difference
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http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/ideas/articles/2010/05/09/class_difference/

HYDERABAD, India--The end-of-day bell has just gone off at MA Ideal High School, and a Grade 4 classroom on the first floor explodes into a rush of activity. Pig-tailed girls and boys in indigo shorts jump out of their benches and jam through the doorway. But in a corner toward the back of the room, 10-year-old Sanaa Sultana ignores the shrill ringing. She continues reading aloud quietly from her English textbook. Next to her, 11-year-old Mohammed Majid--a hulking, towering contrast to Sultana's tiny frame--follows her in his own book, repeating after her, sentence for sentence. Sanaa is Mohammed's partner in the school's peer-to-peer learning program. When he joined MA Ideal a year ago, Mohammed didn't know more than a few rudimentary words of English. Now, after a year of sitting with Sanaa, one of the class's brightest students, Mohammed almost effortlessly makes his way through an entire sentence.

One floor above them, young teachers in salwar kameezes--long, loose tunics paired with drawstring tapered pants--assemble in neat rows in a classroom, waiting a monthly training session to begin. Today they will learn how to encourage class participation. On the ground floor, Mohammed Anwar, the school's proprietor, is talking to a group of parents. He's telling them about his plans to introduce Genki, a phonics-based teaching method that will help first-generation English learners speak the language more fluently. The burqa-clad mothers are unconvinced, preferring instead the more conventional method of teaching by textbook, but Anwar, with his energy and zeal, manages to be persuasive.

MA Ideal also offers its students free karate lessons, computer classes, soccer training, and health camps. But the school--a private, small-scale venture--is not situated in a plush upper-middle-class neighborhood. Instead, it is tucked away in Kishanbagh, a sprawling slum of low-slung concrete huts, tin-roofed shanties, and bare-bellied children who gambol with skinny, underfed dogs. And the average fee at MA Ideal High School? About $3 per month--one-20th the cost of a typical private school in India.

MA Ideal is part of a grass-roots private school movement that has spread through India in the last two decades. Kishanbagh, a 5-square-kilometer patch of land, has 28 low-cost private schools, while India itself has some 300,000, each a buzzing hive of teaching, learning, and extracurricular activity. These schools offer poor residents across the country an alternative to the inefficient public school system. In Kishanbagh, for example, the local public school is a cavernous building where teachers rarely show up, toilets regularly overflow, and classes are almost never held. In the western world, private schools are associated with high fees and plentiful resources, but Hyderabad's schools succeed by focusing on efficiency and accountability.

Principals like Mohammed Saleem of the nearby Adams High School say that fierce competition between schools forces institutes to strive toward providing the best education they can. "We have to listen to parents because otherwise they will admit their children to a different school. I have to constantly find new ways to keep parents interested in my school," says Saleem.

The last two decades have witnessed the rising popularity of low-cost private schools across the developing world. Researchers estimate that there are now 1 million budget schools in countries like Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, China, Pakistan, the Philippines, and Uganda. Started by local entrepreneurs, these schools are most often located in urban slums, operate out of a few rooms, and are run by teachers who are paid less than half the salary of a government teacher. Few receive state support or external funding.

And yet, low-cost private schools are far more effective than their government counterparts. In India, for example, the country's largest educational NGO, Pratham, has estimated that 68 percent of the students enrolled in low-cost private schools can read fluently as opposed to just 53 percent in government schools. In Ghana, James Tooley, a University of Newcastle professor who has been studying low-cost schools, found that in English, private school students on average scored 72 points out of 100 on a test designed by Tooley, while government school students scored 58 points.

The results have been so impressive that some researchers are now suggesting that low-cost private schools might be the answer to educating the world's poor. Advocates like Tooley are asking for government deregulation, private investment, and international support to help the sector expand and bring in children who for too long have had to deal with crippled state schools. "International and governmental support will lead to increased competition; more schools will want to enter the market, giving rise to better schools," says Tooley.

Education has long been directly related to a country's rise out of poverty. Literate citizens tend to have smaller families, better health and sanitation, lower mortality rates, lower infant mortality, and ultimately, higher incomes. Educated societies are also more gender-equal, less corrupt, and better governed. According to the World Bank, every year of schooling increases wages by a worldwide average of about 10 percent. The completion of primary school reduces a child's chances of contracting HIV/AIDS by half.

However, in large swaths of the developing world, public education has failed. In India, despite an education budget of $10 billion, 33 percent of the country's population continues to be illiterate. In Nigeria, teacher absenteeism is astonishingly high and teacher-pupil ratios are as low as 1:90. In Uganda and China, public schools exist only in urban or semi-urban areas, while in

Kenya, public schools are over–enrolled and teachers frequently go on strike. The common problem is a lack of accountability: Public school principals are often answerable only to bureaucrats sitting in distant offices who rarely visit the schools. Parents have little or no control over the education of their children.

It was this disillusionment with the public sector that inspired Hyderabad's first few entrepreneurs––often parents whose children had been forced to attend government schools––to start private schools in the 1980s. By the time Tooley arrived in Hyderabad in 2000 on an assignment from the International Finance Corporation, a member of the World Bank group that promotes private investment in developing countries, the number of low–cost schools in the city had ballooned. "I was supposed to be studying private schools for the rich," he says. "But instead I discovered this flourishing movement that empowered the poor."

After a year of investigating the phenomenon in India, Tooley traveled across continents in search of other low–cost private schools. What he saw shocked him: Small, private educational enterprises were almost ubiquitous in developing countries. He even found schools in rural China where officials insisted there were none. Soon other academics began studying the steadily expanding movement.

One of the reasons that educators began championing low–cost private schools was their economic efficiency. In India, the government spends an average of $125 per child per year. The annual cost of a low–cost private school is rarely more than $80 per child. It was clear that the private sector––unorganized and scattered as it was––was providing a better education, at a lower cost than the government.

For the international development community, the crisis surrounding education is growing. Despite sustained campaigns and considerable developmental aid, universal primary education remains elusive and illiteracy rampant. As of January 2010, 72 million school–age children were still out of school. And according to current projections by the UN, 58 of the 86 countries that are not yet fully literate will not be able to get there by 2015.

As a result, some organizations are beginning to alter their tactics. The World Bank, for instance, has supported two pilot projects for low–cost schools in India and Pakistan and also funded subsidies for school voucher projects in Colombia and the Philippines. "There is a growing sense that this is a sector worth looking at. It's time to be bold and try new things," says Harry Patrinos, lead education economist for the World Bank.

Proponents are hoping that the World Bank's enthusiasm will encourage other organizations to push governments to support low–cost schools. One suggestion is to allow companies to invest and offer loans to schools. Currently, a few countries like Ghana and the Dominican Republic allow private companies in education, but others, like India, don't. Several organizations have already begun to invest in low–cost education: Opportunity International, for instance, offers loans to hundreds of budget schools in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. In India, on the other hand, entrepreneurs like K Suryakala Reddy, founder of New Little Scholars School in Hyderabad, are forced to file false applications for home loans to finance schools.

For critics, though, the popularity of low–cost schools is a dangerous trend, one that will ultimately marginalize the very poor. Society's poorest, says Dina Craissati, UNICEF's senior education adviser, often cannot pay even the very meager fees of budget schools. Worse, low–cost schools are ultimately unsustainable because "in times of economic crisis, the poor will sacrifice nonessentials like schools fees first." And finally, public schools are the only way to hold governments accountable for providing their citizens with education––a right that many countries have enshrined in their constitutions.

But proponents of budget schools insist that there is a way around these objections: Governments can fund vouchers for extremely poor students. Many low–cost schools already offer scholarships based on need, but state intervention will help standardize the practice and solve the problem of limited access. However, says Tooley, there is a caveat: Making the vouchers too freely available may topple the careful balance of competition, parental choice, and accountability that makes these schools work.

Other critics say that an increasing dependence on private schools will create a more unequal society. Rich students will opt for better schools, with the poor having to make do with underfunded, badly staffed schools. "Low–cost private schools are a response to a very bad situation. Instead of encouraging them, we need to make the public system more effective," says Henry Levin, professor of economics and education at Columbia University.

Academics like Levin recommend offering public schools more funds in return for regular attendance by teachers and frequent teacher training.

But back in the dusty, baking heat of Hyderabad, 37–year–old Hazrat Sultana is too battle–worn to believe that more money will improve the local public school. Sultana, a stay–at–home mother whose husband owns a footwear stall in the slum, recently pulled her daughters out of the government school.

"The problem isn't the money," she says. "The problem is that the teachers don't have to listen to us."

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Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; United Nations – UNICEF (United Nations International Childrens Emergency Fund); World Bank
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DC

Rock the Vote (voter advocacy, social activists, progressive causes)

Info/Hotline · Open

1001 Connecticut Ave. NW; Suite 640; Washington, DC 20036, DC
Phone (202) 719–9910
Web www.rockthevote.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Consumer Issues; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, International Policy; Advocacy, Legislation Support; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Advocacy, Voters Advocacy; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; Social Activists/Organizers
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FL

Good News Care Center

Medical Facility · Open

101 South Redland Rd., Florida City, FL 33034
Phone 305 246–2844
Service Permanent

Services offered: Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2017 Hurricane IRMA Response; Ending Extreme Poverty; National Association of Free Clinics (NAFC)
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Christian Health Ministries/Free Pain Clinic

Medical Facility · Open

13545 American Colony Blvd., Fort Meyers, FL 33912
Phone 239 936–2511
Service Temporary

Services offered: Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2017 Hurricane IRMA Response; Ending Extreme Poverty; National Association of Free Clinics (NAFC)
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Open Door Health Center

Medical Facility · Open

151 NW 11 St. Ste. E202A, Homestead, FL 33030
Phone 305 246–2400
Service Temporary

Services offered: Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2017 Hurricane IRMA Response; Ending Extreme Poverty; National Association of Free Clinics (NAFC)
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Dr. Rafael A Penalver Clinic Inc.

Medical Facility · Open

Miami, FL 33128
Phone (305) 545–7737
Service Temporary

(–80.2108416 25.77615)

Services offered: Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2017 Hurricane IRMA Response; Ending Extreme Poverty; National Association of Free Clinics (NAFC)
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Florida Assoc. of Free and Charitable Clinics, Inc.

Medical Facility · Open

8095 NW 12th Street #300, Miami, FL 33138

Phone (786) 520-6938
Web www.fafcc.org
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Service Permanent

Services offered: Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2017 Hurricane IRMA Response; Ending Extreme Poverty; National Association of Free Clinics (NAFC)
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Good Samaritan Health Clinic

Medical Facility · Open

7701 SW 98th Street, Miami, FL 33256

Phone 305- 316-7444
Service Permanent

(-80.3197323 25.6799152)

Services offered: Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2017 Hurricane IRMA Response; Ending Extreme Poverty; National Association of Free Clinics (NAFC)
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Lotus Wellness Center

Medical Facility · Open

217 NW 15th Street, Miami, FL

Phone 205-576-4780
Service Temporary

(-80.199206 25.789764)

Services offered: Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2017 Hurricane IRMA Response; Ending Extreme Poverty; National Association of Free Clinics (NAFC)
Updated Sep 20, 2017 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10094

Miami Rescue Mission Clinic No. 2

Medical Facility · Open

950 NW 20th St., Miami, FL 33127

Phone 305 237-4025
Service Permanent

(-80.2102123 25.7945295)

Services offered: Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2017 Hurricane IRMA Response; Ending Extreme Poverty; National Association of Free Clinics (NAFC)
Updated Sep 20, 2017 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10097

Miami Rescue Mission Clinic, Inc.

Medical Facility · Open

2015 NW 1st Ave., Miami, FL 33127

Phone 305 572-2026
Service Temporary

(-80.196479 25.795812)

Services offered: Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2017 Hurricane IRMA Response; Ending Extreme Poverty; National Association of Free Clinics (NAFC)
Updated Sep 20, 2017 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10096

South Miami Childrens Clinic

Medical Facility · Open

6701 Southwest 58th Place, Miami, FL

Phone (305) 662-5988
Service Permanent

(-80.28825 25.708856)

Services offered: Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2017 Hurricane IRMA Response; Ending Extreme Poverty; National Association of Free Clinics (NAFC)
Updated Sep 20, 2017 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10090

University of Miami Pediatric Mobile Clinic

Medical Facility · Open

1601 NW 12th Ave., Miami, FL 33136

Phone 305 243-6407

Service Permanent

(–80.2141876 25.7901655)

Services offered: Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2017 Hurricane IRMA Response; Ending Extreme Poverty; National Association of Free Clinics (NAFC)
Updated Sep 20, 2017 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10095

Urban Mercy Clinic

Medical Facility · Open

655 NW 125th St., Miami, FL 33168
Phone 305 681–1050
Service Permanent

Services offered: Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2017 Hurricane IRMA Response; Ending Extreme Poverty; National Association of Free Clinics (NAFC)
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Victim Services Center

Medical Facility · Open

111 SW 3rd St Floor 2nd, Miami, FL 33130
Phone 305 374–9990
Service Temporary

(–80.1960041 25.7719538)

Services offered: Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2017 Hurricane IRMA Response; Ending Extreme Poverty; National Association of Free Clinics (NAFC)
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Neighborhood Health Clinic

Medical Facility · Open

121 Goodlette Rd. N., Naples, FL 34102
Phone 239 261–6600
Service Permanent

Services offered: Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2017 Hurricane IRMA Response; Ending Extreme Poverty; National Association of Free Clinics (NAFC)
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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
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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
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GA

Catholic Charities (Grants for Individuals)

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GA
Service Temporary

Per GA VOAD:

Ethel Higgins reported that Catholic Charities has funds for recovery. Individuals must go through their case managers who need to work with their Long Term Recovery groups to access funds.

See http://www.ngumc.org/news/detail/971

To find the LTRCs in your area.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Donations, Financial/Monetary Donations; Financial Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, for Long Term Recovery Committee Administration/ Training
Campaigns: 2011 Georgia Tornados; Catholic Charities; Catholic Charities Community Services; Catholic Charities Social Services; Catholic Charities USA; Ending Extreme Poverty; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), Associate Member/Informal Affiliation; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member); VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is not a member, but is "affiliated"); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a Chapter Level Member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Aug 9, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8764

Ghana

Budget Schools (school for the poor, in developing countries)

Info/Hotline · Open

School
Contact James Tooley
Web www.boston.com/bostonglobe/ideas/articles/2010/05/09/class_difference
Service Temporary

http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/ideas/articles/2010/05/09/class_difference/

HYDERABAD, India––The end–of–day bell has just gone off at MA Ideal High School, and a Grade 4 classroom on the first floor explodes into a rush of activity. Pig–tailed girls and boys in indigo shorts jump out of their benches and jam through the doorway. But in a corner toward the back of the room, 10–year–old Sanaa Sultana ignores the shrill ringing. She continues reading aloud quietly from her English textbook. Next to her, 11–year–old Mohammed Majid––a hulking, towering contrast to Sultana's tiny frame––follows her in his own book, repeating after her, sentence for sentence. Sanaa is Mohammed's partner in the school's peer–to–peer learning program. When he joined MA Ideal a year ago, Mohammed didn't know more than a few rudimentary words of English. Now, after a year of sitting with Sanaa, one of the class's brightest students, Mohammed almost effortlessly makes his way through an entire sentence.

One floor above them, young teachers in salwar kameezes––long, loose tunics paired with drawstring tapered pants––assemble in neat rows in a classroom, waiting a monthly training session to begin. Today they will learn how to encourage class participation. On the ground floor, Mohammed Anwar, the school's proprietor, is talking to a group of parents. He's telling them about his plans to introduce Genki, a phonics–based teaching method that will help first–generation English learners speak the language more fluently. The burqa–clad mothers are unconvinced, preferring instead the more conventional method of teaching by textbook, but Anwar, with his energy and zeal, manages to be persuasive.

MA Ideal also offers its students free karate lessons, computer classes, soccer training, and health camps. But the school––a private, small–scale venture––is not situated in a plush upper–middle–class neighborhood. Instead, it is tucked away in Kishanbagh, a sprawling slum of low–slung concrete huts, tin–roofed shanties, and bare–bellied children who gambol with skinny, underfed dogs. And the average fee at MA Ideal High School? About $3 per month––one–20th the cost of a typical private school in India.

MA Ideal is part of a grass–roots private school movement that has spread through India in the last two decades. Kishanbagh, a 5–square–kilometer patch of land, has 28 low–cost private schools, while India itself has some 300,000, each a buzzing hive of teaching, learning, and extracurricular activity. These schools offer poor residents across the country an alternative to the inefficient public school system. In Kishanbagh, for example, the local public school is a cavernous building where teachers rarely show up, toilets regularly overflow, and classes are almost never held. In the western world, private schools are associated with high fees and plentiful resources, but Hyderabad's schools succeed by focusing on efficiency and accountability.

Principals like Mohammed Saleem of the nearby Adams High School say that fierce competition between schools forces institutes to strive toward providing the best education they can. "We have to listen to parents because otherwise they will admit their children to a different school. I have to constantly find new ways to keep parents interested in my school," says Saleem.

The last two decades have witnessed the rising popularity of low–cost private schools across the developing world. Researchers estimate that there are now 1 million budget schools in countries like Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, China, Pakistan, the Philippines, and Uganda. Started by local entrepreneurs, these schools are most often located in urban slums, operate out of a few rooms, and are run by teachers who are paid less than half the salary of a government teacher. Few receive state support or external funding.

And yet, low–cost private schools are far more effective than their government counterparts. In India, for example, the country's largest educational NGO, Pratham, has estimated that 68 percent of the students enrolled in low–cost private schools can read fluently as opposed to just 53 percent in government schools. In Ghana, James Tooley, a University of Newcastle professor who has been studying low–cost schools, found that in English, private school students on average scored 72 points out of 100 on a test designed by Tooley, while government school students scored 58 points.

The results have been so impressive that some researchers are now suggesting that low–cost private schools might be the answer to educating the world's poor. Advocates like Tooley are asking for government deregulation, private investment, and international support to help the sector expand and bring in children who for too long have had to deal with crippled state schools. "International and governmental support will lead to increased competition; more schools will want to enter the market, giving rise to better schools," says Tooley.

Education has long been directly related to a country's rise out of poverty. Literate citizens tend to have smaller families, better health and sanitation, lower mortality rates, lower infant mortality, and ultimately, higher incomes. Educated societies are also more gender–equal, less corrupt, and better governed. According to the World Bank, every year of schooling increases wages by a worldwide average of about 10 percent. The completion of primary school reduces a child's chances of contracting HIV/AIDS by half.

However, in large swaths of the developing world, public education has failed. In India, despite an education budget of $10 billion, 33 percent of the country's population continues to be illiterate. In Nigeria, teacher absenteeism is astonishingly high and teacher–pupil ratios are as low as 1:90. In Uganda and China, public schools exist only in urban or semi–urban areas, while in Kenya, public schools are over–enrolled and teachers frequently go on strike. The common problem is a lack of accountability: Public school principals are often answerable only to bureaucrats sitting in distant offices who rarely visit the schools. Parents have little or no control over the education of their children.

It was this disillusionment with the public sector that inspired Hyderabad's first few entrepreneurs––often parents whose children had been forced to attend government schools––to start private schools in the 1980s. By the time Tooley arrived in Hyderabad in 2000 on an assignment from the International Finance Corporation, a member of the World Bank group that promotes private investment in developing countries, the number of low–cost schools in the city had ballooned. "I was supposed to be studying private schools for the rich," he says. "But instead I discovered this flourishing movement that empowered the poor."

After a year of investigating the phenomenon in India, Tooley traveled across continents in search of other low–cost private schools. What he saw shocked him: Small, private educational enterprises were almost ubiquitous in developing countries. He even found schools in rural China where officials insisted there were none. Soon other academics began studying the steadily expanding movement.

One of the reasons that educators began championing low–cost private schools was their economic efficiency. In India, the government spends an average of $125 per child per year. The annual cost of a low–cost private school is rarely more than $80 per child. It was clear that the private sector––unorganized and scattered as it was––was providing a better education, at a lower cost than the government.

For the international development community, the crisis surrounding education is growing. Despite sustained campaigns and considerable developmental aid, universal primary education remains elusive and illiteracy rampant. As of January 2010, 72 million school–age children were still out of school. And according to current projections by the UN, 58 of the 86 countries that are not yet fully literate will not be able to get there by 2015.

As a result, some organizations are beginning to alter their tactics. The World Bank, for instance, has supported two pilot projects for low–cost schools in India and Pakistan and also funded subsidies for school voucher projects in Colombia and the Philippines. "There is a growing sense that this is a sector worth looking at. It's time to be bold and try new things," says Harry Patrinos, lead education economist for the World Bank.

Proponents are hoping that the World Bank's enthusiasm will encourage other organizations to push governments to support low–cost schools. One suggestion is to allow companies to invest and offer loans to schools. Currently, a few countries like Ghana and the Dominican Republic allow private companies in education, but others, like India, don't. Several organizations have already begun to invest in low–cost education: Opportunity International, for instance, offers loans to hundreds of budget schools in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. In India, on the other hand, entrepreneurs like K Suryakala Reddy, founder of New Little Scholars School in Hyderabad, are forced to file false applications for home loans to finance schools.

For critics, though, the popularity of low–cost schools is a dangerous trend, one that will ultimately marginalize the very poor. Society's poorest, says Dina Craissati, UNICEF's senior education adviser, often cannot pay even the very meager fees of budget schools. Worse, low–cost schools are ultimately unsustainable because "in times of economic crisis, the poor will sacrifice nonessentials like schools fees first." And finally, public schools are the only way to hold governments accountable for providing their citizens with education––a right that many countries have enshrined in their constitutions.

But proponents of budget schools insist that there is a way around these objections: Governments can fund vouchers for extremely poor students. Many low–cost schools already offer scholarships based on need, but state intervention will help standardize the practice and solve the problem of limited access. However, says Tooley, there is a caveat: Making the vouchers too freely available may topple the careful balance of competition, parental choice, and accountability that makes these schools work.

Other critics say that an increasing dependence on private schools will create a more unequal society. Rich students will opt for better schools, with the poor having to make do with underfunded, badly staffed schools. "Low–cost private schools are a response to a very bad situation. Instead of encouraging them, we need to make the public system more effective," says Henry Levin, professor of economics and education at Columbia University.

Academics like Levin recommend offering public schools more funds in return for regular attendance by teachers and frequent teacher training.

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Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; United Nations – UNICEF (United Nations International Childrens Emergency Fund); World Bank
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Haiti

AIDG (Appropriate Infrastructure Development Group) – 2010 Haiti Earthquake

Info/Hotline · Open

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AIDG Impact in Haiti: Q1 & Q2 2010
Is this Building Safe? Mobilizing Earthquake Engineers to Help Assess the Damage

A warehouse full of food aid is rocked by another series of aftershocks in Port–au–Prince, Haiti. The World Food Program needs to know fast if the building is safe enough to enter to remove the aid or whether it’s all just a loss. That was a key question that a team of earthquake and structural engineering experts sponsored by AIDG with support from Partners in Health was able to help answer.

In the early days after the devastating Haiti quake, we needed to determine how an NGO of our size could contribute to the humanitarian response and provide help that people would not otherwise get.

In partnership with MCEER and the engineering firm KPFF, we have fielded 11 structural and earthquake engineering teams to perform rapid assessments of damaged buildings in Port–au–Prince, Leogane and Jacmel for the UN, the Haitian government, local and international NGOs and private citizens. The teams have together assessed over 1400 buildings including hospitals, clinics, schools, government buildings, warehouses and homes.

Training masons to Build Back Better

“How can I repair this?” was a question our engineering volunteers heard over and over again in the weeks and months after the earthquake. Homeowners and business owners were grateful for the building safety assessments, but they also desperately wanted information on how to repair and rebuild.

So in partnership with Architecture for Humanity and KPFF Consulting Engineers, AIDG has begun retraining masons in metro Port–au–Prince and Jacmel in confined masonry techniques that would make buildings significantly more earthquake resistant. To date we have trained 560 masons. In the coming months (pending funding) we will train 9,500 more.

Business Incubation: AIDG Funds Solar Startup Enersa

This past February, AIDG gave Haitian solar start–up, ENERSA, a $15,000 emergency loan to help rebuild its factory damaged in the January 12 earthquake.

Pre–quake, Enersa was the fastest growing solar company in Haiti with a product line that included solar street lighting, residential and commercial systems, as well as solar chargers for devices such as cell phones and lamps.

In a chat with AIDG, Enersa co–founded JR Noël stressed the importance of creating jobs in Haiti. He believes that for Haiti to flourish, businesses need to create local employment. The company's 18 fully qualified solar technicians, all capable of installing solar streetlights and photovoltaic home systems, are from Port–au–Prince largest shantytown, Cité Soleil.

Business Incubation: AIDG Backs Shelter2Home As Housing Solution for Displaced Families In Haiti

The Haiti quake damaged or destroyed 20 to 90% of all housing stock the in metro Port–au–Prince area. In response to the great need, many companies came forward offering housing solutions of varying quality and appropriateness, but only one company stood out for us. Shelter2Home offered emergency shelters, built from light–gauge galvanized steel, that could be transitioned into safe and beautiful permanent homes during reconstruction. They were also one of the only businesses that had plans to manufacture in country, thus creating much–needed jobs. Based on these factors, AIDG has awarded S2H with a $15,000 rapid investment.

CEO Donald Stevens was inspired to start S2H by his time spent in Sri Lanka after the tsunami where he saw NGOs struggle to transition displaced families from emergency structures to permanent homes.

Mar 2010: AIDG distributed BoGoLights (solar flashlights) from Earthspark International to Camp Ismary in Port–au–Prince.

Feb 2010: We distributed Handicap International Shelterboxes to the TB ward of the Port–au–Prince General Hospital.

Feb 2010: On the 3 days of mourning after the quake, AIDG and SOIL distributed water to crowds gathered in prayer.
Thank You

Thank you to our friends, supporters and volunteers who have helped us at this critical time. A special thanks goes out to Matthew 25 House for providing a home base for us and many other small NGOs, Sasha Kramer (SOIL) and Melinda Miles (Konpay) for being constant inspirations, and the entire AIDG team for putting in very long, very hard hours in the aftermath of this disaster.

A big big huge thanks to Peter Wheeler and Commonwealth Financial Group, Al and Diane Kaneb, Partners in Health and Architecture for Humanity for their generous donations and grants that made the above work possible.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Engineer, Assessment, Post Disaster Structural Damage Assessments; Engineer, Structural Engineer Volunteer Services; Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Sanitation, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Sanitation, Services, Latrine Installation, Volunteer Services; Shelter, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Transitional Temporary Shelter (For Disaster Survivors); Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training, Construction, Masonry
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Ending Extreme Poverty; Handicap International; OXFAM; Partners in Health (PIH); United Nations – WFP (World Food Program)
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Haiti Help Med Plus, Inc

Info/Hotline · Open

US ADDRESS: c/o Ralph Gousse, M.D. President, 616 E. Altamonte Dr. Suite 100; Altamonte Springs, FL 32701–4811; HAITI, Paillant

Web www.haitihelpmed.org/relief.php
Service Temporary

11/28/10 Email from Dr. R. Gousse
There are many cases (of Cholera) in Miragoane. There was one case in Paillant, treated and discharged. Another family was a suspected cholera, treated and discharged too. I am going there dec 11 for a week.

Projects
http://www.haitihelpmed.org/project.php

THE VILLAGE OF GEORGE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

–Inside the first house built with the happy new owners
George is one of the small villages around Paillant, a typical Haitian village of about 50 homes scattered in the woods. None of these houses has a latrine and most of them have no flooring. Most of the men are farmers and the women take care of their usually 4 to up to 8 children sometimes. There is only one small elementary school in George with only 4 grades and not all the kids can attend although education is free. They still need to afford shoes, books and food.
In May 2010, I met with the people of George and asked them to form 5 committees within themselves to assess the needs of the community so we can help them. This was their response one week later:
–education: George needs a bigger school with a canteen for the children to get at least one meal a day.
– agriculture: they need to have a way to preserve their seeds until the next planting season and also to be able to have some tools.
– livestock: they need to have some cows and goats and they will make sure the babies are distributed to the rest of the population so everyone can benefit.
– economics: they want to be able to set up and control their own village bank and allocate some small loans within the village.
– housing: they will help us prioritize the homes that need to be replaced first.
Each committee has 3 members of men and women.
Our goal at Haiti Help Med is to empower these people to first assess their problems and then find out a solution for them. Haiti

Help Med will stand by them, advise them and bring them the necessary help they need to change their life. We will not impose our rules. I told them they need to take their future into their hands. We will give them a hand up and no more hand out!
We are hoping to be able to improve life in the area one village at a time.
by Ralph Gousse

Earthquake Relief
What we have done since the earthquake:
– 3 orthopedic missions trips
– 3 medical mission trips
– 1 gynecological mission trip
– Completion of the addition to the hospital in Paillant with an operating room
– Building of the first 2 homes for the poor people in the village of George
– Distribution of tents, clothes, shoes and other small items to the poor.

Haiti has recently been devastated by a recent severe earthquake. As a result, Henri Jabon and Dr Samuel Jean and Ralph Gousse led a team of orthopedists, gynecologist, anesthesiologist and nurses from Florida to Miragoane and Paillant where they were able to help more than 100 injured people. Many of Central Florida Haitian–American Health Care Workers have joined forces with Haiti Help Med to provide long term care to the people in need. Their effort in Miragoane and Paillant will help also in the decentralization process so vital to the rebuilding of a better Haiti.

At this critical time, in addition to your monetary donation, Haiti Help Med Plus is asking for your much needed donation of medical and emergency supplies to help the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. DONATIONS WILL BE USED TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES TO DOCTORS AND NURSES WHO ARE ON THE GROUND IN HAITI PROVIDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES NOW!

Haiti Help Med Plus (HHMP) is a 501c–3 tax–exempt non–profit organization created in Central Florida in 2003. HHMP (FEI #: 200263595) was created by concerned Haitian professionals, spearheaded by Dr. Ralph Gousse, a respected Central Florida Oncologist, born and raised in Haiti

HOSPITAL Record at:
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6036

SEE NEEDS LIST FOR U.S. DONATION COLLECTIONS AND DROP LOCATIONS AT: https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6037

Services offered: Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Medical, Volunteer, Medical Missionary Teams
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Ending Extreme Poverty
Updated Dec 2, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6688

United Nations ~ World Food Program (LOGISTICS/EDUCATION CLUSTERS) – 2010 Haiti Earthquake

Supply POD · Open

International Humanitarian Aid
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Phone +39–06–65131
Web www.wfp.org
Serves PaP, Jacmel, Leogane, and many other regions
Service Temporary

WFP FACEBOOK: http://www.facebook.com/WorldFoodProgramme?utm_source=WFPorgGlobalFooter&utm_medium=WFPorgGlobalFooter&utm_campaign=WFPorgGlobalFooter

WFP TWITTER: http://twitter.com/#!/wfp

WFP You Tube: http://www.youtube.com/user/WORLDFOODPROGRAM?utm_source=WFPorgGlobalFooter&utm_medium=WFPorgGlobalFooter&utm_campaign=WFPorgGlobalFooter

Latest from Haiti

•Working with our NGO partners, WFP has now reached over 4 million people in Port–au–Prince and across the disaster zone with food supplies since the earthquake struck.
•WFP has now completed its three–week scale–up of rice distributions in Port–au–Prince. Using a coupon system, we reached some 3 million people in the city.
•WFP will soon be providing cooked meals in Port–au–Prince for school children. Starting with 19 schools in the city, the goal is to reach 50,000 children from some 70 schools.
•WFP has started a nutrition drive to run alongside the general distributions, targeting 53,000 children under five and 16,000 pregnant and breast–feeding mothers with specialised food to prevent malnutriton.
•In total, WFP has reached more than half a million people outside the capital with food assistance since the quake struck, and continues to scale up these distributions.
•An inter–agency needs assessment across the earthquake zone is nearing completion, but early indications are that the priority needs are shelter materials and food.
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Within 24 hours, WFP emergency food reaches quake survivors

Some WFP staff were already in Haiti for ongoing operations. Though their office and depots were destroyed, and many had lost loved ones, within hours they were getting food supplies to survivors. High Energy Biscuits – light and easily transportable – were vital in the immediate aftermath.

Five humanitarian corridors are established to deliver aid to Haiti

As the frontline humanitarian relief agency, WFP leads the UN's logistics operation. Despite the destruction of most infrastructure, WFP ensures workers and supplies are able to move by road from the Dominican Republic, by plane into Port au Prince airport, and into ports when possible.

For two weeks, ready–to–eat food is widely distributed

Close to half a million people in Port–au–Prince were homeless and makeshift camps began to form. WFP distributed MREs (meals ready to eat) to those with no cooking facilities in the city. Meals were also delivered to other quake areas, Leogane and Jacmel.

WFP reconnects humanitarian community

All communications were down when WFP’s emergency telecoms team arrived. They swiftly restored phone and Internet links for the UN, so vital information on disaster needs could be shared. Within a week they’d created a communications hub to serve 100 aid workers.

Getting food to orphanages and hospitals is prioritised

Port–au–Prince has 300 children’s homes and the quake orphaned many more youngsters. WFP carried out targeted distribution of staple foods and supplements for children in institutions, including special high energy products. Hospitals, too, received special food deliveries.

16 fixed distribution points are set up

By the end of January, WFP had set up 16 fixed sites in Port–au–Prince. These sites will be the backbone of a food distribution system for the months ahead. WFP’s local partners identified those in need, giving them coupons to be redeemed at a designated site the next day.

Women are targeted with two– week rice rations

To ensure food reaches those most in need, WFP gave food coupons to women, who were the only ones allowed access to the fixed sites. A two week ration of rice – 25 kilos – has been delivered to some 2 million Haitians. Further distribution of other staples are planned.

WFP stands ready to rebuild Haiti

WFP is working with the government as it plans reconstruction. When the immediate emergency is over, and the time comes begin to rebuild, WFP will be running school meals programmes and food–for–work schemes. It will also work closely with local farmers.

WFP Hotline

OSD operates a Hotline to provide a convenient way for WFP employees, its contractors, counterparts, implementing partners, UN agencies and others to confidentially report incidents of fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement concerning WFP and its contractor operations.

The Hotline may be reached on any of the coordinates below:

FoodSAT: 1301.3663
or Direct: +39.06.6513.3663
Confidential Fax: +39.06.6513.2063

Services offered: Demographic Served: Children; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Supplies, International Distribution of Supplies; Donations, Disaster Fund; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Food, Dry, Grains, Rice * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/ Twitter Feeds; Information Resource, Online Networking, YouTube; Jobs, Paying Jobs (For Disaster Survivors); Meals, Hot Meals; Meals, MRE's, MRE, Meals–Ready–To–Eat; Services, Logistics Support; Vouchers, Food Vouchers
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Ending Extreme Poverty; United Nations – U.N.; United Nations – WFP (World Food Program)
Updated Oct 26, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5371

BRAC – Haiti

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.brac.net/content/about–brac–haiti
Service Temporary

Collaborative Effort through CGI to Break the Cycle of Disease and Poverty in Haiti

Dhaka, September 25, 2009. Fonkoze, BRAC, BRAC USA, Partners in Health/Zanmi Lasante, CGAP, CHF Partners in Rural Development and Linked Foundation have joined forces to commit $50 million towards a two–year effort to implement a proven, replicable, cost–effective approach to improving health and reducing extreme poverty in Central Haiti.

President Clinton's appointment as United Nations special envoy to Haiti and the fifth annual Clinton Global Initiative draw attention to the extreme and persistent poverty in Haiti and the need for innovative solutions.

Fonkoze and Zanmi Lasante, two leading Haitian NGOs with decades of experience in the target area, together with BRAC, the largest NGO in the Global South, and other organizations are using their complementary strengths to improve health, eliminate extreme poverty, and develop youth leaders in this hemisphere's poorest country.

"The needs are so great," said Fazle Hasan Abed Founder and Chairperson of BRAC. "We will work in partnership to address each facet of extreme poverty and to break its grip."

Targeting 575,000 people in Haiti's Central Plateau, the major components of this commitment involve building:

» Safety nets with transitions to sustainable enterprise for the most vulnerable;
» Comprehensive health services;
» Food security and agricultural training and employment;
» Improved water access and sanitation; and
» Youth leadership development and training.

"Bringing together our combined successes and expertise in a comprehensive economic, health, and leadership development approach is the precise, direct strategy needed at this crucial time," said Anne Hastings, Director of Fonkoze. "We all seek to build a sustainable future for Haiti and her people."

Services offered: Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Information Resource, Online Networking, YouTube; Youth Program
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Ending Extreme Poverty; Fonkoze; Partners in Health (PIH); United Nations – OCHA (Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)
Updated Nov 11, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6648

Christian Aid

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.christianaid.org.uk/emergencies/current/haiti–earthquake–appeal/index.aspx
Checks payable to Christian Aid is a registered charity in the UK (no. 1105851)
Service Temporary

CHOLERA –

Christian Aid partner Haiti Survie's work
10 November 2010

Christian Aid partner Haiti Survie has produced posters and booklets to encourage hygienic practices and prevent the spread of cholera.

In August 2010, they produced posters to inspire the local people to work together to rebuild Haiti. Many of these are targeted at local women, who are encouraged to get involved in camp management and other aspects of rebuilding.

Haiti Survie has also been distributing hygiene kits to people living in some of the poorest areas in Port–au–Prince, and promoting good health practices throughout communities

SEE posters at:
http://www.christianaid.org.uk/emergencies/current/haiti–earthquake–appeal/haiti–survie–work.aspx?Page=1

http://www.christianaid.org.uk/emergencies/current/haiti–earthquake–appeal/one–year–on.aspx

A year on from the quake
It's been twelve months since an earthquake struck Haiti on 12 January 2010. Christian Aid has been working through partners to respond to the needs of the people most affected by the devastation, helping them rebuild their lives.

Working through local Haitian and Dominican Republic organisations, we have been supporting more than 60,000 people whose lives and livelihoods were shattered.

SEE ABOVE LINK FOR FULL DETAILS!

Supporting rural communities
Hundreds of thousands of people fled Port–au–Prince and the surrounding towns following the quake, seeking refuge with family and friends in the countryside.

While many international aid agencies continue to focus their efforts on the needs of those living in and around the capital city, Christian Aid partners are working with marginalised communities struggling to get by in rural areas.

By providing much needed housing and livelihood opportunities, we are helping families build a new life in the countryside.

Christian Aid partners will be working on our emergency response programme in Haiti until 2014, but our plans for the next six month or so include:

• repairing 150 houses and building 370 permanent, hurricane and quake–resistant houses, training 250 people in construction trades, from masonry to carpentry

• training 1,250 people in agriculture, livestock, fisheries and fruit processing units

• projects to raise awareness of the importance of protecting the environment as well setting up tree nurseries within people's own community.

http://www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/

Get involved
We believe poverty can be over – people made it, so people can end it.

Be it fundraising, volunteering or taking part in events, here's how you can help make it happen.

FACEBOOK –
http://www.facebook.com/christainaid

Services offered: Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Medical, Education, Cholera, Pamphlets, Prevention, Handout Materials; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction)
Campaigns: 2010 /2011 Haiti Cholera Epidemic; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Ending Extreme Poverty
Updated Jan 11, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7463

Ecoworks International

Info/Hotline · Open

Non–Profit Community Development
U.S. ADDR: 333 Aragon Avenue, Suite 506,; Coral Gables, FL 33134; HAITI

Web www.ecoworksinternational.org
Serves Ganthier, Haiti
Service Temporary

Current Project: Breaking the Cycle of Poverty, Ganthier, Haiti

Project's Focus

EcoWorks International (EWI) has initiated the Breaking the Cycle of Poverty, Ganthier, Haiti Project in response to the dire needs that are prevalent in Haiti and in conformity with the priorities established by the Haitian government. The Project's aim is to establish a comprehensive program that will turn around this destitute area and transform it into a viable and sustainable community. Ganthier, a 'commune' (a town made up of small villages) of 80,000 inhabitants is located east of Port of Prince between Croix–des–Bouquets and the Dominican Republic.

Though the Project will serve the entire population, its first emphasis will be to help single women who are sole providers for their families. They are the mainstay of rural communities. Often, they are responsible for raising their own children and those of their relatives who died due to an egregious lack of access to healthcare. Each such family unit may comprise 4–6 children that are raised by one woman, and often on less than one dollar a day.
Project's Goal and Components

The project's goal is to break the cycle of poverty. To achieve this EWI has adopted a holistic approach based on the following three pillars:
A Regional Economic Growth Engine

* An income producing 20,000 laying hen Egg Farm (priority)
* A Cooperative to train, support and mentor independent egg farmers
* An Entrepreneurship program for adults and youth to create new income generating businesses and create jobs in different sectors so as to diversify the economy. Also, to channel youth toward positive endeavors.
* A Revolving Fund for farmers and entrepreneurs
* Public information programs to increase egg consumption, particularly among the very poor to stem malnutrition

A Community Building Program

* Access to education for children from disadvantaged backgrounds
* A Montessori–based education program to enable children to thrive in becoming self–directed, self–reliant, independent thinkers who will respect themselves, other human beings and the environment, and who will be the change agents transforming the rural communities they come from.
* An education program to bring children who have never been in school to their respective grade level
* Adult Literacy
* Vocational Training
* Access to healthcare, including vaccination
* Access to social services

* Infrastructure: funded in part by the EWI Community Development Fund will focus on building schools, clinics, wells, etc.
* Additional classes in parenting skills, nutrition, hygiene
* Partnerships with other NGOs and community–based organizations

Environmental Stewardship

* Protection of the Environment and Management of Natural Resources, especially in relation to immediate consequences of deforestation during hurricane season
* The Egg Farm will use green building principles and materials; solar energy; water management; transform chicken waste into fertilizer.
* Reforestation; urban and rural planning

The EWI Method

Part of the EWI holistic approach is to not only implement a comprehensive, multisectoral program, but to also create a built–in method to make the project self–sustainable and profitable for the community as a whole.

The not–for–profit egg production farm will be managed as if it were a for profit enterprise. It will produce income that will make it self–sufficient in the third year of its operations. In addition, it will generate a profit, 60% of which will be funneled into the EWI Community Development Fund (EWI–CDF) to co–fund local infrastructure such as schools, clinics and wells. To achieve this EWI–CDF will partner with the national and local government. The EWI–CDF will be managed by a board representing EWI, the community, and the funders. It will practice transparency and post at Ganthier's city hall its programmatic and financial activities.
Beneficiaries

The EWI project will benefit the entire Ganthier population of 72,000. Establishing the egg farm is a priority, and so is focusing first on women who are heads of household, and their children.
Partners

EcoWorks International's partners are:

* The Government of Haiti through its Presidential Commission on the Development of Border Territories (FDF), Ministry of Finance
* The Community of Ganthier, the Mayor and his team
* The 20–30 local organizations that geographically represent groups of peasants, women and youth who live in the different villages of the 'commune' of Ganthier
* The Project's Funders

Project Location: Ganthier

FDF and EWI have selected Ganthier as the location of the EWI Project for several reasons.
There is a demonstrable need:

* Ganthier has no industry or business center
* The majority of the population lives on less than one dollar a day
* A large number of children are malnourished
* A significant number of children do not attend school
* Having been neglected for decades, the community's needs are acute in all areas: employment, education, healthcare, access to potable water, hurricane preparedness, etc.

Ganthier has potential advantages:

* Located between the capital and the Dominican Republic, Ganthier has one of the best main roads in the country that has been maintained because it is the main thoroughfare for imported goods. The quality of the road is essential for accessing the main egg markets in Haiti without incurring significant breakage.
* The proximity to the capital is also proximity to the main egg market
* It has a dry climate but enough water to develop site–appropriate farming
* It borders a lake which could be a tremendous asset for developing ecotourism
* The mayor is a non–politician (he teaches literature at a high school) who is devoted to his community
* There is a tremendous willpower of the local population to turnaround the community and transform it into a viable economic entity

Egg Market in Haiti

The egg market growth potential is huge. In the US egg consumption is 250/year/person; in the Dominican Republic 176/year/person; in Haiti 18/year/person. In addition, the Haitian government stopped the importation of eggs from the Dominican Republic following a bird flu alert in that country. This creates a severe egg shortage in Haiti.
Time–Frame

This is a five–year project, which will be completely self–sufficient in three years from the moment the egg farm is started. It is currently in Phase One that includes planning, fundraising, land acquisition, creating architectural and engineering blueprints, starting partnering with the local organizations and, together, developing and prioritizing programs.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Children; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Demographic Served: Women; Sponsorship Program, Children (Education/Health Care/Food, etc.); Sponsorship Program, For Populations of Developing Countries; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction)
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Ending Extreme Poverty; USAID; World Bank
Updated Oct 23, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6556

Fountains of Hope International, Inc., – FOH – 2010 Haiti Earthquake

Info/Hotline · Open

1949 Ascot Court #D, Indianapolis, IN 46260
Phone 317–289–9170
Web www.fountainsofhope.org
Service Temporary

HAITI BLOG:

http://www.fountainsofhope.org/Blog.htm

FACEBOOK: http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=108960561486

10/22/10:

This org is urgently raising $12K to bring 3 of their Water Purification Systems into the affected regions where the Cholera has broken out. They urgently need financial support.

2010 Haiti Earthquake –

Fountains of Hope is accepting donations for water purification systems and travel expenses to take a team to Port au Prince, Haiti. One water purification system is like a miniature water treatment facility – taking care of up to 5000 people! It weighs only 25 lbs and can purify up to 55 gallons of water per minute! The entire system costs approximately $3500 which is less than a dollar per person and less than one bottle of water purchased at your local gas station.

Fountains of Hope went with an experienced disaster relief team from February 5–19th. Please see the BLOG written by Brian McCall of our amazing trip. A second trip is currently being planned for mid–March. Please contact Bill if you feel called to go on this second trip. We will be installing additional water purification systems in orphanages throughout Haiti.

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MEDICAL MISSIONS –

Sending Medical and Dental mission teams to third world countries are a vision that we have at Fountains of Hope International. Combining our vision for clean water and medical missions will help eliminate up to 40% of the problems that Doctors see in many locations.

How you can get involved:

•You can help us to initiate and implement our medical and dental mission teams worldwide.
•You can go on a life changing Fountains of Hope Medical Mission trip
•You can donate to provide medical products for those in need
■You can help us to introduce the ministry opportunity to your friends and family

BLOG –
http://www.fountainsofhope.org/Blog.htm

Services offered: Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Dental, Dental Missionary Teams, Volunteer; Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Medical, Volunteer, Medical Missionary Teams; Sanitation, Supplies, Water Treatment/Purification/Filtration Supplies/Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types); Services, Disaster Relief; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Volunteer Opportunities, International; Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2010 /2011 Haiti Cholera Epidemic; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Ending Extreme Poverty
Updated Oct 24, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6549

Kledev – 2010 Haiti Earthquake

Info/Hotline · Open

Non–Profit Disaster Relief/Recovery
U.S. MAIL ADDRESS: Kledev Incorporated; PO Box 40567, San Francisco, CA 94140; HAITI
Phone Haiti: 509–3714–5619 / U.S.: 415–821–2300
Web www.kledev.org
Service Temporary

TWITTER: http://twitter.com/#!/HaitiKledevClay

FACEBOOK: http://www.facebook.com/HaitiKledevCla

BLOG: http://kledev.posterous.com/

FROM THE SITE:

Current Urgencies:

Since the earthquake in Port au Prince on January 12th, the main challenge for people not being reached by the big aid organizations continues to be gaining access to clean water, food and shelter. Even though multiple requests have been made, communicated in several ways, because of the size of the population impacted, there remains an incredible gap between the intention for aid to be delivered and the actual distribution of that aid.

We are working in select communities who fall into that gap, who are not being reach by the big aid organizations. With your trust and generosity, how we do that is by sending cash and having the leaders already accountable for previous programs make large purchases of what's available in the markets to fulfill immediate needs NOW...

For right now, we've refocused on food aid, including a special USAforHaiti program for the injured and malnourished.

Yes! We're a Real 501(c)(3) Organization!

It's good to question whether the organization you want to contribute through is who they say they are. Chances are, before the quake, you never heard of most of the small to medium sized nonprofits working with communities in Haiti, but we were out there!

Services offered: Demographic Served: Diaspora Populations; Demographic Served: Disabled, Persons With Disabilities; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Donations, Disaster Fund; Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Ending Extreme Poverty; GOAL; Muslim HANDS
Updated Oct 23, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6544

Mission Results (building group)

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web missionresults.org
Service Temporary

from the website:

THE BOARD DOUG JEFFERIES As a graduate of Paul Smiths College and Florida International University for Hotel and Restaurant management it was very difficult when he made his decision to leave his management position at Boston Chicken to become a personal trainer at Washington Sports Club. After building up a cliental Doug started his own personal training business in a 1000 square foot garage which grew into Results Gym with four locations, 10,000 members and 250 employees winning the “Best Gym” award in DC for ten years in a row. In 2005 Founder Doug Jefferies began organizing volunteer trips to help the Tsunami victims in Sri Lanka which killed over 300,000 people in a a matter of minutes. Shortly after the two groups of volunteers returned from Sri Lanka Hurricane Katrina devastated the US Gulf Coast. From 2006–2009 Doug lead twelve volunteer teams to Biloxi MS where the teams de–molded, demolished, and built homes. After the 2010 Earthquake hit Haiti we focused our efforts on recruiting for three volunteer trips to Haiti. Since our first trip in June 2010, Doug lead 29 trips for over 160 volunteers. After solidifying a life long commitment determined to elevate the entire country. Mission Results aspires to be a leading agent for volunteers interested in making strategic improvements through relief trips anywhere in the world that needs and wants help. Our mission is to bring about timely and tangible improvements to the economic and social conditions around the world. Mission Results is currently focusing its efforts in Haiti because it is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Our goal is to work simultaneously on a micro simultaneously and marco level projects working to get Haiti off the top of the list as the poorest in our hemisphere. In order to achieve such a lofty goal we plan of aproach will require mulitiple intiatives which would include increading exportation of a manufacturing industry that needs to be created, increasing tourism, agriculture production, internet based employment, and creating basic infrustructure.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Construction, Shelter, Transitional Shelter Construction, Volunteer Services; Demographic Served: Children, Orphaned Children; Facility: Community Center; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Haiti Earthquake, Orphanages/Childrens Homes; Ending Extreme Poverty; Haiti On–going Relief Work
Updated Nov 6, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9890

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
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

Illinois Donation Drop Off Locations (Warm Winter Clothes, Car Seats, Food, etc)

Donor · Open

State Agency
IL

Contact manager
Email GOV–kkws@illinois.gov.
Web www.keepwarm.illinois.gov/Kidsafe.cfm
Service Temporary

Services offered: Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Donations, In–Kind Donation, Services
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty
Updated Oct 19, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4706

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Bartholomew County Medication Assistance Program

Walk–in Resource · Open

Non–Profit Prescription/Medical Assistance/Resources
1531 13th Street, Suite G900, Columbus, IN 47201

Phone 812–372–6918
Web www.agingandcommunityservices.org/index.asp?p=8
Hours call for appointment
Eligibility please see Notes
Bring Bring your completed application, proof of income for your entire household, insurance information, prescription information and Bartholomew County physician's name
Service Temporary

Many pharmaceutical companies have programs to help people who have long–term medication needs and limited financial resources. The Bartholomew County Medication Assistance Program, working with an individuals physician, helps that person apply for free or low–cost medicine offered by the drug companies.

The program coordinator is a Registered Nurse. The staff identify sources of help for clients, assess eligibility, prepare applications and ensure eligible clients receive needed prescriptions.

Typical medical conditions covered:
* Allergies
* Anxiety/Depression
* Arthritis
* Asthma
* Diabetes
* Gastrointestinal Disorders
* Heart Disease
* Hormone Replacement
* Hypertension
* Other Chronic Illness

Eligibility Guidelines:
* Receiving medical services from a physician in Bartholomew Co.
* Unable to pay for prescribed drugs due to financial hardship
* Currently under treatment for chronic illness such as diabetes, hypertension, arthritis or asthma
* No insurance coverage to help pay for prescriptions, and ineligible for Medicaid or other public assistance
* Medicare beneficiaries may qualify if they have no prescription drug coverage through another plan
* Meet all drug company eligibility requirements (proof of income and U.S. Citizenship is often required)

The prescribing physician must be willing to participate as required by the drug companies.

Anyone interested must meet the following guidelines:
* Be a resident of Bartholomew County

* Have income below 180% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines
* Have no prescription coverage through insurance, Medicare supplement or Medicaid
* Be able to prove residency and income

Both the chronic program and the immediate assistance program are the result of a community collaboration between the Healthy Communities Initiative of Bartholomew County and a number of partners. In addition, local donors have made generous contributions to make these services possible.

Services offered: Financial Assistance, Medical, Prescription Assistance; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2008 MidWest Floods; Ending Extreme Poverty
Updated Aug 30, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3342

Community Church of Greenwood "Gathering Place"

Walk–in Resource · Open

Faith Based Disaster Recovery/Relief/Food Pantry
1477 W. Main Street, Greenwood, IN 46142

Phone (317) 888–6024
Web ccg.ccbchurch.com/app
Serves Johnson County, IN
Eligibility Impacted by the 6/08 MidWest Floods
Service Temporary

We have received so many phone calls from our own members, friends and family that CCG wants to do more to help our neighbors.

With the opportunity of receiving food from Midwest Food Bank, we are now able to offer a food pantry here at CCG.

We are open on Tuesday's from 9am–11am and Wednesday's from 5pm – 7pm. Until we get a good idea of the need, we will allow individuals to pick up once every two weeks.

Food needs this month:

Peanut Butter
Jelly
Canned veggies and fruit
boxes of cereal

If you are able to help in this area please drop off the food during the week at the church office or on Sunday mornings at the Outreach counter.

We also need volunteers. If you are available to help, we need help on the days we are open, as well as other days to help stock the shelves.

Call Kerry Beasley, x259 or by email, if you have any questions regarding helping, or receiving food.

Food, clothing, household items and some furniture available; call Kerry Beasley at 888–6024 Ext. 259 to receive items.

God is good, all the time.
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The Gathering Place continues to function as a Red Cross Shelter for victims of recent flooding. If you have been displaced and need assistance please come to The Gathering Place at Community Church of Greenwood. Food, clothing and shelter are available and they will remain open through Sat. 6/14/08.

Website does have updates.

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Campaigns: 2008 MidWest Floods; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Ending Extreme Poverty
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Bread Basket/Petra Project (Rock Solid Ministries)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Church – Community Outreach
1024 EAST MAIN ST., Richmond, IN 47374

Phone 765–962–5099
Web www.rocksolid1024.org
Hours Daily Meals 4:30–6

Serves Wayne Co., IN
Service Temporary

Pantry and Soup Kitchen

From the website:

http://www.rocksolid1024.org/pdfs/nl.pdf

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Petra Project is the Outreach organization that works within Rock Solid Ministries.

The Petra Project Board is shifting business to the formation and foundation of the Petra House Recovery Center. This will be a long term, residential rehab center that will be Christ centered and Spirit filled. We will begin with a men's program and expand to a women's program later. Our first need is a house or building to open in. If you know of a property, call us at the church.

Petra House Recovery Center:

Our area is in need of a Christ–based addiction program that provides intensive care and instruction in living that will give men with addiction problems a clean living base to build their lives on. Petra House will be a live–in program with 24 hour assistance that will provide that base. Powered by 'Turning Point' ministry curriculum and Teen Challenge training courses, trained personnel will administer the program along with on sight living skill training in a structured 24/7 format. This program is due to open in spring of 2009.

Services offered: Community Outreach Programs; Demographic Served: Addicts, Recovering; Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Food Distribution, Meals, Soup Kitchen; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals; Meals, Dinner; Services, Substance Abuse, Residential Program (Drug/Alcohol); Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training, Medical, Education, Smoking Cessation, Quit Smoking
Campaigns: Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Meetings; Ending Extreme Poverty
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Circle – U – Help Center

Walk–in Resource · Open

Social Services
19 N. 13th St., Richmond, IN 47374
Phone (765) 966–1013
Hours Pantry: Last Sat.10–2, Meals: Tues 10–12, Sat 11–12
Serves Wayne Co., IN
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Lunch is served at our on–site soup kitchen on Tuesdays 10:00 am until 12:00 noon.

Lunch is also served on Saturdays from 11:15 am until 12:30 pm. (Doors open at 10:00 am and close at 2:00 pm)

Weekend lunches are delivered to shut–ins on Saturday mornings.

Food bags are distributed on Saturdays from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Clothing and small household items are distributed through our clothing room on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10:00 am until 12:00
noon.

No fee is charged for any service.

Food Pantry

Hours of Operations Source:
Gleaner's Food Bank of Indiana.
Info collected 3/2007
http://www.gleaners.org/documents/GleanersFoodBankofIndianaCharityList.pdf

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Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty
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India

Career Launcher India's Indus Academy "Budget School" (private school for the poor)

School · Open

School
a small hamlet in Andhra Pradesh's Ghatkesar district, 20km from Hyderabad, Hyderabad
Web www.schoolchoice.in/blog/?cat=12
Service Temporary

Services offered: Demographic Served: Children; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Literacy Program; Scholarships; School, New Educational Concept; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
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MA Ideal "Budget School" (private school for the poor)

School · Open

School
Kishanbagh
Contact Mohammed Anwar, the school's proprietor
Web www.boston.com/bostonglobe/ideas/articles/2010/05/09/class_difference
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Other critics say that an increasing dependence on private schools will create a more unequal society. Rich students will opt for better schools, with the poor having to make do with underfunded, badly staffed schools. "Low–cost private schools are a response to a very bad situation. Instead of encouraging them, we need to make the public system more effective," says Henry Levin, professor of economics and education at Columbia University.

Academics like Levin recommend offering public schools more funds in return for regular attendance by teachers and frequent teacher training.

But back in the dusty, baking heat of Hyderabad, 37–year–old Hazrat Sultana is too battle–worn to believe that more money will improve the local public school. Sultana, a stay–at–home mother whose husband owns a footwear stall in the slum, recently pulled her daughters out of the government school.

"The problem isn't the money," she says. "The problem is that the teachers don't have to listen to us."

They now attend Golden Jubilee school, a three–story bare block where the windows don't have panes and flower–patterned curtains substitute for doors. The public school was bigger, she admits. But just one year in Golden Jubilee has taught her daughter Anjum Nazia more about fractions and world capitals than she learned in seven years at the government school. Anjum Nazia now wants to become an engineer some day.

Riddhi Shah is completing her master's degree in cultural reporting and criticism at New York University's Arthur Carter Journalism Institute. She has worked for the BBC, India Today, and the Hindustan Times in India and has written for Saveur magazine and the Brooklyn Rail in New York.

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Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; United Nations – UNICEF (United Nations International Childrens Emergency Fund); World Bank
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Centre for Civil Society "School Choice" Program (schools for the poor)

Info/Hotline · Open

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Phone 011 2653 7456, 011 2652 1882
Contact Mr. Gurcharan Das, Chairman
Web www.schoolchoice.in/aboutus
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from the website:

On 29 January 2007 the Centre for Civil Society launched its School Choice Campaign. Our nation has given each child the right to education; we must now make it meaningful by taking it a step further: The Right to education of Choice! Each child and her parent must be empowered so they can truthfully say: My Right, My Choice!

This is also your opportunity to join the education revolution.

Can poor women (urban, rural or tribal), armed with funds—corporate, bank or micro–finance—own the school where their children study? Can we attract entrepreneurs of the calibre like Narayana Murthy to open 200, may be 2000, schools and replicate the IT revolution in education? Can venture capital—for profit or philanthropic—help improve the infrastructure and quality of existing budget private schools around slums and in villages? Can good teachers of government schools be given an opportunity to manage schools and improve the quality and reach millions?

We feel the answer to these exciting questions is a resounding YES! It is time to think bold, outside the box of the current education system.

School choice, particularly for the poor, can be achieved through education vouchers, cash transfers (like in Bangladesh), or tuition fee reimbursement schemes (like in Delhi), basically by schemes where funds follow students and not schools. Let the child's parent choose the school. It can be enhanced through broader measures like deregulation and delicensing of private schools, legalizing for–profit schools, and microfinance and venture capital for budget private schools. (Today it is virtually

impossible to start a legally recognised school. Also, since many of the schools for the poor are unrecognised, they cannot get a bank loan to improve their infrastructure like any other enterprise).

School choice can be taken to government schools through decentralization of decision making and transfer of accountability to local governments, by tying state grants to enrolment and learning achievements, through management contracts, and charter schools. The funding for education in general can be increased by tuition tax credits to individuals and corporate scholarship tax credit programs.

The response to the campaign so far has been overwhelming and the biggest support is from dalit and tribal activists. We will be giving away vouchers as demonstration to the ideas. School Choice Campaign is a national campaign. It is gaining ground in Bihar, Delhi, Jharkhand, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

We have partnered with local coordinators and NGOs who are helping us with the campaign. We are also reaching out to elected representatives, officials and other influential people across the nation.

Interestingly, many entrepreneurs, government officials and politicians see the power of these ideas too. Most people realise that the aspirations of the poor are no different from us and they too want their children to attend English medium private schools which will lift them out of their present poverty and give them a decent future. Also, the moment the poor become a bit less poor, they escape the system of government schools.

The concept of School Choice has won the support of corporate and political leaders. Civil society organizations like Deepalaya and Pratham also have voiced their support for School Choice.

School Choice has immense potential to save future generations from languishing in the darkness of illiteracy. School Choice has already changed the face of education in many countries worldwide.

We firmly believe that this could possibly be the beginning of a revolution in changing the face of education in our country and enable millions to escape the clutches of poverty.

We would be grateful for your support and contribution in making this a reality.

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Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; United Nations – UNICEF (United Nations International Childrens Emergency Fund); World Bank
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Japan

Caritas Japan (Japan Catholic Center)

Info/Hotline · Open

Japan Catholic Center 2–10–10 Shiomi, Koto–ku, Tokyo 135–8585 JAPAN, Sendai
Phone 81–3–5632–4439
Web www.caritas.jp/english/index.html
Service Temporary

Caritas Japan on earthquake and tsunami
March 11, 2011
http://blog.caritas.org/2011/03/11/caritas–japan–on–earthquake–and–tsunami/

excerpt –

Caritas Japan is mobilizing to respond to the 10 metre tsunami that struck in the region of the Diocese of Sendai today.

“A tsunami has hit our people. Is a tidal wave has come to overwhelm our lives. We are still in shock over what has happened,” Father Koichi Otaki of the Diocese of Niigata told Fides. “The news is mixed, but the diocese most affected is that of Sendai. Our Bishop, Bishop Isao Kikuchi, President of Caritas Japan, ensures us that as the Japanese Catholic community, though very small, we will not walk away from our commitment and our solidarity with the victims.”

SEE Website for full report

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United States INFO:
Catholic Relief Services's Response to Japan Tsunami
Donation Phone #: 1–877–HELP–CRS
Donation Address: P.O. Box 17090
Baltimore, MD, 21203–7090
Website: http://crs.org In Japan, CRS is providing assistance through our sister agency, Caritas Japan. CRS has programs in the Philippines and Indonesia and works with Caritas Oceania that is active in numerous islands in the Pacific that might be affected.

Services offered: Counseling, Post Disaster Counseling; Donations, Disaster Fund; Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Services, Emergency Services
Campaigns: 2011 Japan Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disasters; Caritas International; Catholic Relief Services (CRS); Ending Extreme Poverty
Updated Mar 17, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7728

KY

Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) – Operation Sharing

Walk–in Resource · Open

Faith–Based Community Outreach/Disaster Recovery/Relief
P.O. Box 511, Lancaster, KY 40444
Phone (859) 792–3051 or 866–270–4227 or (606)523–5736
Web www.christianapp.org
Serves The northeast corner of Mississippi through the southwest corner of New York
Checks payable to Christian Appalachian Project
Service Permanent

3/12 Tornadoes Update from the site:
http://www.christianapp.org/2012/03/tornado–outbreak–hits–appalachia/

FACEBOOK – (Poverty in KY)
https://www.facebook.com/ChrisAppProj

Disaster Relief –
http://www.christianapp.org/who–we–are/disaster–relief/

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Volunteer, Resource Referrals; Books * (ANY/ALL Types); Cleaning, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Construction, Rebuilding,

Volunteer Services; Demographic Served: Disabled, Persons With Disabilities; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Cleaning/Clean Up Supplies (Post Disaster); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Food Distribution, Meals, Soup Kitchen; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Information Resource, Online Networking, YouTube; Jobs, Paying; Linens, Bedding * (ANY/ALL Types of Bedding) New or Gently Used/CLEAN; Management, Volunteer Coordination Services; School, Adult Education/Adult School; Services, Disaster Relief; Services, Disaster Response; Services, Family, Children, Recreation, Summer Camp; Services, Laundry Services (for Disaster Survivors); Services, Respite Program/Services; Services, Senior/Elderly Services; Services, Senior Programs; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Showers, Mobile Shower Trailor Unit; Training Classes, GED Preparation; Transportation, Emergency Evacuation, Transportation Services; Volunteer, Long-Term Volunteer Opportunities; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Opportunities, International; Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteers, Short-Term, Volunteer(s); Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online; Warehouse, Warehouse Space; Water, * Bottles (ANY/ALL Types of Bottled Water); Youth, After-School, Afterschool Program; Youth Program
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2009 Ice Storms; 2009 May Severe Storm & Tornado Support (KY/WV/MO); 2010 April, Mississippi Tornado; 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Missouri Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes-Floods-Wind Storms; 2012 Spring – Tornadoes; Christian Appalachian Project; Ending Extreme Poverty; Mission Fish (eBay); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Mar 11, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/588

Kenya

Budget Schools (school for the poor, in developing countries)

Info/Hotline · Open

School
Service Temporary

http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/ideas/articles/2010/05/09/class_difference/

HYDERABAD, India--The end-of-day bell has just gone off at MA Ideal High School, and a Grade 4 classroom on the first floor explodes into a rush of activity. Pig-tailed girls and boys in indigo shorts jump out of their benches and jam through the doorway. But in a corner toward the back of the room, 10-year-old Sanaa Sultana ignores the shrill ringing. She continues reading aloud quietly from her English textbook. Next to her, 11-year-old Mohammed Majid--a hulking, towering contrast to Sultana's tiny frame--follows her in his own book, repeating after her, sentence for sentence. Sanaa is Mohammed's partner in the school's peer-to-peer learning program. When he joined MA Ideal a year ago, Mohammed didn't know more than a few rudimentary words of English. Now, after a year of sitting with Sanaa, one of the class's brightest students, Mohammed almost effortlessly makes his way through an entire sentence.

One floor above them, young teachers in salwar kameezes--long, loose tunics paired with drawstring tapered pants--assemble in neat rows in a classroom, waiting a monthly training session to begin. Today they will learn how to encourage class participation. On the ground floor, Mohammed Anwar, the school's proprietor, is talking to a group of parents. He's telling them about his plans to introduce Genki, a phonics-based teaching method that will help first-generation English learners speak the language more fluently. The burqa-clad mothers are unconvinced, preferring instead the more conventional method of teaching by textbook, but Anwar, with his energy and zeal, manages to be persuasive.

MA Ideal also offers its students free karate lessons, computer classes, soccer training, and health camps. But the school--a private, small-scale venture--is not situated in a plush upper-middle-class neighborhood. Instead, it is tucked away in Kishanbagh, a sprawling slum of low-slung concrete huts, tin-roofed shanties, and bare-bellied children who gambol with skinny, underfed dogs. And the average fee at MA Ideal High School? About $3 per month--one-20th the cost of a typical private school in India.

MA Ideal is part of a grass-roots private school movement that has spread through India in the last two decades. Kishanbagh, a 5-square-kilometer patch of land, has 28 low-cost private schools, while India itself has some 300,000, each a buzzing hive of teaching, learning, and extracurricular activity. These schools offer poor residents across the country an alternative to the inefficient public school system. In Kishanbagh, for example, the local public school is a cavernous building where teachers rarely show up, toilets regularly overflow, and classes are almost never held. In the western world, private schools are associated with high fees and plentiful resources, but Hyderabad's schools succeed by focusing on efficiency and accountability.

Principals like Mohammed Saleem of the nearby Adams High School say that fierce competition between schools forces institutes to strive toward providing the best education they can. "We have to listen to parents because otherwise they will admit their children to a different school. I have to constantly find new ways to keep parents interested in my school," says Saleem.

The last two decades have witnessed the rising popularity of low-cost private schools across the developing world. Researchers estimate that there are now 1 million budget schools in countries like Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, China, Pakistan, the Philippines, and Uganda. Started by local entrepreneurs, these schools are most often located in urban slums, operate out of a few rooms, and are run by teachers who are paid less than half the salary of a government teacher. Few receive state support or external funding.

And yet, low–cost private schools are far more effective than their government counterparts. In India, for example, the country's largest educational NGO, Pratham, has estimated that 68 percent of the students enrolled in low–cost private schools can read fluently as opposed to just 53 percent in government schools. In Ghana, James Tooley, a University of Newcastle professor who has been studying low–cost schools, found that in English, private school students on average scored 72 points out of 100 on a test designed by Tooley, while government school students scored 58 points.

The results have been so impressive that some researchers are now suggesting that low–cost private schools might be the answer to educating the world's poor. Advocates like Tooley are asking for government deregulation, private investment, and international support to help the sector expand and bring in children who for too long have had to deal with crippled state schools. "International and governmental support will lead to increased competition; more schools will want to enter the market, giving rise to better schools," says Tooley.

Education has long been directly related to a country's rise out of poverty. Literate citizens tend to have smaller families, better health and sanitation, lower mortality rates, lower infant mortality, and ultimately, higher incomes. Educated societies are also more gender–equal, less corrupt, and better governed. According to the World Bank, every year of schooling increases wages by a worldwide average of about 10 percent. The completion of primary school reduces a child's chances of contracting HIV/AIDS by half.

However, in large swaths of the developing world, public education has failed. In India, despite an education budget of $10 billion, 33 percent of the country's population continues to be illiterate. In Nigeria, teacher absenteeism is astonishingly high and teacher–pupil ratios are as low as 1:90. In Uganda and China, public schools exist only in urban or semi–urban areas, while in Kenya, public schools are over–enrolled and teachers frequently go on strike. The common problem is a lack of accountability: Public school principals are often answerable only to bureaucrats sitting in distant offices who rarely visit the schools. Parents have little or no control over the education of their children.

It was this disillusionment with the public sector that inspired Hyderabad's first few entrepreneurs––often parents whose children had been forced to attend government schools––to start private schools in the 1980s. By the time Tooley arrived in Hyderabad in 2000 on an assignment from the International Finance Corporation, a member of the World Bank group that promotes private investment in developing countries, the number of low–cost schools in the city had ballooned. "I was supposed to be studying private schools for the rich," he says. "But instead I discovered this flourishing movement that empowered the poor."

After a year of investigating the phenomenon in India, Tooley traveled across continents in search of other low–cost private schools. What he saw shocked him: Small, private educational enterprises were almost ubiquitous in developing countries. He even found schools in rural China where officials insisted there were none. Soon other academics began studying the steadily expanding movement.

One of the reasons that educators began championing low–cost private schools was their economic efficiency. In India, the government spends an average of $125 per child per year. The annual cost of a low–cost private school is rarely more than $80 per child. It was clear that the private sector––unorganized and scattered as it was––was providing a better education, at a lower cost than the government.

For the international development community, the crisis surrounding education is growing. Despite sustained campaigns and considerable developmental aid, universal primary education remains elusive and illiteracy rampant. As of January 2010, 72 million school–age children were still out of school. And according to current projections by the UN, 58 of the 86 countries that are not yet fully literate will not be able to get there by 2015.

As a result, some organizations are beginning to alter their tactics. The World Bank, for instance, has supported two pilot projects for low–cost schools in India and Pakistan and also funded subsidies for school voucher projects in Colombia and the Philippines. "There is a growing sense that this is a sector worth looking at. It's time to be bold and try new things," says Harry Patrinos, lead education economist for the World Bank.

Proponents are hoping that the World Bank's enthusiasm will encourage other organizations to push governments to support low–cost schools. One suggestion is to allow companies to invest and offer loans to schools. Currently, a few countries like Ghana and the Dominican Republic allow private companies in education, but others, like India, don't. Several organizations have already begun to invest in low–cost education: Opportunity International, for instance, offers loans to hundreds of budget schools in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. In India, on the other hand, entrepreneurs like K Suryakala Reddy, founder of New Little Scholars School in Hyderabad, are forced to file false applications for home loans to finance schools.

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Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; United Nations – UNICEF (United Nations International Childrens Emergency Fund); World Bank
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LA

Occupy Poverty (Facebook Group – Informative Resources)

Info/Hotline · Open

LA

Web www.facebook.com/groups/OCCUPYPOVERTY
Serves Nationwide
Service Temporary

OCCUPY POVERTY BLOG: http://www.paristompkins.com/2011/10/occupy-poverty/

Services offered: Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together
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MA

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
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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
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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:

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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
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Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. (NEW foreclosure prevention loans)

Info/Hotline · Open

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Web www.bostonabcd.org
Service Temporary

http://www.dotnews.com/2011/mattapan–abcd–offers–assistance–hud–foreclosure–loans

Mattapan ABCD offers assistance for HUD foreclosure loans

By
Michael Caprio, Special to the Reporter
Jul. 8, 2011

The Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. center in Mattapan will be providing pre–application assistance for distressed homeowners interested in $50,000 foreclosure prevention loans offered through the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

An estimated 1,200 local homeowners will receive the funds, which are offered through the Emergency Homeowners' Loan Program. The funds cover 24 months of mortgage payments, or $50,000, whichever comes first.

They are available in zero interest, forgivable packages. Applicants must submit a pre–application to the ABCD Mattapan Family Service Center and will be entered into a lottery. If selected, the applicant will then be eligible to complete a full EHLP application. The Department of Housing and Urban Development will make the final determination about eligibility and amount of assistance.

To be eligible for assistance, homeowners must have been delinquent on their mortgage payments and must have residency in the distressed home. They must also show likelihood of foreclosure (in the form of a bank letter, statement, etc.), have an income of $75,000 or below as a result of unemployment, underemployment or medical emergency, have a monthly mortgage payment that is more than 31 percent of one's income, and demonstrate an ability to resume repayment of debt obligations.

Selected applicants will be required to provide paperwork including mortgage statements, utility bills, 2009 and 2010 tax returns, a notice of delinquency from a mortgage lender, and a confirmation of employment status from an employer.

There exist certain eligibility restrictions: being currently in bankruptcy (personal of business), having two open liens on a home, and having a federal tax lien on a home can make someone ineligible for assistance.

Potential Mattapan applicants must submit their pre–application paperwork, along with a third–party authorization form, to the Mattapan ABCD office by July 22. There is no fee to submit the pre–application forms. For more information on the program, visit www.findehlp.org or call the toll–free hotline at (855) 346–3345. Those looking for information can also call the Mattapan ABCD office at (617) 298–2045.

Boston Globe article:

http://www.boston.com/yourtown/boston/fenway_kenmore/gallery/summerworks_2011/

By Matt Rocheleau, Globe Correspondent
Anti–poverty agency Action for Boston Community Development recently celebrated the completion of its 46th summer helping employ, educate and train around 1,200 city teens and young adults, between 14 and 21 years old, from low–income families. Around 6,500 applications were submitted for the 1,200 spots.

http://www.bostonabcd.org/centers/

ABCD responds to the needs of our community through our decentralized, city–wide network, which includes 13 unique neighborhood centers. At these community outposts, we give hands–on assistance on a day–to–day basis through a broad spectrum of specialized programs like Fuel Assistance, SummerWorks and Head Start, designed to serve individuals and their families at every stage of their lives.

Our Programs:

Career Development

Charitable Campaigns

Early Child Care & Education

Elder Services

Financial Futures Initiative

Food Pantries

Fuel Assistance/Energy Conservation

Health Services

Housing & Homelessness Prevention

Youth Development

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Employment, "At–Risk" Job Applicants; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Housing, Occupancy/Building Permits, Septic/Water Wells, Information Resources; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Advocacy, Social Justice; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Referrals (For Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Short–Term Housing Referrals; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Community Outreach Programs; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Community Service Program; Counseling, Consumer Credit Counseling; Counseling, Financial/Budget Counseling; Counseling, Financial, Home Buying Process; Counseling, Housing Counseling; Counseling, Personal Finance Counseling; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Families; Demographic Served: Families, w/Young Children; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks, Women Only; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Demographic Served: Women; Directories, Directory of Services, Case Management; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Financial Assistance Programs; Directories, Job Fair / Employment Listings & News; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Youth Services & After–School Programs; Events, Community Meetings; Facility: Community Center; Facility: Recreation Center; Financial Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Housing, Mortgage Assistance; Financial Assistance, Housing, Mortgage Loan Deferment Assistance; Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Grants, Community Development; Grants, Housing, Housing Related; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Housing Assistance, Relocation $ for Survivors; Housing, Subsidized/Low–Income Housing; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; Information Resource, Youth Services; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); 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; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Networking Group, Employment/Professional Networking; Social Event, Party, Anniversary Event; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Computers Skills; Training Classes, Education, 1st Time Home Buyer Education; Training Classes, Employment, Job Training (Elders/Seniors); Training Classes, Eviction Defense Clinic; Training Classes, Financial Literacy; Training Classes, Financial, Money Management; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Government, Training on How it Works; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program

Campaigns: Big Brothers Big Sisters; Boy's & Girl's Club; Ending Extreme Poverty; Government, City/Town Agency; Government, US Deptartment of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

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

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

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1 Firth Rd, Boston, MA 02131, Boston, MA 02131

Web opencollective.com/roslindale-community-fridge
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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.
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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
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Restaurant Worker Mutual Aid of Greater Boston

Volunteer Camp · Open

Boston area, MA
Web rwma617.org
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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.
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity
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Dorchester Community Fridge, Mutual Aid, Free Food, Dorchester "Take what you need, leave what you can"

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7 días a la semana, 24 horas al día.
7 ngày một tuần, 24 giờ một ngày.
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Also, see their Instagram page: https://www.instagram.com/dotcommunityfridge/

Also listed on this map of food resources for Boston:
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original source: https://caughtindot.com/dorchester–community–fridge–take–what–you–need–leave–what–you–can/

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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

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

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; 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

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

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

City of Cambridge Social Service Resources (focused on houseless)

Info/Hotline · Open

Cambridge and region, MA

Web www.cambridgema.gov/~/media/files/dhsp/msc/resdirectory.pdf
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Shelter for Homeless Individuals

The following shelters, except for CASPAR's Emergency Service Center at 240 Albany Street, require that guests not be under the influence of substances. Guests also need to reserve beds, in some cases as early as 7:30am. Beds fill quickly, especially in cold or bad weather.

Always call first when possible

. Note that by individual arrangement, some shelters are able to offer emergency beds on an extended basis to a limited number of guests who meet
shelter–specific criteria. During extreme weather events, as well, shelters are sometimes able to accommodate extra guests on an emergency, no–reservation basis.

Salvation Army Shelter
402 Massachusetts Avenue;
Central
617–547–3400
http://massachusetts.salvationarmy.org/ma/camcontinuum
Short term and extended–stay beds for men who are sober only. Offers case
management, substance abuse services, and vocational counseling.

Call first thing in the morning (starting at 7am) to reserve a bed. Arrive before 7pm to claim a bed.

CASPAR Emergency Services Center
240 Albany Street; closest to #1bus from Central or Harvard
617–661–0600
http://casparinc.org/emergency–services–center–and–shelter.html
Beds for individuals (no gender restriction) who are actively using alcohol or
drugs; shelter for more than one night requires proof of history of Cambridge or Somerville residency. Separate beds for guests who are seeking active support for recovery. To claim a bed, go in person to the shelter.Unlike most other shelters, the Emergency Service Center operates 24/7, and remains open to shelter guests throughout the day.

Harvard Square Homeless Shelter
66 Winthrop Street; Harvard
617–547–2841 or 888–285–4038
http://www.hcs.harvard.edu/hshs
Short–term and extended–stay beds for individuals (no gender restriction) who
are sober only; extended–stay beds are typically reserved for persons who
are working.

Open from November 1 to April 15 only
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Extended–stay beds are assigned by lottery. Call the 888 phone number above between 7:30 and 8am for a lottery number. Call back between 8:05 and 8:30am to find out whether your assigned number was selected for a bed. Lottery results will also be posted at the door of the shelter. For short–term beds, call at 9:30pm to find out about space availability.

St. Patrick's Women's Shelter
270 Washington Street
, Somerville
; #86 bus from Harvard or #91 from Central
617–628–3015
http://www.ccab.org/?q=shelter–services
Short–term beds for women who are sober only, and extended–stay beds with
case management for sober women who are also working.
To reserve a bed, show up by 3pm at the shelter. If there are more women than
beds, a lottery will be held.

Y2Y Shelter
1 Church Street;
Harvard
617–864–0795
http://www.y2yharvardsquare.org
Short–term beds for youthaged 18–24 (no gender restriction) only.
Open from October 15 to April 15 only
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Beds are available for lengths of 30 nights or of 1 night, distributed by a lottery process. To enter the lottery for a 30–night bed,

call the phone number above between 8:00am and 8:45am in the morning. To enter the lottery for a 1–night bed, call the number above between 9:00pm and 9:30pm.To connect to shelter for unaccompanied/runaway youth under age 18, see

Bridge Over Troubled Waters
First Church Shelter
11 Garden Street;
Harvard
617–661–1873
http://www.firstchurchcambridge.org/first–church–in–the–world/first–church–shelter

Extended–stay beds for men who are sober only.
Referral from another provider is required; the individual or provider should call periodically to reiterate their request.

Heading Home Shelter
109 School Street;
Central
617–547–1885
http://www.headinghomeinc.org/programs/new–draft–shelter–emergency–services
Short–term beds, as well as extended–stay beds with case management, for individuals (no gender restriction) who are sober only.

Call at 10am to reserve a bed; referral required (from staff at a previous shelter, the Multi–Service Center, or another provider).

If Cambridge shelters are full:
Among shelters in Cambridge, the Salvation Army and CASPAR Emergency Service Center have the greatest ability to stretch their capacity to accommodate unsheltered persons placed at heightened risk by extreme winter weather.
Some of the larger shelters in Boston are able to accommodate significant numbers of otherwise unsheltered persons who would be at risk by such extreme weather. CASPAR's FirstStep Street Outreach Team (617–592–6895, weekdays from 8am to midnight; weekends and holidays from 1 to 9pm) will have updated information about the availability of beds in Cambridge shelters, and can provide assistance to unsheltered individuals in accessing beds in Cambridge, or, if none are available, in Boston. The CASPAR FirstStep vehicles do not have wheelchair lifts; however, staff can help arrange (but cannot guarantee) alternate transportation for persons whose mobility disabilities prevent them from stepping into the vehicles.

Cambridge Winter Warming Center
806 Massachusetts Avenue, basement level;
Central
617–391–9014
https://www.cambridgema.gov/Services/winterwarmingcenter
Open from approximately December to April only
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The Warming Center is a welcoming and safe drop in center where unsheltered adults can come and spend the night and be safe from the environmental hazards of the street during the winter months.The Center offers a safe space, with beverages and a hot meal, access to bathrooms, and the ability to rest on a yoga mat on the floor. The Center is open 11 hours each night, 7 nights weekly during the winter months. Once guests arrive, they are asked to stay on site, go through a safety check, and store their personal belongings. Check at the website above, as the winter season approaches, for the exact opening date and nightly hours.

Drop–in Programs
Salvation Army
402 Massachusetts Avenue;
Central
617–547–3400
http://massachusetts.salvationarmy.org/ma/cambridge
Drop–in program on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:30am to 3:30pm; Saturday from 11:30am to 1pm; and Sunday from 1 to 3pm. Daily lunch and supplemental food, showers, laundry facilities, clothing. Staff social workers can help with referrals.

Youth on Fire
1 Church Street (inside Y2Y Shelter space);
Harvard
617–661–2508
http://www.aac.org/youth–on–fire/

Drop–in for homeless and at–risk youth aged 14 to 24, open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11am to 5:45pm; meals served from 1:30 to 3pm, and snacks available at all drop–in times. Services available by appointment only on Tuesday and Thursday; call the telephone number above to schedule.

Hot meals are served from 2:30 to 5:30pm on days when the program is open, and showers, lockers, food, counseling, case management, housing assistance, health care, clothes, laundry, computers, books, and games are also offered.

On the Rise's Safe Haven
341 Broadway;
Central
617–497–7968
http://www.ontherise.org/what–we–offer/

Drop–in for clients who identify as women who are homeless and need a level of support that other programs may not be able to provide. This is not a general drop–in program, and women must meet with an advocate for an informal intake to determine whether On the Rise is the right fit. Open Wednesday and Friday from 8am to 4pm; and Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 8am to 2pm.

Helps women meet basic nutritional, hygiene, and safety needs while also receiving flexible support to begin addressing issues related to trauma, addiction, mental and physical health, domestic and sexual violence, disabilities, immigration, legal problems, and poverty.

The Women's Center
46 Pleasant Street;
Central
617–354–8807
http://www.cambridgewomenscenter.org
Women can obtain information, referrals, and emotional support from staff and volunteers; access printed info about programs, services, events, jobs, health issues, etc.; and participate in issue–specific or general support groups. Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10am to 8pm; and Saturday from 10am to 3pm.

Citywide Senior Center
806 Massachusetts Avenue;
Central
617–349–6060
https://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP/programsforfamilies/seniorscouncilonaging/citywideseniorcenter.aspx
For people 60 and older. Open Monday from 8:30am to 8pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; Friday from 8:30am to 3pm; and Saturday and holidays from 8:30am to 1pm. Offers social and recreational activities, ESL, computer access, and fitness classes. Breakfast and lunch served daily.
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Access: Drug User Health Program
359 Green Street;
Central
617–661–3040
http://www.aac.org/programs–services/needle–exchange/
Provides a range of services including services include HIV/HCV/STI testing, health education and navigation, risk–reduction counseling, overdose education, Narcan distribution, street and community outreach, behavioral health services, support groups, drop–in services, safer sex and drug use supplies, and nursing. Open on a drop–in basis from 9am to 4pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and from 9am to 2pm on Thursdays. Additional services are available to members after drop–in hours end (except on Thursdays). To become a member, walk in and complete a risk reduction assessment with a Health Educator; Anyone who has used illicit opioids, misused prescription opioids, and/or injected any non–prescription substance within the past 12 months is eligible for Access membership.

Friday Café at First Church
11 Garden Street;
Harvard
617–851–5074
http://www.thefriday.cafe

New drop–in program open on Friday from 1 to 5pm, from
September to June
only
.
Boston GLASS Community Center
93 Massachusetts Avenue,
Boston; #1 bus from
Central
or
Harvard
, or
Hynes
617–266–3349
https://jri.org/services/health–and–housing/health/boston–glass
Drop–in for LGBTQ young people, aged 13 to 25. Open Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, and Thursday from 3 to 8pm; and Friday from 3 to 5pm (or earlier, by appointment). Has board games, TV,
computers, library, kitchen; offers assistance with counseling, testing, referrals, housing/job search, GED, college/financial aid.

Transitional Housing Programs
Please note
: each transitional housing program has its own eligibility guidelines and
participation requirements. Please check with a specific program to find out more
information. See also shelters (see page 9) that have extended–stay beds, and residential
treatment programs listed under Addiction Services (see page 44).
C
arey Program at the YMCA
• 15 •
820 Massachusetts Avenue;
Central
617–349–6349
NOTE: The Carey program now accepts referrals only through Cambridge CAN
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See page 6 for information on how to complete a C–CAN intake
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For
men
with
6+ months' sobriety
only. Call the phone number above for more
information.
Umoja Program at Salvation Army
402 Massachusetts Avenue;
Central
617–547–3400
http://massachusetts.salvationarmy.org/ma/camcontinuum
For
men
only. Contact Jack Marani at the phone number above for more
information.
CASPAR's GROW House
617–661–6020
For
women
in substance abuse recovery with
6+ months' sobriety
only.
H
eading Home Transitional Program at the YWCA
7 Temple Street;
Central
617–491–6050, extension 229
http://www.headinghomeinc.org/programs/new–draft–transitional–housing
For
women

only. Contact the phone number above for more information.
Transition House's Transitional Living Program
617–868–1650, extension 1002
For
women with or without young children who have experienced domestic
violence
. Contact Ronit Barkai at the phone number above for more information.
Harvard Square Summer Shelter
66 Winthrop Street;
Harvard
617–495–5526
http://pbha.org/programs/harvard–square–summer–shelter/
Program has
no gender restriction
and is located at the Harvard Square Homeless
Shelter, running from mid–June to mid–August. Call the phone number above, or
email
summerHSHS@pbha.org
, for more information.
• 16 •
Wayside/ShortStop
1323 Broadway,
Somerville
; #
87
or #
88
bus, both from either
Davis
or
Lechmere
617–776–3377
http://www.waysideyouth.org/OurServices/WaysideYoungAdultServices/
ShortStopTransitionalHousing.aspx
Transitional housing program for homeless youth aged 18 to 22, offering a range
of social, educational, and pre–vocational services.

Services offered: 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, Housing, Short–Term Housing Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Shelter Referrals, Youth Focused; Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Shelter, Emergency Shelter, Youth Focused; Shelter, Homeless Shelter; Shelter, Transitional Temporary Shelter (For Disaster Survivors); Shelter, Women's Shelter
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; Government, City/Town Agency; Government Housing Authority; Homelessness Relief Services
Updated Jan 28, 2019 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9742

Fair Foods / Fair Exchange ($/bag food/groceries, list of locations)

Warehouse · Open

Private Citizen Volunteers
95 Freeport St, Dorchester, MA 21220
Phone (617) 288–6185
Web fairfoods.org/dollarbag.html
Service Temporary

This group recycles building materials and provides foodbank services.

Get a bag of food for $2 at one of their food drop sites. Bring your own bag.

Food Source Hotline
(800) 645–8333

"Dollar–a–Bag" sites from Fair Foods, Inc.
Fair Foods, Inc. and its partners run over 50 "Dollar–a–Bag" sites through Boston and eastern Massachusetts. Each week, participants enjoy a wide selection of fresh fruits, vegetables and breads for a donation of $2 a bag.

http://www.fairfoods.org/index.php?page=dollar_bag.htm
http://fairfoods.org/dollarbag.html (To find about a Dollar–a–bag site near you)

Services offered: Construction, Building Material Reclaim/Reuse/Recycle; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Social Peers; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Canned ** (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food Distribution, Food Bank ONLY (No Walk–In Service); Food Distribution, Food Boxes, Emergency Food Boxes * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food Distribution, Food Boxes, Food Pack, 3–4 days, 2–3 people; Food Distribution, Food Boxes (For Seniors/Elderly); Food Distribution, Food Boxes (General Public Distribution); Food, Dry, * Dry Food Goods (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food, Fresh, Fruit * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Fresh, Vegetables * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Frozen * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food, Non–Perishable Food * (ANY/ALL Types of Canned, Dry, Drinks, Snacks); Heavy Equipment, * (ANY/ALL Types); Heavy Equipment, Forklift; Heavy Equipment, Front End Skid Loader; Heavy Equipment, Skid Steers; Heavy Machinery, Skid Steer Loader; Heavy Machinery, Walk–Behind Utility Loader; * KITS, FOOD KITS; LOAN ONLY, Forklift; LOAN ONLY, Pallet Jack; LOAN ONLY, Skid Steers; LOAN ONLY, Truck; Lumber * (ANY/ALL Types) ; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Pallets; Recycling, Building Materials * (ANY/ALL Types); Recycling, Food; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Water, * Bottles (ANY/ALL Types of Bottled Water); Water, Bottles, (In Plastic, Gallons); Water, ** Bottles, Single Servings, Cases (ANY/ALL cases of single serve sizes)
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; Neighborhood Network
Updated May 25, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/488

Big Brother Big Sister Foundation

Warehouse · Open

5 Mear Rd, Holbrook, but serving metro/worcester areas, MA

Phone (774) 776–7200, (800) 483–5503
Web www.bbbsfoundation.org/web/pagedetail.aspx?pgID=contactus
Service Temporary

Bill Cifrino, Operations Manager
wcifrino @ bbbsfoundation . org

General office questions:
Karen Gray, Office Manager
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Questions or issue with your pick–up:
Dispatch
dispatch @ bbbsfoundation . org

Questions about Clothing Drives and Special Events:
Maria Sullivan, Marketing Coordinator
msullivan @ bbbsfoundation . org

Find a drop box:

http://gd.bbbsfoundation.org/gd.donations/main/binlocations.aspx

Location Name Address City State Zip Type Comments Map
Abington 400 Bedford Street Abington MA 02351 BIN Lowes Parking Lot
Allston 60 Everett Street Allston MA 02134 DONATION STATION Stop and Shop M–F 7am–7pm, S–S 10am–5pm
Attleboro 34 Perry ave. Attleboro MA 02703 BIN Stop and Shop parking lot
Berlin Jones Road Berlin MA 01503 BIN Transfer Station
Brockton 135 West Gate Drive Brockton MA 02301 BIN Lowes parking lot
Brockton Oak Hill Way Brockton MA 02301 BIN Recycling Center
Burlington 26 Beacon St Burlington MA 01803 BIN Beacon Village Apts.
Cohasset 823 Chief Justice Cushing Highway Cohasset MA 02025 BIN Aubuchon Hardware on Rt. 3A
Dartmouth 25 Faunce Corner Rd Dartmouth MA 02747 DONATION STATION Stop and Shop Parking lot
Duxbury Mayflower St Duxbury MA 02332 BIN Duxbury Transfer Station open Wed– Sun 8am – 4pm
East Bridgewater Bridge St. East Bridgewater MA 02333 BIN Recycling Center Every Other Saturday
Fall River 333 Mariano Bishop Blvd Fall River MA 02721 DONATION STATION Stop and Shop Parking Lot
Foxboro 141 Main Street Foxboro MA 02035 BIN Stop and Shop
Framingham Weld Street Framingham MA 01702 BIN Property Center Estates
Franklin Old West Central Franklin MA 02038 BIN Franklin Crossing Condos
Holbrook 5 Mear Road Holbrook MA 02343 BIN BBBS Foundation off rt. 139
Holliston 589 Concord St Holliston MA 01746 BIN Sterling Services, Route 126
Kingston 32 William C Gould Way Kingston MA 02364 BIN Lowes parking lot
Mansfield 377 Chauncy Street Mansfield MA 02048 DONATION STATION Stop and Shop parking lot
Medford 85 George P Hassett Dr. Medford MA 02155 BIN Medford Town Hall
Norfolk 33 medway Branch norfolk MA 02056 BIN Norfolk Transfer Station Open Wed, Fri, and Sat
North Attleboro 1360 South Washington Street North Attleboro MA 02703 BIN Lowes parking lot
Norton 33 West Main St. Norton MA 02766 BIN Aubuchon Hardware

Norwood 14 Hill St. Norwood MA 02062 BIN Norwood Depot Train Station
Pembroke 158 Hobomock St. pembroke MA 02359 BIN Pembroke Transfer Station open Wed, Sat, and Sun
Pembroke 108 Old Church Street Pembroke MA 02359 BIN Lowes Parking Lot
Quincy 65 Newport Avenue Quincy MA 02170 DONATION STATION Stop and Shop Parking Lot
Rehoboth Transfer Station Intersection of Plain St and Martin St. Rehoboth MA 02769 BIN Open Tues 4pm–7pm & Sat 8am–4pm
Salem NH 5 Delaware Dr Salem NH 03079 BIN BBBS NH Warehouse
Somerville 1244 Broadway Somerville MA 02144 BIN Kirklands parking lot, in rear
South Boston 566 Dorchester Ave Boston MA 02127 BIN Tedeschis Parking Lot
Watertown 700 Pleasant Street Watertown MA 02472 DONATION STATION Stop and Shop Parking Lot
Weston 199 Church St weston MA 02493 BIN Weston Transfer Station open Tues Wed Fri and Sat
Weymouth 729 Bridge St. Weymouth MA 02188 BIN Lowes Parking Lot, harborlight mall
weymouth 2 winter st Weymouth MA 02188 BIN Dependable Cleaners Parking Lot
Woburn 2 Elm Street Woburn MA 01801 DONATION STATION Stop and Shop parking lot

Services offered: Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Teens; Demographic Served: Teens, Troubled; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Distribution, Bulk Distribution; Distribution, Supplies, Local Distribution of Supplies; Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Drivers, Local Deliveries, Volunteers; Drivers, Local Pickup / Delivery, Volunteer; Drivers, Local Pick–Up, Volunteer; Drivers, Truck Drivers, Volunteer (Fuel is Covered); Hand Truck; LOAN ONLY, Pallet Jack; LOAN ONLY, Truck; Pallet Jack; Recycling, Appliances; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Household Items; Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Transportation, Access To Trucks/Transportation; Transportation * (ANY/ALL Types); Vehicle, Truck * (ANY/ALL Types); Vehicle, Truck, Box Truck; Vehicle, Truck, Pick–Up, Pickup; Vehicle, Utility Vehicle; Warehouse, Warehouse Space
Campaigns: Big Brothers Big Sisters; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution
Updated Aug 16, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8767

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

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Bike Shop Service Manager
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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 [home delivery of meals to critically ill people/family members]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Lowell, MA
Web www.servings.org/meal–delivery

Service Temporary

Note: This org is based in Jamaica Plain, Boston, but on the Lowellians Assisting Lowellians [LLAMA] Facebook page, someone said that the confirmed that Community Servings serves Lowell, Mass too.

"Community Servings provides home–delivered meals and nutrition services to individuals and families living with critical and chronic illnesses. Our made–from–scratch meals are medically tailored – meaning they're customized to meet the nutritional and medical needs of our clients who are fighting illnesses like HIV/AIDS, diabetes, cancer, kidney disease, and many others. We offer 15 medical diets, with up to three combinations per client.

We deliver and ship our medically tailored meals meals to clients across Massachusetts. For clients that reside outside of our delivery area, meals are shipped. Meals may also be picked up at Community Servings on a case by case basis. We provide meals for the client and family members including a caregiver (parent/spouse), and children under the age of 18."

Services offered: Demographic Served: Critically Ill, Home–Bound; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Cooked Meals; Meals, Home Delivered Meals
Campaigns: Community Servings [homecooked meals delivered to critically ill people and their families]; Ending Extreme Poverty
Updated Oct 8, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10387

Dwelling House for Hope [food pantry, Covid food delivery, etc]

Walk–in Resource · Open

Lowell, MA
Web dwellinghouseofhope.org
Service Temporary

COVID–19 Response from Dwelling House of Hope

During the COVID–19 health emergency, we have been working tirelessly to meet the food security needs of our community. In addition to more families needing assistance, we are also helping to deliver food to people who are unable to leave their homes. We have been partnering with Lowell Alliance, Lowell Community Health Center, Vinfen, New American Center, and Local Churches to deliver food to those who cannot leave their homes. We have also modified our on–site distribution to incorporate social distancing guidelines and to minimize contact between individuals, including pre–packing food in boxes for pick up.

If you are in need of food assistance you should call 1 866 674–9988 and register to pick up food.

Services offered: Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Food Distribution, Food Pantry, Mobile Food Pantry; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Home Delivered Meals
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty
Updated Oct 8, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10388

Mattapan Community Health Center

Medical Facility · Open

1425 Blue Hill Avenue, Mattapan, MA
Phone (617) 296–0061
Contact Customer Service
Email CustomerService @ matchc . org
Web www.mattapanchc.org/services.html
Service Temporary

from the website:

Who We Are

We are your Neighborhood Health Center

Languages We Speak:
English
French
Haitian Creole
Spanish
Hindi
Chinese

Serving Mattapan and Hyde Park for over 30 years

Mattapan Community Health Center (MCHC) is a comprehensive health delivery organization that serves individuals from the Mattapan, Dorchester, Roxbury and Hyde Park neighborhoods of Boston, as well as adjacent Boston suburbs like Brockton, Randolph, and Stoughton. It is the only community health center in Mattapan and Hyde Park.

Established in 1972 as the Avenue Neighborhood Health Center; it was incorporated in 1974 with its current name; click here to see some of the major milestones in our history. MCHC is independently licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Board members represent communities served by the Health Center. The senior leadership and staff are diverse, dedicated, experienced professionals.

MCHC was one of the first health centers in the country to receive federal funding under the Carter Urban Health Initiative; today the federal grant remains a major source of funding to support the Center's health services for the underinsured and underserved populations.

MCHC is committed to its mission of improving the quality of life for residents of Mattapan and surrounding communities by providing comprehensive, accessible, affordable and culturally appropriate community health care services, including primary and preventive health services.

These services are provided from two locations – the primary delivery site at 1425 Blue Hill Avenue in Mattapan and a School–Based Health Center at the Hyde Park Education Complex. Our service population is primarily Black/African Americans, including a large percentage of Caribbean Immigrants. More than 7,000 individuals are served annually through 26,000 visits. The Mattapan community has some of the most serious health problems in Boston. MCHC provides a full array of services for all age groups to address health problems. These services include Primary Care, Dental and OB–GYN Services; and Preventive Health Care and Social Services.

In addition, MCHC participates in vitamin D deficiency/insufficency with various entities including Boston University Medical Center. Dermatology and Podiatry Services are on–site specialty services. MCHC has successfully led a collaborative effort through the American Public Health Association to place a vitamin D policy on the national agenda. Vitamin D deficiency/ insufficiency is a health problem of epidemic proportion across all life cycles and in all populations.

Major Initiatives

MCHC has four major initiatives to increase access and decrease health disparities. They are Capital Expansion Project – an initiative for a new health center facility in Mattapan; Rock the Boat – a fundraising gala (since 1997); Vitamin D Awareness – an initiatieve to enhance primary care and preventive health services; Health Care Revival (since 1997) – a faith–based, data–driven, community outreach initiative that brings the community together to talk about its health. A Community Health Report Card for Mattapan and Hyde Park is distributed at the annual Health Care Revival Meeting that is held on the first Saturday after Labor Day

Fees and Payment

Fees are based on a patient's ability to pay. Lab fees may result in additional charges.

Our Services

Training and Programs

* Hands–on Diabetes Case Management Services
* Assistance with Insulin Teaching
* Counseling and Referrals
* Emergency Medications
* Glucometer Training
* One–on–one Diet Management and Healthy Eating Consultation
* Onsite Dental Services
* Onsite Translation Services for our Haitian Creole Speaking Patients

Outreach and Community Component

* Outreach for Home, Patients, and Families
* Referrals and Assistance Scheduling Visits
* Support with Self–Management Goals

Clinical Services

MCHC provides a range of diagnostic and treatment services:

* Adolescent Medicine
* Adult Medicine
* Dentistry (Adult and Pediatrics)
* Dermatology
* Ear Piercing
* ECG Testing
* Elder Care Services
* Genetic Counseling
* Health Referrals
* Laboratory Services
* Nutrition Services
* Pediatrics
* Podiatry
* Women's Health (OB/GYN)

Multidisciplinary Services

* Breast and Cervical Cancer Initiative
* Diabetes Health Education
* Family Planning
* Family Support Services (DSS, DYS, Advocacy, Housing)
* Financial Counseling
* Health Care Revival Initiative
* Health Disparities Collaborative
* Health Education and Screening Services

Patient Support

* Lead Screening
* Maternal and Child Health
* HIV/AIDS Multi–Services
* Mattapan initiative to Reduce Infant Mortality
* Nutrition Services
* Outreach Maternal Case Management
* Pregnancy and Parenting Support
* School–Based Health Center
* Tuberculosis Prophylaxis
* Vitamin D Wareness
* WIC Services

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Medical, HIV/AIDS; Advocacy, Medical, Patient Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Social Justice; Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Health Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Mental Health Resources; Case Management, Medical Case Management; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Counseling ($ NOT FREE) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Post Disaster Counseling; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Counseling, Support Group for Caregivers; Dental, Services * (ANY/ALL Types of Dental Services) ; Distribution, Medical Supplies; Education, Communication with at–risk teens; Education, for Parents, about teens' risky behaviors; Education, Parenting at–risk teens; Financial Assistance, Medical Expenses; Financial Assistance, Medical, Prescription Assistance; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Crisis Hotline; Medical, Education, Health Awareness; Medical, Education, HIV/AIDS Awareness; Medical, Education, Hygiene Health, Awareness; Medical, Education, Mother and Child Health Awareness; Medical, Education, Prenatal Care; Medical, Education, Weight Management Classes; Medical, Facility, Clinic ($ Fee–Based Sliding Scale); Medical, Facility, Clinic, Free Clinic; Medical, Facility, Clinic, Outpatient Clinic; Medical, Facility, Hospital, Pediatric Hospital; Medical, Facility, Urgent Care (Non Trauma); Medical, Non–Emergency Medical Services; Medical, Services, Assessment, Medical Needs Assessment; Medical, Services, Diabetes Testing; Medical, Services, Eye Exams; Medical, Services, Family Planning; Medical, Services, Family Planning, Pregnancy Prevention; Medical, Services, First Aid Medical Services; Medical, Services, First Aid Station; Medical, Services, Laboratory / Lab Services; Medical, Services, Malnutrition; Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Services, Nutrition; Medical, Services, Outpatient; Medical, Services, Pharmacy; Medical, Services, Physical Examinations; Medical, Services, Post–Op Care Medical Facility (For Transfer Patients); Medical, Services, Post–Op, Post Operative Medical Care; Medical, Services, Preventive; Medical, Services, Primary Care; Medical, Services, Public Health Education / Awareness; Medical, Services, Screening, Blood Pressure Screenings; Medical, Services, Screening, General Health; Medical, Services, Screening, Mammograms; Medical, Services, Vaccination Program/Clinic Services; Medical, Services, X–Ray; Medication, Rx, Vaccination, Hepatitis A Shots; Medication, Rx, Vaccination, Immunizations; Pamphlets, Educational Pamphlets; Services: Translators, Interpretation Services; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Education, Nutrition Education Classes; Training Classes, Education, Parenting; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training, Medical, Education, AIDS/HIV Workshops; Training, Medical, Education *(ANY/ALL Types); Training, Medical, Education, Diabetes Education; Training, Medical, Education, General Health; Training, Medical, Education, Hypertension Education; Training, Medical, Education, Life Skills, Asthma; Training, Medical, Education, Obesity Education; Training, Medical, Education, Prevention of STD's; Training, Medical, Education, Smoking Cessation, Quit Smoking; Translators, Chinese/English, Volunteer; Translators, Creole/Kreyole/English, Volunteer; Translators, French/English, Volunteers; Translators, Hindi/English, Volunteers; Translators, Japanese/English, Volunteer; Translators, Spanish/English, Volunteers; Translators, Vietnamese/English, Volunteer; Translators, Volunteer * (ANY/ALL); Vouchers, Medical, Prescription Vouchers
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; Government, Medicaid; Government, US/State Dept. of Health & Human Services (DHHS); Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Jul 4, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8724

Survival News (and a community supporting low income people)

Walk–in Resource · Open

95 Standard Street, Mattapan, MA

Phone Phone: (617) 298–7311
Contact Dottie Stevens
Email masswelf @ aol.com

Web survivorsinc.org
Service Temporary

We are a group of low–income women and their allies who organize and educate around poverty, welfare and low–income survival issues. We offer training in writing, speaking, advocacy, computer skills, desktop publishing, organizing, membership and leadership. With these skills we are able to provide a forum for the voices of low–income women to be heard. We connect welfare office outreach and campus organizing with local and broader grassroots efforts to eliminate social and economic injustice.
Welfare Speakers' Bureau

Survivors, Inc. has a busy Speakers' Bureau on Welfare. We are eager to share our knowledge with your group. We generally speak in teams of at least two people, usually including a current or former welfare recipient who is a welfare activist. The other speakers come from a variety of backgrounds, including board members of Survivors, Inc., community activists, and committed academics. Fees are sliding scale and free to low income groups. To get a speaker, call 617–298–7311.
Subscribe to Survival News

Subscriptions are $10 for individuals, $25 for organizations. Free to low/no income people. Single issues are $1. Send subscriptions, donations, and all correspondence to Dottie Stevens, 95 Standard Street, Mattapan, MA 02126. Phone: (617) 298–7311; e–mail: masswelf @ aol.com.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Assistance, How to, File Disaster Disability Benefits; Assistance, How To, File Disaster Unemployment Claims; Assistance, How to, File Food Stamp Application; Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, How To, Navigating Disaster Survivor Insurance Process ; Assistance, Referrals, Childcare/Childrens Programs; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Information & Resource Referrals (For Elders/Seniors); Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Counseling, Consumer Credit Counseling; Counseling, Financial/Budget Counseling; Counseling, Financial, Home Buying Process; Counseling, Personal Finance Counseling; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Financial Assistance Programs; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights, First Amendment; Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Media, Online News Reports; Media, Print News Outlet (newspaper, magazine, etc); New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); 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; Training, Activism; Training Classes, Computer Lab; Training Classes, Computers Skills; Training Classes, Computer, Word Processing; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Vocational; Training Government, Training on How it Works; Training, Services, Employment /JobTraining
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; Homelessness Relief Services
Updated Apr 12, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9680

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Massachusetts Calendar of Activist Actions

Info/Hotline · Open

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Web wiki.occupyboston.org/wiki/CALENDARS
Service Temporary

as of June 2014:
The super officially [Occupy Boston calendar is here], look to the right of the page after you click on the link, but don't neglect to check out those below here because there is a LOT more "unofficial" stuff going on http://www.occupyboston.org/

[Rule 19's FANTASTIC calendar], perhaps the best one in the state for EVERYTHING...it's not specific to any one venue or group. GET ON IT! The corresponding email list (which doesn't always have everything on this calendar, by the way), but the email list "to be on" is the Act–MA.org list. Thanks to PF Soto for keeping this calendar stuff to the gils with great stuff to do! http://www.rule19.org/

[Encuentro 5's calendar] is primarily stuff at that location or that the org is co–sponsoring, but still great. That page also has other calendars to check out. We can't keep up with them, so make sure you do! http://www.encuentro5.org/home/calendar

[Jobs With Justice] workers rights calendar http://massjwj.net/event

[350MA.org's calendar] if you're interested in divestment from fossil fuel, their main gig right now, and protesting fossil fuel use. If you are interested in other environmental stuff that may not be on their calendar, try PetitionersCommandRespect@gmail.com, for things like Rights–based–ordinances, Western MA pipeline resistance, etc. http://350ma.org/calendar/

[Democracy Center] calendar of lectures, concerts, meetings, etc http://www.democracycenter.org/calendar–of–events/

[Community Church of Boston] calendar of lectures, workshops, meetings, etc http://www.communitychurchofboston.org/home/?page_id=14

[Lucy Parsons Bookshop] calendar of lectures, workshops, meetings, etc GREAT vegan potluck...CHECK IT OUT! http://lucyparsons.org/calendar.php

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Womens Rights; Advocacy, Worker Rights; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Events, Community Meetings; Events, Donation Drive; Events, Potluck Meals; Events, Protest Actions; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Media, Online News Reports; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Films/Cinema/Movies/Lectures; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Support for "All" Disasters; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jun 5, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9886

MassPartnership.com

Info/Hotline · Open

Health Care Outreach
MA
Web www.masspartnership.com
Service Temporary

from the website:

Your Eligibility

If you are a MassHealth member who choses the Primary Care Clinician (PCC) Plan as your MassHealth Managed Care Option, you are eligible to receive mental health and substance abuse services through the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership's (MBHP) provider network. If you are a MassHealth Member and have questions about your eligibility and insurance, call MassHealth at 1–800–841–2900 or visit www.mass.gov/masshealth.

As an MBHP Member, you have access to over 65 services, which are divided into these five areas:

– Inpatient Services–a full range of psychiatric and detoxification services
– Outpatient Services–evaluation and treatment through individual, couple, family, or group therapy, home visits, and medication management
– Diversionary Services–crisis stabilization, day treatment, residential programs, and outpatient addiction programs
– Emergency Services–short–term crisis counseling, crisis stabilization services, crisis intervention and screening services
– Substance Abuse Services–acupuncture, detoxification, methadone maintenance, and individual, couple, family, or group therapy

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Individuals w/Mental Illness; Advocacy, Medical, Patient Rights; Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Advocacy, Social Justice; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, How to, File Disaster Disability Benefits; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, How To, Navigating Disaster Survivor Insurance Process ; Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Childcare/Childrens Programs; Assistance, Referrals, Counseling, Childrens Counseling Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Counseling, Disaster Survivor Counseling Referrals; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Health Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Medical Resources Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Mental Health Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Services for Special Needs Folks; Assistance, Referrals, Shelter Referrals, Youth Focused; Assistance, Referrals, Substance Abuse Treatment Referrals & Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Case Management, Mental Health; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Community Outreach Programs; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Community Service Program; Counseling ($ NOT FREE) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Childrens Counseling ; Counseling, Crisis Counseling; Counseling, Crisis Intervention Counseling; Counseling, Domestic Abuse Support; Counseling, Emotional; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Post Disaster Counseling; Counseling, Rape Crisis; Counseling, Rehab, Rehabilitation Center; Counseling, Substance Abuse ; Demographic Served: Addicts, Recovering; Demographic Served: Children; Demographic Served: Disabled, Persons With Disabilities; Demographic Served: Families, w/Young Children; Demographic Served: HIV/AIDS Patients; Demographic Served: Homebound; Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Homeless, Women Only; Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: Immigrants; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks, Women Only; Demographic Served: Migrants;

Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Demographic Served: Special Needs; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Teens; Demographic Served: Teens, Troubled; Demographic Served: Veterans; Demographic Served: Victims of Sexual Exploitation; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Demographic Served: Women; Directories, Directory of Services, Case Management; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Financial Assistance Programs; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Crisis Hotline; Hotline, Domestic Violence Hotline; Hotline, Elder/Senior Abuse Hotline; Hotline, Health Information/Resource Hotline; Hotline, Rape; Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Hotline, Suicide Prevention; Information Resource, ADA & Useful Info for Disabled Folks; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Insurance Advice and Guidelines for Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Mental Health, Handouts, Post Disaster Recommendations; Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Medical, Non–Emergency Medical Services; Medical, Services, AIDs Care; Medical, Services, Assessment, Medical Needs Assessment; Mental Health, Counselors/Psychologists; Mental Health, Rehabilitation; Mental Health Services; Mental Health, Vocational, Developmentally Disabled Folks; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Disabled, Services for the Disabled (See also Senior Services); Services, Disaster, Post Disaster Needs Assessment; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Relief; Services, Disaster Response; Services, Domestic Violence Intervention Services; Services, Emergency Services; Services, Emergency Services, Senior/Elder; Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Family, General Family Assistance; Services, Financial, Counseling, Mortgage–Foreclosure Problems; Services, For Folks Trying To Get Off Welfare; Services, Homeless, Services for the Homeless; Services, Seniors, Visitation, Emotional Care; Services, Social Services, General Social Services; Services, Substance Abuse, Intervention Services; Services, Substance Abuse, Outpatient Program (Drug/Alcohol); Services, Substance Abuse Treatment (Drug/Alcohology)
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Ending Extreme Poverty; Government, City/Town Agency; Government, Medicaid; Government, State/County; Government, State Government Department/Agency; Government, US Deptartment of Housing & Urban Development (HUD); Government, US/State Dept. of Health & Human Services (DHHS)
Updated Aug 16, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6167

MassSave.org (Green Energy Suggestions/Resources)

Info/Hotline · Open

"Green" Resource
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Web www.masssave.com
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Energy; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Grants Info, Listings, News & Referrals; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Heating Fuel; Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance; Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance (For Seniors/Elders); Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Grants, Community Development; Grants, Environment/Conservation; Grants, Green Building, Low–Income Housing; Grants, Housing, Housing Related; Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services ($ FEE–BASED, NOT FREE); Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Services, Weatherization Services
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated Aug 16, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6171

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
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity
Updated Dec 3, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10667

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
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity
Updated Dec 3, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10668

United Way & United Way of Tri–County

Info/Hotline · Open

United Way
MA
Service Temporary

Services offered: Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2010 Massachusetts Flooding; 2010 New England Flooding; 2010 Snow & Ice Storms; 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Ending Extreme Poverty; Homelessness Relief Services; United Way; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Aug 16, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6170

Worcester Resources (Comprehensive Dbase of Social Services)

Info/Hotline · Open

OnLine Resource
web only, MA
Web www.worcesterresources.org/pages.cfm?contentID=11&pageID=3
Eligibility Varies, Targetted at Central Massachusetts, see specific services
Service Temporary

- Cash Assistance Programs
- Child Care and Preschools
- Education Programs
- Employment & Job Training
- Energy/Utility Assistance
- Financial Programs
- Food Programs
- Health Care Programs
- Home Care Programs
- Homelessness Programs
- Housing Programs
- Legal Assistance
- Tax Credits
- Transportation Services
- Disability Resources
- Ex–Offender Resources
- HIV/AIDS Resources
- Noncitizen Resources

• Senior Resources
• Youth Resources
• Community Organizations

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Advocacy, Child Advocacy; Advocacy, Disabled/Handicapped; Advocacy, Disaster Survivors; Advocacy, Domestic Violence; Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Employment, "At–Risk" Job Applicants; Advocacy, Food Stamp Outreach; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Housing, Occupancy/Building Permits, Septic/Water Wells, Information Resources; Advocacy, Medical, HIV/AIDS; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant, Legal Services; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Special Needs Folks; Advocacy, Special Needs Folks, Seniors/Elders; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, How to, File Disaster Disability Benefits; Assistance, How To, File Disaster Unemployment Claims; Assistance, How to, File Food Stamp Application; Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, How To, Navigating Disaster Survivor Insurance Process ; Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Childcare/Childrens Programs; Assistance, Referrals, Counseling, Childrens Counseling Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Counseling, Disaster Survivor Counseling Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Employment & Job Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Health Referrals; 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, Housing, Short–Term Housing Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Job Placement; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Information & Resource Referrals (For Elders/Seniors); Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Medical Resources Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Services for Special Needs Folks; Assistance, Referrals, Shelter Referrals, Youth Focused; Assistance, Referrals, Substance Abuse Treatment Referrals & Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Bus Tokens, Bus Fare; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Community Outreach Programs; Community Service Program; Counseling ($ NOT FREE) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Consumer Credit Counseling; Counseling, Financial/Budget Counseling; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Housing Counseling; Counseling, Personal Finance Counseling; Demographic Served: Addicts, Recovering; Demographic Served: Children; Demographic Served: Disabled, Persons With Disabilities; Demographic Served: Families, w/Young Children; Demographic Served: HIV/AIDS Patients; Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Homeless, Women Only; Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks, Women Only; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Demographic Served: Special Needs; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Survivors, Violence; Demographic Served: Teens; Demographic Served: Teens, Troubled; Demographic Served: Unemployed; Demographic Served: Victims of Sexual Exploitation; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Demographic Served: Women; Dental, Services * (ANY/ALL Types of Dental Services) ; Directories, Directory of Services, Case Management; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, Disabled Services; Directories, Directory of Services, Grants Info, Listings, News & Referrals; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Financial Assistance Programs; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Facility: Food, Emergency Food Center; Facility: Job Center; Financial Assistance, Case Management for Financial Matters; Financial Assistance, Debt Management Services ($ NOT FREE); Financial Assistance, Dental Assistance; Financial Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Food Stamp Program; Financial Assistance, Food Stamps, Emergency Food Stamps; Financial Assistance, Food Stamps (For Disaster Survivors); Financial Assistance, Gasoline, Gas; Financial Assistance, Heating Fuel; Financial Assistance, Housing, Rental Assistance; Financial Assistance, Housing, Rental Deposit; Financial Assistance, Medical Expenses; Financial Assistance, Medical, Prescription Assistance; Financial Assistance, Medical, Prescription Assistance (For Seniors/Elders/Disabled); Financial Assistance, Referrals, Temporary Financial Assistance Referrals; 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); Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Crisis Hotline; Hotline, Job Hotline; Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Apartments; Housing, Fairly Priced Rental Housing for Disaster Survivors; Housing, Free Houses for Local Residents in Need; Housing, Group Home, Special Needs/Mental Illness; Housing, Housing Assistance, Relocation $ for Survivors; Housing, Online Housing Directory Resource; Housing Referrals, Senior, Long Term Care; Housing, Residential Care Facility (AIDS/HIV); Housing, Subsidized/Low–Income Housing; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level); Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Jobs, Cash For Work Program; Jobs, Paying; Jobs, Paying Jobs (For Disaster Survivors); Literacy Program; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Medical, Equipment, Wheelchair Ramp; Medical, Facility, Clinic, Free Clinic; Medical, Services, AIDs Care; Medical, Services, Assessment, Medical Needs Assessment; Medical, Services, Family Planning; Medical, Services, Home Health Care Services; Medical, Services, Hospice Care; Medical, Services, Rehabilitation Program; Medical, Services, Vaccination Program/Clinic Services; Mental Health, Vocational, Developmentally Disabled Folks; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services ($ FEE–BASED, NOT FREE); Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Disaster, Post Disaster Needs Assessment; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Services, Emergency Services; Services, Emergency Services, Senior/Elder; Services, Employee Bonding Program; Services,

Employment, Developmentally Delayed/Special Needs folks; Services, Employment, Internship Program; Services, Employment, Job Assistance, for "at–risk" Job Applicants; Services, Employment, Job Counseling, Referrals & Placement; 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; Services, Family, Children, Foster Care; Services, Family, Children, Foster Care Services (Children); Services, Family, General Family Assistance; Services, Financial, Counseling, Mortgage–Foreclosure Problems; Services, Financial, for Folks w/Bad Credit (that want to get better); Services, Financial, Tax Filing Assistance; Services, Food Stamps Applicant Outreach; Services, for "at–risk" Job Applicants; Services, for ex–addicts; Services, for ex–offenders; Services, For Folks Trying To Get Off Welfare; Services, Homeless, Services for the Homeless; Services, Humanitarian Aid ; Services, Insurance Counseling (Seniors/Elders) ; Services, Legal Assistance; Services: Legal Assistance for Disaster Survivors; Services, Legal Assistance (For Low–Income Families); Services, Legal Assistance for Seniors/Elderly; Services, Respite Program/Services; Services, Social Services, General Social Services; Services, Special Needs, Services for People with Special Needs; Services, Substance Abuse, Intervention Services; Services, Substance Abuse Treatment (Drug/Alcohology) ; Services, Support, Caregiver Support Services; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Shelter, Emergency Shelter, Special Needs ; Shelter, Homeless Shelter; Shelter, Transitional Temporary Shelter (For Disaster Survivors); Shelter, Womens, Battered Womens Shelter; Shelter, Women's Shelter; Sponsoring Organization; Sponsorship Program, Children (Education/Health Care/Food, etc.); Sponsorship Program, Orphans; Support for "All" Disasters; Support for "All Local" Disasters; Thrift Store; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training, Medical, Education, AIDS/ HIV Workshops; Training, Medical, Education, Health Education for Survivors * (ANY/ALL Types); Training, Medical, Education, HIV/AIDS, Coping With HIV/AIDS; Training, Medical, Education, Special Needs, Coping w/Special Needs; Transportation * (ANY/ALL Types); Transportation, Disaster Survivors (To Assistance Center, Etc.); Transportation, For Seniors/Elders; Transportation, FREE Shuttle Service to Emergency Winter Shelter; Transportation, Ride Service (FREE or Sliding Scale); Vouchers * (ANY/ALL Types); Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: 2010 Massachusetts Flooding; 2010 New England Flooding; 2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; Commission on Aging; Ending Extreme Poverty; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government, FEMA, DRC (Disaster Recovery Center); Government, State/County; Government, State Government Department/Agency; Government, US Deptartment of Housing & Urban Development (HUD); Government, US Gov't Sponsored (This Org IS Sponsored by US Gov); Government, US/State Dept. of Health & Human Services (DHHS); Homelessness Relief Services; Meals on Wheels
Updated Aug 5, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4310

MD

Lutheran World Relief

Info/Hotline · Open

Faith–Based Disaster Relief/Development
700 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21230
Phone 800–LWR–LWR–2
Web www.lwr.org
Service Temporary

You can make quilts for countries in need:

http://www.lwr.org/beinvolved/quilts.asp

You can put together Health Kits for countries in need:

http://www.lwr.org/beinvolved/healthkit.asp

You can put together school kits for countries in need:

http://www.lwr.org/beinvolved/schoolkit.asp

You can put together Layette Kits (baby items) for countries in need:

http://www.lwr.org/beinvolved/layettes.asp

Donate Fabric: http://www.lwr.org/beinvolved/fabric.asp

FROM Relief Web:

Lutheran World Relief responds to massive flooding in Pakistan
Source: Lutheran World Relief (LWR)
Date: 09 Aug 2010

Baltimore, August 9, 2010 — Recent monsoon rains in Pakistan have caused the worst flooding in the country in 80 years. The floods, which began in late July, have claimed at least 1,600 lives, left more than 700,000 people homeless and have affected nearly 14 million Pakistanis, according to official reports. Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is working quickly with partners on the ground to deliver critical relief to people affected by this crisis.

"These floods bring even more devastation to poor, and disaster prone, areas of Pakistan," says Joanne Fairley, LWR's regional director for Asia and the Middle East. "LWR is working with our partners to distribute vital aid to families coping with this disaster."

The provinces of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan, Punjab and Sindh were most heavily affected by flooding. With so many families left homeless, and more monsoon rains expected, the people of Pakistan are in dire need of food, water and shelter to survive this disaster.

LWR is a member of the ACT Alliance, a global coalition of churches and agencies engaged in development, humanitarian response and advocacy, and is supporting the coordinated ACT response in Pakistan.

ACT Alliance members are working on the ground to distribute emergency relief, including shelter items and food packages. So far, ACT members have reached 155,200 people in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan and are working to reach even more.

LWR is also partnering with International Relief and Development to send 3,300 quilts, 13,000 health kits and 1,500 layettes to help displaced families.

The floods hit as people living in this region were still struggling to recover from five years of successive major disasters, with many families still living in makeshift shelters.

In 2005, a massive earthquake devastated parts of Pakistan. 2006 and 2007 brought floods that claimed lives, destroyed homes and killed livestock. In 2008, another powerful earthquake rendered thousands homeless in Balochistan at the onset of winter, and in 2009 millions were displaced as a result of conflict between the Pakistan military and militants in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Waziristan.

Throughout these years, severe droughts and water shortage severely plagued the country's agricultural system and crippled its food supply. With this new disaster, millions of Pakistanis are in danger of going hungry.

Lutheran World Relief is accepting donations on behalf of the Pakistan floods. You may make a monetary donation online at lwr.org, by phone at by phone at 800–597–5972; or by mail at P.O. Box 17061 Baltimore, MD 21298–9832, USA.

In addition, those wishing to donate to LWR's quilt and kit ministries may visit lwr.org/beinvolved or contact LWR by phone, or e–mail at lwr @lwr.org, for more information.

FROM THE SITE:

PAKISTAN FLOODS
Emergency Alert – Updated August 13, 2010

Background:

Torrential rains, along with excessive water flow, continue to cause floods, overflow river banks and force thousands more from their homes in Pakistan where monsoon rains, which began in late July, are causing the worst natural disaster in the country in 80 years.

The floods, which began in northern parts of the country, have spread to four provinces, covering more than 50,000 square miles. As a result, the Indus and Chenab Rivers have swollen beyond their banks and have forced more than 700,000 people to evacuate their homes in search of safety and relief.

Relief workers are now concerned that people have insufficient access to sanitation and healthcare. The longer people remain without shelter, food or safe drinking water, the higher the risk for illness. With monsoon season ongoing, the number of people in dire need of emergency food, shelter, water and healthcare is likely to increase. So far, the flooding has claimed approximately 1,600 lives and has affected more than 14 million people in Pakistan, according to official reports.
LWR AND PARTNERS ARE RESPONDING

ACT logoLWR is a member of the ACT Alliance, a global coalition of churches and agencies engaged in development, humanitarian response and advocacy. LWR is supporting the ACT response in Pakistan.

So far, ACT members have delivered 70 tons of food to 500 households in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and are currently preparing to deliver another 630 additional tons of food for 4,500 households in these provinces as well as in Sindh. ACT members will also dispatch 2,500 tents to Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa later this week as well as deliver another 70 tons of food assistance to 500 flood affected families in the Allai District.

LWR is also partnering with International Relief and Development to send 3,300 quilts, 13,000 health kits and 1,500 layettes to help families displaced by the floods.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; * KITS, HEALTH KITS; * KITS, LAYETTE KITS, NEW Items ONLY
Campaigns: 2010 Pakistan Floods; ACT Alliance (Global Coalition of Churches); Ending Extreme Poverty
Updated Aug 15, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5188

I Support the Girls

Warehouse · Open

P.O. Box 2736, Wheaton, MD 20915

Phone	info@isupportthegirls.org
Web	isupportthegirls.org
Checks payable to	Support the Girls
Service	Temporary

How can you help? Support the Girls has 3 Texas affiliates in Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin and San Antonio. Those cities are hosting evacuees in temporary city shelters. Our affiliates are receiving products and dropping them off on site at the shelters. Additionally, our affiliates in states bordering Florida and states affected by Irma are already working to collect and distribute products. If you would like to donate sealed menstrual products and/or new or washed gently used bras which will be distributed to girls and women affected by Hurricane Harvey, kindly mail products to:

I Support the Girls - SC
C/O Jordan Edem
P.O. Box 6352
Columbia, SC 29260

If I don't have products, can I make a financial donation? Yes you can. Funds help us pay for storage, shipping and product distribution costs. You can donate via our Crowdrise campaign. You can also ship products via our Amazon wishlist.

Services offered: Clothing, Bra's, All Sizes * (ANY/ALL Types); Clothing, Bra's, Plus Sizes; Clothing, Bra's, Sports Bra's / Bras; Hygiene, Feminine Hygiene, Sanitary Napkins / Pads; Hygiene, Feminine Hygiene, Sanitary Pads, Poise; Hygiene, Feminine Hygiene, Tampons
Campaigns: 2017 Hurricane Harvey; Ending Extreme Poverty
Updated Sep 19, 2017 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10086

Community Forklift (building material re-use, local distribution, organizing)

Volunteer Camp · Open

MD
Web communityforklift.com
Service Temporary

Services offered: Building Materials, Green Building Materials; Construction, Building Material Reclaim/Reuse/Recycle; Construction, Deconstruction Services; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling, Building Materials * (ANY/ALL Types); Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Bartering Network; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Apr 2, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9678

MI

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

MO

East Missouri Action Agency, Inc. (EMAA)

Info/Hotline · Open

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Phone (573) 431–5191 Toll Free: (800) 392–8663
Web www.eastmoaa.org
Service Temporary

Through the Community Services Department, EMAA provides assistance to low–income individuals and families in our service area via five basic program components: Family Intake, Assessment and Referral, Community Outreach, Emergency Assistance, Family Support, and Self–Help Programs. Service delivery is facilitated through Community Service offices located in each of the eight counties served by EMAA. Staff and volunteers in each office refer individuals and families to appropriate EMAA programs as well as to assistance provided by other social service organizations in the area. Over 15,000 persons receive service each year through EMAA's Community Service Programs.

.....EMAA's Community Services include an in–home family support program designed to assist troubled families in moving toward self–sufficiency. It assists in motivating participants in developing plans to further their education and employability.

.....Another component of EMAA's Community Services provides private sector and federal surplus food to low–income elderly individuals who need the food to supplement their diets. Privately–donated food is also available for needy families. Emergency food is distributed primarily through a network of food pantries established by local churches in cooperation with EMAA and the Emergency Food and Shelter Program.

.....The Low–Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is administered as part of EMAA's Community Services Department and is a federally funded program. The LIHEAP program has two components: Energy Assistance (EA) which is designed to assist low–income people with their heating bills. The applicant must meet income guidelines and be responsible for their heating bill. Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP) is designed to alleviate crisis situations such as mid–winter utility shut–offs. Dollar More, "Round–UP" and Dollar Help are privately funded emergency energy programs sponsored by the customers of Ameren UE, Citizens Electric and Laclede GAS, respectively.

.....Another Aspect of EMAA's Community Services is known as Coordination and Resource Development (CRD). Through this component, EMAA develops, with the cooperation and assistance of other community resources, new programs to bridge gaps and eliminate overlaps in services identified by EMAA and other area human services organizations.

.....Missouri Housing Trust Fund and FEMA Emergency Food & Shelter programs assist low–income families in a variety of crisis situations relating to basic needs.

The Community Services Department also operates the River Hills Restaurant project which is designed to train and employ low–income individuals in the service area.

The River Hills Commercial Kitchen is a part of the River Hills project. The shared use commercial kitchen provides the use of space and equipment at a reasonable rate for entrepreneurs who are trying to develop or expand their commercial food businesses.

.....Information on any of the programs administered by East Missouri Action Agency, Inc. may be obtained from any of the County Community Services Offices, or by contacting the Keri McCrorey, Community Services Department Head.

Women's Wellness Center/Family Planning
Head Start
St. Francois County Public Housing Agency – Section 8 Housing

Bollinger County
205 Plutarch Street
PO Box 93
Marble Hill MO 63764

1–573–238–4220
Fax: 573–238–3460

Cape County
1111 Linden Street – PO Box 658
Cape Girardeau, MO 63702–0658
1–800–430–2978
1–573–334–5533
Fax: 1–573–334–4416

Iron County
321 S. Knob Street
Ironton, MO 63650–0466
1–573–546–3191
Fax: 1–573–546–2606

Madison County
209 W. Main Street
Fredericktown, MO 63645
1–573–783–5226
Fax: 1–573–783–8229

Perry County
1321 W, Ste. Maries, Suite C
Perryville, MO 63775
1–573–547–2014/7682
Fax: 1–573–517–0058

St. Francois County
10 South Coffman St
Park Hills MO 63601
1–573–431–0103
Fax: 1–573–431–7498

Ste. Genevieve County
360 Market Street
Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670
1–573–883–7252
Fax: 1–573–883–7275

Washington County
305 North Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664
1–573–438–3528
Fax: 1–573–438–6775

Services offered: Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Financial Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance; Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance; Food, Distribution, Emergency Food Program; Housing, Subsidized/Low–Income Housing; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Women's Services
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty
Updated May 25, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8419

Ozarks Food Harvest

Info/Hotline · Open

2810 N. Cedarbrook Ave.; P.O. Box 5746, Springfield, MO 65801
Phone (417) 865-3411
Web www.ozarksfoodharvest.org
Service Temporary

Joplin Tornado Relief: Six truckloads staged for delivery, donations still needed

In response to the tornado devastation in Joplin, Ozarks Food Harvest has secured six truckloads of food items and supplies that will be delivered to the affected area this week. Donations are still needed and can be delivered to The Food Bank at 2810 N. Cedarbrook Ave. in Springfield. Monetary donations are also requested at this time and can be made securely online or to OFH, Attn: Joplin Disaster Relief, P.O. Box 5746, Springfield, MO 65801–5746. Read the media release. Drop–off locations.

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MULTIPLE STATES DROP–OFF COLLECTION SITES –
http://goo.gl/9N0LS
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU CONFIRM NEEDS BEFORE SENDING AID TO JOPLIN. MANY NEEDS ARE BEING MET, AND

THEY ARE NOW BEING OVERWHELMED WITH UNSOLICITED DONATIONS. THIS CAN CAUSE SECONDARY PROBLEMS AS THEY TRY TO DEAL WITH THE GOODS. PLEASE CONSIDER MONETARY DONATIONS INSTEAD OF SUPPLY GOODS.

Excerpt from Media Release –
The Food Bank is requesting that community members donate easy-open, ready-to-eat nonperishable food items, or canned goods and can openers. Snacks such as crackers and granola bars are needed. There is a demand for all types of personal hygiene items, including diapers, and paper products such as paper plates, eating utensils, paper towels and toilet paper. Cleaning supplies are also accepted. Water bottles are not a priority from donors at this time.

http://www.ozarksfoodharvest.org/hthelp.html

How to Help

Every $1 donation to Ozarks Food Harvest provides 7 meals to those who need it most. And volunteering 1 hour a day feeds 105 people 1 meal! Your support of The Food Bank helps its 323 member agencies serve nearly 40,000 individuals across the Ozarks!

In addition to making financial donations and volunteering, there are a number of ways you can help. In fact, food donations from food drives are often the most nutritious food Ozarks Food Harvest receives.

Here are more ways to help:

Donate Money
Donate Food
Volunteer
Partner with Us
Host a Food Drive
Virtual Food Drive
Good Search
Public Policy & Advocacy
Hunger Awareness

For more detail on what you can support, please read about our Programs.

Ozarks Food Harvest uses 95% of your donations for food distribution and programs. Only 5% is used for administration and fundraising. Visit the financial page to see a financial summary or to download the Honor Roll of Donors and Annual Reports.

Thank you for Transforming Hunger into Hope™.

FACEBOOK –
http://www.facebook.com/ozarksfoodharvest

Services offered: Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Food Distribution, Food Bank (This Site Supplies Food Pantries/ Agencies); Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2011 Missouri Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; Ending Extreme Poverty
Updated May 30, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8424

NC

Samaritan's Purse – HQ

Info/Hotline · Open

Faith–Based Disaster Relief & Recovery
P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607
Phone (828) 262–1980
Web www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php
Service Temporary

DISASTER RELIEF NEWS
Helping Storm Victims
Disaster relief teams are responding in New Jersey, Vermont, and North Carolina in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene (go to link for more details)
http://spvolunteernetwork.org/

(SEE CURRENT PROJECTS)
http://spvolunteernetwork.org/projects/hurricane–irenetropical–storm–lee–response.aspx
Skills Needed: Volunteers of all skill levels are needed. Volunteers will assist with debris clean up, mud outs, chainsaw work and placing tarps on roofs.

Minimum Age: Volunteers must be at least 14 years old. Youth under 18 years old must comply with our youth policy.

August 28, 2011
Responding to Hurricane Irene

Samaritan's Purse is sending help in the aftermath of the powerful storm

Samaritan's Purse staff and equipment are on their way to eastern North Carolina to help victims of Hurricane Irene. A Disaster Relief Unit, which will serve as a base to house volunteers and equip them with tools and supplies, was dispatched on Sunday morning
SEE WEBSITE FOR FULL STORY!!

Helping Tornado Victims
April 17, 2011
http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/articles/helping_nc_tornado_victims/

http://spvolunteernetwork.org/projects/north-carolina-tornado-response-.aspx

Project: Tornado Response
Location: Central and Eastern North Carolina
Length of Project: Approx. 10-14 Days
Length of Stay: No Minimum Stay Required (Day/local volunteers are welcome.)
Maximum Team Size: There is no limit on team size for this response.
Skills Needed: Chainsaw skills are helpful but not required.

Project Description: Samaritan's Purse is responding to the most devastating outbreak of tornadoes in the state in more than 20 years. According to news reports, the storms killed at least 23 people statewide including 14 people in Bertie County. The state of emergency management director described the storms as "the most severe, wide-spread tornadoes we have seen since the mid-1980s." Governor Beverly Perdue declared a state of emergency for the entire state. Samaritan's Purse will set up in three locations in Central and Eastern North Carolina. Volunteers are needed for all three sites.

For volunteer project opportunities go to:

http://spvolunteernetwork.org/

NOTE – URGENCY NEEDS were pre-set to Tornado response! Items added for Hurricane Irene/Lee needs!!!

Services offered: Cleanup, Debris Removal, Volunteer Services; Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Distribution, Clothing, For Disaster Survivors; Donations, Disaster Fund; First Responder, Carribean Region; First Responder, International; First Responder, Nationwide (All U.S. Regions); Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Housing, Volunteer Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; International Disaster Response; Meals, Volunteers, Meals for Volunteers; Medical, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Sanitation, Supplies, Water Treatment/Purification/ Filtration Supplies/Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Sifters, Ash/Fire Debris Sifters; Support for "All" Disasters; 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, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities; Volunteers, Teen Volunteers (This facility accomodates Teen Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2008 Hurricane Ike; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2010 Pakistan Floods; 2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes-Floods-Wind Storms; 2011 Tropical Storm Lee; 2017 Hurricane Harvey; 2018 HURRICANE FLORENCE; 2020 California Fires; 2020 Hurricane Laura; 2020 Hurricane Sally; 2020 Oregon Fires; Ending Extreme Poverty; Samaritan's Purse; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
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Salvation Army – NC

Info/Hotline · Open

Salvation Army
501 Archdale Drive, Charlotte, NC 28217
Phone 704-522-4970
Web www.salvationarmycarolinas.org
Service Temporary

The Salvation Army has many locations throughout NC including the following:
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Durham
Eden
Elizabeth City
Fayetteville

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Greensboro
Henderson
Hendersonville
Hickory
High Point
Jacksonville
Kinston
Lenoir
Little Creek
Morehead City
Morganton
Mount Airy
New Bern
Raleigh
Reidsville
Rocky Mount
Salisbury
Shelby
Shelton Laurel
Sleepy Valley
Smithfield
Statesville
Thomasville
Washington
Waynesville
Wilmington
Wilson
Winston–Salem

Donations:

Financial donations may be made online or by contacting a local Salvation Army unit, by phone or by mail. Addresses for each North Carolina unit are listed below.

Most household items, clothing, furniture, etc. are donated to Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Centers (ARCs) and sold in thrift stores to raise funds for the program. There is only one ARC in North Carolina (Charlotte) To donate, contact either the ARC or a local Salvation Army unit. Generally, ARCs operate in a 50–mile radius of their location.

Most vehicles are donated to Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Centers (ARC) and sold at auction to raise funds for the program. To donate a vehicle, contact the ARC or a local Salvation Army unit. The vehicle should normally be in driving condition (some locations accept non–working vehicles). The Salvation Army will issue a receipt acknowledging the vehicle was received, and will be sold by auction. The amount received in a sale by The Salvation Army will be the amount allowed as a tax deduction by the donor. Contact an ARC or your local Salvation Army for more information.

Assistance:

Assistance programs are conducted by local Salvation Army units. In cities where there is an Area Command, it usually conducts the social services program. Assistance for food, utilities, rent, housing and other needs is determined by need and the availability of resources to meet that need.

Services offered: Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Housing, Rental Assistance; Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Transitional Housing; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Church/Worship Services; Shelter, Homeless Shelter; Support for "All Local" Disasters; Thrift Store
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Hanna; 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; Boy's & Girl's Club; Ending Extreme Poverty; Homelessness Relief Services; Salvation Army; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
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NY

Part of the Solution (community organizing)

Walk–in Resource · Open

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Contact director
Email serve @ potsbronx . org
Web www.potsbronx.org
Service Temporary

food panty
meals, lunch and dinner
public showers
clothing
haircuts
safe–mail
legal/justice resources/referrals
eviction advocacy
case mgmt

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Consumer Issues; Advocacy, Disaster Survivors; Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, International Policy; Advocacy, Legislation Support; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant, Legal Services; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Advocacy, Womens Rights; Assistance, How to, File Food Stamp Application; Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Information & Resource Referrals (For Elders/Seniors); Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Clothing, All Sizes, NEW Only * (ANY/ALL Types); Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Demographic Served: Addicts, Recovering; Demographic Served: Artists/Artist Communities; Demographic Served: Caregivers; Demographic Served: Children; Demographic Served: Families; Demographic Served: Families, w/Young Children; Demographic Served: HIV/AIDS Patients; Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Homeless, Women Only; Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: Immigrants; Demographic Served: LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender); Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks, Women Only; Demographic Served: Migrants; Demographic Served: Refugees; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Demographic Served: Social Peers; Demographic Served: Survivors, Violence; Demographic Served: Teens; Demographic Served: Teens, Troubled; Demographic Served: Victims of Sexual Exploitation; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Directories, Financial Assistance Programs; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Supplies, Regional Distribution; Donations, In–Kind Donations; Facilities: Shower Facilities * (ANY/ALL Types); Facility: Community Center; Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Food, Distribution, Emergency Food Program; Food Distribution, Food Bank (Public Distribution Available); Food Distribution, Food Baskets; Food Distribution, Food Boxes, Emergency Food Boxes * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food Distribution, Food Boxes, Food Pack, 3–4 days, 2–3 people; Food Distribution, Food Boxes, Food Pack, 3–4 Days, 4 People; Food Distribution, Food Boxes (For Seniors/Elderly); Food Distribution, Food Boxes (General Public Distribution); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Food, Non–Perishable Food * (ANY/ALL Types of Canned, Dry, Drinks, Snacks); Haircuts, FREE Haircuts; * KITS, FOOD KITS; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Dinner; Meals, Hot Meals; Meals, Lunches (Hot); Meals, Lunches, Misc.; Meals, Lunch, Summer Program for Kids; Meals, On Site Meals Served to Disaster Survivors; Meals, Volunteers, Meals for Volunteers; Services, Legal Assistance; Services: Legal Assistance for Disaster Survivors; Services, Legal Assistance (For Low–Income Families); Services, Legal Assistance for Seniors/Elderly; Services, Mail (Safe Mail); Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; Social Activists/Organizers
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Brooklyn, Community Fridges, Free Food

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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
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Harlem Children's Zone

Walk–in Resource · Open

Harlem, NY

Web www.hcz.org
Service Temporary

Programs (from the website, go there to see great videos):

Early Childhood

As researchers confirm that the early–childhood years are key to building a strong foundation for future educational success, HCZ has been bolstering its work with children and families in these critically important first years. Like all of HCZ's programs, our early childhood programs provide their services free to the public, which is possible thanks to the generosity of people like you. Please consider making a donation today.

The Baby College®

The Baby College offers a nine–week parenting workshop to expectant parents and those raising a child up to three years old. Among other lessons, the workshops promote reading to children and verbal discipline over corporal punishment. Over the past two years, more than 870 people graduated from The Baby College.

Elementary School

As children make their way through the critical first years of school, HCZ is there to ensure that they stay on track in several ways. Like all of HCZ's programs, the elementary school programs provide their services free to the public, which is possible thanks to the generosity of people like you. Please consider making a donation today.

Promise Academy Charter Schools:

Since their creation in 2004 and 2005, Promise Academy I and II elementary schools have done well enough to lead Harvard economist Roland Fryer to conclude that the students had actually closed the black–white achievement gap. The schools have a longer school day and year, and feature wide–ranging, enriching after–school programs. In 2009, the third–graders from both schools were 100 percent on or above grade level in the statewide math program. At PA1 the third–graders were 94 percent on or above grade level in English Language Arts, while the third–graders at PAII were at 86 percent.

For the students in the Zone who are not able to get into our charter schools, our AmeriCorps–supported Peacemakers program supports students during the school day and after school.

Harlem Peacemakers

Harlem Peacemakers, funded in part by AmeriCorps, trains young people who are committed to making their neighborhoods safe for children and families. The agency has 86 Peacemakers working as teaching assistants in seven public schools, serving 2,500 students. Part of the afterschool program is a chess program: one team finished second and two other teams came in third in the All Nationals for Girls in 2009.

The Fifth Grade Institute

The Fifth Grade Institute is a Peacemakers program. This free after–school effort was designed to benefit fifth graders in Harlem public schools by helping prepare them for Middle School. The central goals of this innovative program are to improve academic performance and prepare fifth graders for the challenges that lie ahead. The Institute has already helped improve the abilities of its enrolled students, helping to make college a reality for them.

Middle School

Teaching middle–schoolers is widely acknowledged as one of the most difficult challenges in public education. To help these students, HCZ has a dual–track pipeline: we work with children in our Promise Academy charter schools, as well as with students in public schools within the Zone. Like all of HCZ's programs, the middle school programs provide their services free to the public, which is possible thanks to the generosity of people like you. Please consider making a donation today.

Promise Academy Charter Schools

The Promise Academy middle school program began with 100 sixth–graders in 2004, many of whom were far below grade level. Despite some initial struggles (chronicled in the book "Whatever It Takes"), the school has coalesced and the students have been thriving. In 2009, 87.3 percent of the school's eighth–graders were on or above grade level in math on the New York Statewide exam. The middle school has a longer school day and year, and offers students a wide–ranging education as well as many "wrap–around services" such as free medical and dental care, freshly made healthy meals and an enriching afterschool program.

High School

Too often, high school is the last stand for low–income students who have fallen behind. Many drop out– only to find that they are unable to find a job or make a comfortable life for themselves. Some, particularly boys, drift into drugs, gangs and crime. In the past two years, we have increased the number of high school students we support, introducing HCZ's multiple site College Preparatory Program that makes year–round academic improvement possible for over 900 secondary level Harlem youth. HCZ's high school contingent is doing whatever it takes to get Harlem's students into college and, ultimately, the workplace.

Like all of HCZ's programs, our high–school programs provide their services free to the public, which is possible thanks to the generosity of people like you. Please consider making a donation today.

Promise Academy Charter Schools:

Promise Academy began its high school in the fall of 2008 and that initial class of ninth–graders have continued their middle–school progress, with 93 percent passing the Algebra Regents. The 2009–10 school year has seen the tenth grade added to Promise Academy High School. Each subsequent year will see the introduction of a new grade until all high–school levels are represented. In addition, we have created several cross–site initiatives to help our high school students navigate the process of getting into college.

ACADEMIC CASE MANAGEMENT:

Academic Case Management (ACM) is a holistic approach to youth development that each HCZ site serving Middle School (MS), High School (HS) and College Success students employs to strengthen our mission to support the healthy emotional, social, intellectual, physical and professional development of each child throughout his or her lifespan.

As in the middle–school, each of the six high–school sites has Student Advocates, assigned by grades, to work with each young person to create individualized Action Plans that identify concrete strategies to enrich and support the student's academic achievement, college readiness and personal growth. ACM focuses on building collaborations with the parents, teachers and other stakeholders to inform, develop, execute, assess and track student progess, particulary in the critical transitions from middle to high school and then into college.

TRUCE Arts & Media

TRUCE (The Renaissance University for Community Education) does youth development through the arts and media, working with youth in grades 9–12 on academic growth, career readiness as well as fostering media literacy and artistic ability. In 2008–09, TRUCE Arts and Media worked regularly with over 300 high–school students, and 100 percent of its seniors went on to college.

Employment and Technology Center

The Employment and Technology Center (ETC) teaches computer and job–related skills to teens and adults. It serves over 280 students and 90 percent of its 2008–09 high–school seniors were accepted into college. ETC places, at its helm, the necessity to create an environment that compels youth to be active learners and designers of their environment.

With an emphasis on an interdisciplinary approach to arts and technology education, the Tech Program approaches learning with a vigorous focus on expanding technical skills, delving into critical thinking, and expressing creative ingenuity. The teaching artists use New York City as a living classroom and resource for exploration through exposures and technology as a means for the youth to translate their ideas.

Learn to Earn

Learn to Earn is an after–school program that helps high school juniors and seniors improve their academic skills, as well as prepare them for college and the job market. The program is a component of the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) Workforce Investment Act (WIA). Learn to Earn provides job readiness training and summer employment opportunities for high school juniors and seniors. Program participants receive life skill workshops that assist them with job readiness, conflict resolution, social development and financial planning. During the school year, the focus is on improving participants' academic standings and developing life skills, while during the summer months, the focus is on gaining summer employment.

COLLEGE PREPARATORY PROGRAM

The College Preparatory Program provides year–round academic enrichment to approximately 900 high school youth residing in the Harlem area. The program helps them aim for a college education, utilizing the resources available at the Employment and Technology Center (ETC). ETC's twenty–two person education team, comprised of academic advisors, college counselors and tutors, creates an interactive curriculum to motivate and challenge the young people enrolled in the College Preparatory Program. The program's primary goal is to get young people thinking about the pursuit of a college education as early as possible.

College

While the original goal of the HCZ Project was to get students into college, we found that some students – many the first in their families to go to college – were struggling with the new challenges of the college environment.

HCZ responded by creating the College Success Office, which supports students with the entire range of problems they might face – everything from navigating the financial aid process to tutoring, from time management to obtaining internships. Like all of HCZ’s programs, our college and young adults programs provide their services free to the public, which is possible thanks to the generosity of people like you. Please consider making a donation today.

The College Success Office

The College Success Office supports students who have graduated from high school and HCZ programs. It helps them get into the most–appropriate college, then assists them throughout their college years. CSO places students in summer and winter–break internships, as well as organizes community–service projects. HCZ now has about 600 students in college and the 2009–10 freshman class received more than $6.3 million in scholarships.

In the past two years, CSO has strengthened its ability to support out–of–town students with the creation of "campus connectors," upperclassmen who act as mentors and advisors to incoming students. CSO has also piloted the creation of "campus advisors"–college staff who assist HCZ students attending their schools.

Family, Community, and Health

Community Pride

Community Pride organizes tenant and block associations, helping many hundreds of tenants convert their city–owned buildings into tenant–owned co–ops.

Single Stop

Harlem Children Zone's Single Stop program was initiated as a tool to reduce poverty within the zone's 100 blocks. Each week at various sites, Single Stop provides clients with access to a broad assortment of useful services. Free of charge, workers offer advice about securing public benefits, access to legal guidance, financial advice, debt relief counseling and domestic crisis resolution. All of the guidance is provided through confidential, one–on–one sessions.

The HCZ Asthma Initiative

The HCZ Asthma Initiative works closely with asthmatic children and their families so they can learn to manage the disease and lessen its effects.

The Obesity Initiative

The Obesity Initiative is a multi–pronged program designed to help children and their families reverse the alarming trend toward obesity and its corresponding health problems in the community.

HCZ Foster Care Prevention:

THE FAMILY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Family Development Program serves 120 families and specializes in access to mental health professionals who collaborate with caseworkers to support therapeutic
interventions.

THE FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

The Family Support Center serves 90 families, and specializes in providing crisis intervention services, referrals, advocacy, groups on parenting and anger management training.

THE MIDTOWN FAMILY PLACE

The Midtown Family Place has 45 families and is based in Hell's Kitchen. It provides counseling, referrals and advocacy, as well as an after–school and summer program for children 5–12, a literacy program and a food pantry.

PROJECT CLASS

Project CLASS (Clean Living and Staying Sober) serves as many as 50 families. It specializes in providing referrals to drug and alcohol abuse programs, as well as creating, implementing and monitoring drug treatment service plans.It recently added the Babies Initiative, which is offered to 20 families with children ages five and under who are at immediate risk of being put in foster care. This intensive program works to get family members whatever services they need in order to stabilize.

TRUANCY PREVENTION

Truancy Prevention works with 90 families with at–risk children. It conducts workshops on domestic violence and on parenting (the Parenting Journey). The program also has a group for teenagers.

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Child Advocacy; Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Voters Advocacy; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Job Placement; Assistance, Referrals, Medical Resources Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Community Outreach Programs; Community Service Program; Counseling, Consumer Credit Counseling; Counseling, Financial/Budget Counseling; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Counseling, Support Group for Caregivers; Counseling, Support Groups, Parents; Demographic Served: Children; Demographic Served: Families; Demographic Served: Families, w/Young Children; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks, Women Only; 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, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, Grants Info, Listings, News & Referrals; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Financial Assistance Programs; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Youth Services & After–School Programs; Disaster Mitigation, Economic, Community; Education, Communication with at–risk teens; Education, for Parents, about teens' risky behaviors; Education, Parenting at–risk teens; Events, Community Meetings; Facility: Community Center; Facility: Library; Facility: Recreation Center; Hotline * (ANY/ALL

Types); Hotline, Crime Alerts, Neighborhood; Hotline, Health Information/Resource Hotline; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Demographic Information; Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Information Resource, Medicare Information; Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; Information Resource, Watchdog, Transparency & Accountability; Information Resource, Youth Services; Library Services * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Library Services, Book Lending; Library Services, Language Skills Books/CDs; Library Services, Reading Program; Literacy Program; Medical, Education, HIV/AIDS Awareness; Medical, Education, Hygiene Health, Awareness; Medical, Education, Mother and Child Health Awareness; Medical, Education, Prenatal Care; Medical, Education, Reproductive Health, Awareness; Medical, Education, Weight Management Classes; Medical, Services, Preventive; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; School, Adult Education/Adult School; School * (ANY/ALL Types); School, College, Community College; School, Elementary; School, High School; School, Jr High, Middle School; School, Kindergarten; School, Mission School; School, New Educational Concept; School, Pre–K, Pre–School; School, Pre–School; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Family, General Family Assistance; Services, Social Services, General Social Services; 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, Daycare for Children; Social Event, Networking Group, Employment/ Professional Networking; Social Event, Networking Group, Families; Social Event, Networking Group, Families w/Young Children; Social Event, Party, Anniversary Event; Social Event, Post–Holiday Cookie–swap; Social Event, Post–Holiday, Re–gifting Party; Social Event, Recreation, Board Games; Social Event, Recreation, Bridge/Cards; Social Event, Recreation, Geneology Group; Social Event, Recreation, Ping Pong; Social Event, Sewing/Quilting/Kniting/Crochet, Knitting Circle; Social Event, Sewing/Quilting/Knitting/Crochet Circle; Social Events, Party / Festival; Social Event, Writing Group; Sponsoring Organization; Sponsorship Program, Children (Education/Health Care/Food, etc.); Sponsorship Program, Children (Resiliency); Support for "All Local" Disasters; Training, Activism; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Caregiver Training; Training Classes, Child Development (learning to teach kids); Training Classes, Communication Skills; Training Classes, Computer Lab; Training Classes, Computers Skills; Training Classes, Education, 1st Time Home Buyer Education; Training Classes, Education, Nutrition Education Classes; Training Classes, Education, Parenting; Training Classes, Exercise, Health Classes; Training Classes, Financial Literacy; Training Classes, Financial, Money Management; Training Classes, GED Preparation; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training Classes, Literacy Training; Training Classes, Trade Skills, Training; Training Classes, Vocational; Training, Education, Health, Sanitation / Hygiene; Training, Employment, Job Skills, Youth; Training Government, Training on How it Works; Training, Job Training; Training, Medical, Education *(ANY/ALL Types); Training, Medical, Education, Diabetes Education; Training, Medical, Education, General Health; Training, Medical, Education, Health Education for Survivors * (ANY/ALL Types); Training, Medical, Education, HIV/AIDS, Coping With HIV/AIDS; Training, Medical, Education, Hypertension Education; Training, Medical, Education, Life Skills, Asthma; Training, Medical, Education, Obesity Education; Trainin, Social Awareness; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; AmeriCorps; Boy Scouts of America; Boy's & Girl's Club; Ending Extreme Poverty; New "Business" Models
Updated Sep 23, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8989

VOAD, Long Island VOAD – The Health & Welfare Council of Long Island (NYVOAD State Member)

Info/Hotline · Open

One Helen Keller Way, 4th Floor, Hempstead, NY 11550

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Web www.hwcli.com
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From the NYVOAD Member Directory:

Organization Structure
The Health and Welfare Council of Long Island is a private, not for profit, health and human services planning, research/public education and advocacy organization that serves as the umbrella for public and voluntary agencies serving Long Island's poor and vulnerable individuals and families.
Mission Statement
To respond to the needs of Long Island's vulnerable families and individuals by promoting the development of public policies and services through:
• collaborative planning amongst voluntary and public providers,
• researching and advocating on public policy and legislative issues,
• providing information about services to the public,
• targeting outreach to ensure utilization of programs and benefits,
• sponsoring and/or undertaking of special projects.

From the site:

Programs

While HWCLI provides direct services to individuals and families through multiple initiatives, its advocacy efforts address systemic issues and barriers on the local, state and federal levels. HWCLI responds to Long Island's needs through four focus areas:

Health Care Access
Programs:
Child and Family Health Plus Facilitated Enrollment Program
Medicare Access Project
Advocacy:
Access Health Care Long Island Coalition

Economic Security
Program:
Community Computer Connection Program
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Assistance Program
Census 2010: IT'S IN OUR HANDS
Advocacy:
Long Island Earned Income Tax Credit Coalition
Smart Government for Strong Families
Fight for Families

Nutritional Security
Program:
Nutrition Outreach and Education Program
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors
Advocacy:
Long Island Anti–Hunger Task Force

Disaster Preparedness
Programs:
Long Island Unmet Needs Roundtable
Minority Community Emergency Preparedness Outreach Project
Advocacy:
Long Island Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, For Non–Profits; Advocacy, Legislation Support; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Services, Disaster Preparedness; Services, For Non–Profits; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
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Occupy Wall Street (Non–Violent Protest Against Wall Street) #occupywallstreet

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Noam Chomsky Announces Solidarity With #occupywallstreet

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Anyone with eyes open knows that the gangsterism of Wall Street –– financial institutions generally –– has caused severe damage to the people of the United States (and the world). And should also know that it has been doing so increasingly for over 30 years, as their power in the economy has radically increased, and with it their political power. That has set in motion a vicious cycle that has concentrated immense wealth, and with it political power, in a tiny sector of the population, a fraction of 1%, while the rest increasingly become what is sometimes called "a precariat" –– seeking to survive in a precarious existence. They also carry out these ugly activities with almost complete impunity –– not only too big to fail, but also "too big to jail."

The courageous and honorable protests underway in Wall Street should serve to bring this calamity to public attention, and to lead to dedicated efforts to overcome it and set the society on a more healthy course.

Noam Chomsky

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Mayor Bloomberg: +1 (212) 639–9675 or +1 (212) 788–2958
Deputy Commissioner of Public Information: +1 (646) 610–6700
NYPD Switchboard: +1 (646) 610–5000
First precinct: +1 (212) 334–0611

Make our voice heard. Make sure that the world knows that everyone deserves equal protection, service, and punishment.

Remain true to our principles of non–violence.

UPDATE: 4:51 PM EST Two more videos of Officer Bologna senselessly attacking peaceful protesters.

Boston Review reports on being maced by Anthony Bologna

88 Comments
A Message from Occupied Wall Street (Day Nine)

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This is the ninth communiqué from the 99 percent. We are occupying Wall Street. The police barricades that have been surrounding the Stock Exchange help.

Sunday has been decreed, once again, a day of rest. We didn't march. We have made a new world, a new city within the city. We are working on a new sky for where the towers are now.

Throughout the day our sisters and brothers arrested yesterday came back home to Liberty Plaza. They greeted the new faces that have joined us here. They shared their stories of imprisonment, of medical care denied and delayed. We welcomed them and listened.

March Guidelines

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1. Stay together and KEEP MOVING!
2. Don't instigate cops or pedestrians with physical violence.
3. Use basic hand signals.
4. Empowered pace keeps at the front, back and middle of every march. These folks are empowered to make directional decisions and guide the march.
5. We respect diversity of tactics, but consider how our actions may affect the entire group.

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Calendar, Community Events/Protest Actions; Demographic Served: Social Peers; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Victims of Environmental Injustice; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Documentation, Volunteer Instructions; Documentation, Volunteer Management Guidance; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Recycling Coordination; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/ Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Information Resource: Online Alert Registry; Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, LinkedIn; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Information Resource, Online Networking, YouTube; Information Resource, Press Releases; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Information Resource, Tech, Social Media; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Government; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; Management, Volunteer Coordinator & Management, Volunteer; Media, Broadcast, Live On–Location, Cameras, Snapshots; Media, Broadcast, Live On–Location, Cameras, Video; Media, Broadcast Media; Media Coverage; Media, Online News Reports; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage; Volunteers, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Arts Community / Artist Network; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Green–Rainbow Party; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Rainbow Community; Transition Towns (Transition Network)
Updated Oct 13, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8995

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
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)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Ending Pollution;

Environmental Sustainability
Updated Nov 7, 2022 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10539

Salvation Army – NY HQ (NYVOAD Member)

Info/Hotline · Open

Faith–Based Disaster Relief/Community
Divional Headquarters; 120 W. 14th St., New York, NY 10011
Phone (212) 337–7200
Web www.use.salvationarmy.org/gnyd
Service Temporary

From the NYVOAD Member Directory:

Disaster Program

The Salvation Army responds to disasters in the forty–eight counties of Upstate New York through Emergency Disaster Services (EDS). EDS is under the supervision of the General Secretary of the Salvation Army's Divisional Headquarters located in Syracuse, NY. EDS is accessed via the Divisional Director of Disaster Services or alternatively via the General Secretary. EDS provides the following services to disaster victims: limited financial assistance; spiritual, family, and crisis counseling for both victims and first–responders; health and welfare inquiries of disaster victims; emergency radio communication (SATERN); temporary shelter in Salvation Army facilities; mass congregate meals; mobile feeding to disaster victims and first–responders; and donated goods management. Salvation Army mobile kitchens / canteens are located at Albany, Olean, Buffalo, Elmira, Jamestown, Oneonta, and Rochester, NY. Small EDS trailers are located at Corning, Jamestown and Lockport, NY.

Additionally, the Salvation Army staffs a desk in the NYS Emergency Operations Center located at the State Emergency Management Office in Albany, NY.

UPSTATE NY DIVISION:

200 Twin Oaks Drive
P.O. Box 148
Syracuse, NY 13206–0148

Greater New York Division:

Hudson Valley: (Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester Counties)

Long Island:
(Nassau & Suffolk Counties)

Mobile Feeding/Canteen vehicles are located in Brooklyn, White Plains, Spring Valley, Yonkers, Manhattan, Kingston, Stapleton, Beacon, Port Jervis, Bronx, Nassau City, Queens, and Suffolk City.

Eastern Territory
440 West Nyack Road
West Nyack, NY 10994
(845) 620–7315 office

120 W. 14th Street
New York, New York 10011
(212) 227–7451

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THE SALVATION ARMY Thrift Store
and Truck Pick Up
Schedule a donation pick–up 1–800–SATRUCK
536 W 46th St

New York, NY 10036
Office (212) 757-2311

VOLUNTEER PAGE: http://www.use.salvationarmy.org/use/www_use_GNYD.nsf/vw-dynamic-index/8DA54D04CB1994BC8025738C005BCC9C?openDocument

From its inception, The Salvation Army has relied heavily on volunteers who support its programs. Often referred to as “the army behind The Army," volunteers play a crucial role in The Salvation Army's ability to provide quality social services for the entire community.

Volunteers are valuable assets in The Salvation Army's efforts to meet the changing needs of our world. Through the skills and experience they bring to The Army, volunteers make significant contributions to society by positively impacting the lives of those they assist. Salvation Army volunteers change lives, uplift families and support communities throughout the Greater New York area everyday.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

http://www.use.salvationarmy.org/use/www_use_GNYD.nsf/vw-dynamic-index/F8D3551880F224FB8525740B00644001?Opendocument

The Salvation Army in Greater New York has many locations over the 14 counties we serve:

* Operations are run from Divisional Headquarters at 120 West 14th Street in Manhattan. The Divisional Commander, Major Guy D. Klemanski, and his staff of officers and non-Army professionals see to the health of the division through financial management, fundraising, communications and more.
* There are 39 corps community centers: places for worship, community life, program and assistance. Each center is run by one or more Salvation Army officers — also called pastors or corps officers — assisted by other Salvation Army staff and volunteers. The programs at each center are unique to each location. They reflect the needs and richness of the communities they serve.
* The division has county development offices as well in Suffolk County, Nassau County and the Hudson Valley.
* Two residences — The Markle and The Williams — provide housing for women and seniors in New York City.
* Social Services Headquarters is at 132 West 14th Street in Manhattan. From here, social service programs all over the division are supervised.
* Salvation Army Thrift Stores support 7 Adult Rehabilitation Centers in the Greater New York Division.

FACEBOOK –
https://www.facebook.com/salvationarmyny

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals, Employment & Job Resources; Donations, Drop-Off, Collection Site Location; Donations, Pickup, Pick Up Service; Donations, Pickup, Pick Up Service, Large Item Donation Pickup; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Canteen, Mobile Food Canteen; Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Food Distribution, Meals, Soup Kitchen; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Meals, Breakfast; Meals, Lunches, Misc.; Meals, Mobile Kitchen Trailor Unit; Meals, On Site Meals Served to Disaster Survivors; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Church/Worship Services; Services, Disaster Relief; Services, Disaster Response; Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Family, Children, Recreation, Summer Camp; Services, Homeless, Services for the Homeless; Services, Senior Programs; Services, Substance Abuse, Residential Program (Drug/Alcohol); Support for "All Local" Disasters; Thrift Store; Training Classes, Computers Skills; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Youth, After-School, Afterschool Program; Youth Program
Campaigns: 2001 9-11; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; American Radio Relay League, Inc.; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Ending Extreme Poverty; Homelessness Relief Services; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Oct 27, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6280

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

Feeding America – NY State Network (NYVOAD Member)

Info/Hotline · Open

See Internal Contacts, NY

Phone 800.771.2303
Web feedingamerica.org
Serves New York State
Service Temporary

FROM THE SITE 11/20/12:

Hurricane Sandy Relief Efforts
So far, 150 truckloads––or 4.9 million pounds––of food and grocery items have been secured. Feeding America food banks have generously provided 22 of those truckloads. Feeding America food banks have been incredibly generous through offers for products and personnel—and members in the affected areas have expressed their deep gratitude for the outpouring of support from across the network.

From the NYVOAD Member Directory:

Organizational Structure

The New York State Feeding America Network (formerly named America's Second Harvest) is comprised of the ten regional food banks and food rescue organizations working together statewide to reduce statewide hunger. The NYS Feeding America Network rescues over 145,993,883 pounds of food annually and redistributes it to over 5447 agencies providing food to an estimated 3 million people annually.

In addition, the members provide leadership to improve hunger relief services including advocacy, education, technical assistance, and nutritional training statewide. The ten regional food banks and food rescue organizations, along with their subsidiary distribution organizations and branch warehouses, supply food through a variety of programs including soup kitchens, food pantries, emergency shelters, and senior meal programs, as well as numerous other charitable organizations. Additional information on the New York State members can be found at www.endhungryny.org.

Disaster Program

The NYS Network provides a central location and established system to allocate emergency food and services. The NYS Network provides combined resources of a large exiting food inventory, warehousing expertise, accessible warehouse space, certified warehouse personnel, fleets of refrigerated trucks, and expansive volunteers.

Feeding America Prepares for and Responds to Hurricane Earl

Feeding America food banks in North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and Massachusetts have been preparing for Hurricane Earl's potential landfall. Our network continues to work together to support each other so that our vital services continue helping those most in need, and to provide assistance to those newly in need as a result of this storm.

At this time, Feeding America has moved product ranging from disaster food boxes, nutritional supplements, water and other hydration drinks to areas of potential impact. Our work is closely coordinated with other nonprofits responding to this event and with government at all levels. The full scale of needed response is not yet known but if you are interested in making a donation, please go directly to local food bank websites to see how you can help. Your help is greatly appreciated for both this disaster and the everyday disaster of hunger in America.

Food Bank Locater:

http://feedingamerica.org/foodbank-results.aspx

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Demographic Served: Hungry; Food Distribution, Food Bank ONLY (No Walk-In Service); Support for "All Local" Disasters; Warehouse, Warehouse Space
Campaigns: 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; Ending Extreme Poverty; Feeding America; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Nov 21, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6284

Girls Educational & Mentoring Services (GEMS)

Info/Hotline · Open

Social Services
NY

Phone 212 926 8089
Contact Elizabeth
Email training@gems-girls.org, Elizabeth@gems-girls.org
Web www.gems-girls.org/about
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti-Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Advocacy, Child Advocacy; Advocacy, Disabled/Handicapped; Advocacy, Disaster Survivors; Advocacy, Domestic Violence; Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics; Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Special Needs Folks; Advocacy, Womens Rights; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Job Placement; Assistance, Referrals, Services for Special Needs Folks; Assistance, Referrals, Shelter Referrals, Youth Focused; Assistance, Referrals, Substance Abuse Treatment Referrals & Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Case Management, Battered, Abused Women; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Community Outreach Programs; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Counseling, Career Counseling; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Counseling, Support Groups, Parents; Counseling, Support Group, Survivors, Violence; Demographic Served: Children; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks, Women Only; Demographic Served: Special Needs; Demographic Served: Survivors, Violence; Demographic Served: Teens; Demographic Served: Teens, Troubled; Demographic Served: Victims of Sexual Exploitation; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Demographic Served: Women; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Education, Communication with at-risk teens; Education, for Parents, about teens' risky behaviors; Education, Parenting at-risk teens; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Domestic Violence Hotline; Hotline, Rape; Hotline, Suicide Prevention; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Youth Services; Mental Health, Vocational, Developmentally Disabled Folks; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Services, Employment, Developmentally Delayed/Special Needs folks; Services, Employment, Job Assistance, for "at-risk" Job Applicants; Services, Employment, Job Counseling, Referrals & Placement; Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Family, General Family Assistance; Services, for "at-risk" Job Applicants; Services, for ex-addicts; Services, for ex-offenders; Services, For Folks Trying To Get Off Welfare; Services, Social Services, General Social Services; Services, Women's Services; Services, Youth Services, Crime Prevention Programs; Shelter, Womens, Battered Womens Shelter; Social Event, Networking Group, Families; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Child Development (learning to teach kids); Training Classes, Education, Parenting; Training Classes, Life Skills (Special Needs); Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training, Employment, Job Skills, Youth; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty
Updated Aug 6, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6104

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

Rockland PC Users Group (Computer Reuse, free computers for those in need in Rockland County)

Donor · Open

Recycling Network
NY

Contact (845) 638–1917
Email hank@pcrenew.org
Web www.pcrenew.org
Service Temporary

from their website:

Give your old computer new lifeSM

Donate it to Project PCReNew!

Give someone the tools to be computer literate today.

We will repair and upgrade your donated machine. As a Microsoft Authorized Refurbisher we wipe the hard drive using software designed to Department of Defense standards to protect from identity theft. A new Windows operating system is installed. The refurbished computer is then given to an individual or organization who cannot afford their own computer. A student, senior citizen or organization in the Rockland County Area.

You receive a letter of donation to use for a charitable tax donation. You also receive the satisfaction of knowing your donation will be given a second life and put to good use, not just thrown in the trash. Your old computer will be given new life and help to bring someone electronically into the 21st century. It will help them live for today and prepare for tomorrow.

PCRENEW is one of the first MAR's (Microsoft Authorized Refurbisher) appointed in the United States. Our participation in this program allows us to purchase legal Microsoft Windows operating system software at very preferred pricing for each refurbished computer. Recently, the MAR program has been changed to the MRR program (Microsoft Registered Refurbisher).

We are a Partner with National Cristina. Check their website www.cristina.org

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Terra: Can't figure out what they take/have, but this is the stuff that's listed on their website. They may take more...because they refer to taking "parts", in some of the text. Here's what they obviously take:

Computer
Monitor
Printer

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Community Service Program; Computer, Desktop; Computer, Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types); Computer, Keyboard; Computer, Monitor; Computer, Mouse; Computer, Peripherals, Misc.; Computer, Portable Hard Drive; Computer, Printer; Computer, Spare Parts, CD drives; Computer, Spare Parts, Internal Hard Drive; Computer, Spare Parts, Modem Cards; Computer, Spare Parts, Motherboards; Computer, Spare Parts, Power Cords; Computer, Spare Parts, Sound Cards; Computer, Spare Parts, Video Cards; Computer, Speakers; Donations, In–Kind Donation, Services; Electronics * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Information Resource, Recycling Methods, Tech; Information Resource, Tech; Information Resource, Tech, Computer "Wiping"; Information Resource, Tech, W98; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Services, Tech, Computer Consulting Service; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Computers Skills
Campaigns: Cristina Foundation (Computer Reuse); Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Google Charity Work
Updated Aug 8, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6119

Society of St. Vincent de Paul (NYVOAD Member)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Faith–Based Disaster Relief
NY

Web www.svdpny.org
Service Temporary

From the NYSVOAD Membership Directory:

Disaster Program

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) provides volunteer person–to–person service to those in need, without regard to color, race, or creed. Some emergency assistance is usually provided by parish conferences. Councils engage in various social services, depending upon local needs and available Vincentian resources. Each council and conference is autonomous and is free to select its own form of specialized social, charitable activity. Many councils operate stores, homeless shelters, and feeding facilities that are similar to those run by the Salvation Army. The stores' merchandise––clothing, household appliances, furniture, etc.––can be made available to disaster victims. Warehousing facilities could be used for storing and sorting donated

merchandise during the emergency period. Because of the diversity among SVDP councils in their social service and charitable functioning, it is important for the local council to be identified in the pre–disaster planning phases so that its participation will be effectively coordinated with that of other helping groups. Each local SVDP council has been asked to engage in preparedness discussions with the American Red Cross, state VOAD groups, and other key groups on the local scene.

Services offered: Appliances, Large, * Household (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Clothing, For Disaster Survivors; Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types); Household Items (small) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Support for "All Local" Disasters; Thrift Store; Warehouse, Warehouse Space
Campaigns: American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Ending Extreme Poverty; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Sep 4, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6278

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

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
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– Metro station Wibaustraat, 15 minutes walk.
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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

Budget Schools (school for the poor, in developing countries)

Info/Hotline · Open

School
Web www.boston.com/bostonglobe/ideas/articles/2010/05/09/class_difference
Service Temporary

http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/ideas/articles/2010/05/09/class_difference/

HYDERABAD, India––The end–of–day bell has just gone off at MA Ideal High School, and a Grade 4 classroom on the first floor explodes into a rush of activity. Pig–tailed girls and boys in indigo shorts jump out of their benches and jam through the doorway. But in a corner toward the back of the room, 10–year–old Sanaa Sultana ignores the shrill ringing. She continues reading aloud quietly from her English textbook. Next to her, 11–year–old Mohammed Majid––a hulking, towering contrast to Sultana's tiny frame––follows her in his own book, repeating after her, sentence for sentence. Sanaa is Mohammed's partner in the school's peer–to–peer learning program. When he joined MA Ideal a year ago, Mohammed didn't know more than a few rudimentary words of English. Now, after a year of sitting with Sanaa, one of the class's brightest students, Mohammed almost effortlessly makes his way through an entire sentence.

One floor above them, young teachers in salwar kameezes––long, loose tunics paired with drawstring tapered pants––assemble in neat rows in a classroom, waiting a monthly training session to begin. Today they will learn how to encourage class participation. On the ground floor, Mohammed Anwar, the school's proprietor, is talking to a group of parents. He's telling them about his plans to introduce Genki, a phonics–based teaching method that will help first–generation English learners speak the language more fluently. The burqa–clad mothers are unconvinced, preferring instead the more conventional method of teaching by textbook, but Anwar, with his energy and zeal, manages to be persuasive.

MA Ideal also offers its students free karate lessons, computer classes, soccer training, and health camps. But the school––a private, small–scale venture––is not situated in a plush upper–middle–class neighborhood. Instead, it is tucked away in Kishanbagh, a sprawling slum of low–slung concrete huts, tin–roofed shanties, and bare–bellied children who gambol with skinny, underfed dogs. And the average fee at MA Ideal High School? About $3 per month––one–20th the cost of a typical private school in India.

MA Ideal is part of a grass–roots private school movement that has spread through India in the last two decades. Kishanbagh, a 5–square–kilometer patch of land, has 28 low–cost private schools, while India itself has some 300,000, each a buzzing hive of teaching, learning, and extracurricular activity. These schools offer poor residents across the country an alternative to the inefficient public school system. In Kishanbagh, for example, the local public school is a cavernous building where teachers rarely show up, toilets regularly overflow, and classes are almost never held. In the western world, private schools are associated with high fees and plentiful resources, but Hyderabad's schools succeed by focusing on efficiency and accountability.

Principals like Mohammed Saleem of the nearby Adams High School say that fierce competition between schools forces institutes to strive toward providing the best education they can. "We have to listen to parents because otherwise they will admit their children to a different school. I have to constantly find new ways to keep parents interested in my school," says Saleem.

The last two decades have witnessed the rising popularity of low-cost private schools across the developing world. Researchers estimate that there are now 1 million budget schools in countries like Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, China, Pakistan, the Philippines, and Uganda. Started by local entrepreneurs, these schools are most often located in urban slums, operate out of a few rooms, and are run by teachers who are paid less than half the salary of a government teacher. Few receive state support or external funding.

And yet, low-cost private schools are far more effective than their government counterparts. In India, for example, the country's largest educational NGO, Pratham, has estimated that 68 percent of the students enrolled in low-cost private schools can read fluently as opposed to just 53 percent in government schools. In Ghana, James Tooley, a University of Newcastle professor who has been studying low-cost schools, found that in English, private school students on average scored 72 points out of 100 on a test designed by Tooley, while government school students scored 58 points.

The results have been so impressive that some researchers are now suggesting that low-cost private schools might be the answer to educating the world's poor. Advocates like Tooley are asking for government deregulation, private investment, and international support to help the sector expand and bring in children who for too long have had to deal with crippled state schools. "International and governmental support will lead to increased competition; more schools will want to enter the market, giving rise to better schools," says Tooley.

Education has long been directly related to a country's rise out of poverty. Literate citizens tend to have smaller families, better health and sanitation, lower mortality rates, lower infant mortality, and ultimately, higher incomes. Educated societies are also more gender-equal, less corrupt, and better governed. According to the World Bank, every year of schooling increases wages by a worldwide average of about 10 percent. The completion of primary school reduces a child's chances of contracting HIV/AIDS by half.

However, in large swaths of the developing world, public education has failed. In India, despite an education budget of $10 billion, 33 percent of the country's population continues to be illiterate. In Nigeria, teacher absenteeism is astonishingly high and teacher-pupil ratios are as low as 1:90. In Uganda and China, public schools exist only in urban or semi-urban areas, while in Kenya, public schools are over-enrolled and teachers frequently go on strike. The common problem is a lack of accountability: Public school principals are often answerable only to bureaucrats sitting in distant offices who rarely visit the schools. Parents have little or no control over the education of their children.

It was this disillusionment with the public sector that inspired Hyderabad's first few entrepreneurs--often parents whose children had been forced to attend government schools--to start private schools in the 1980s. By the time Tooley arrived in Hyderabad in 2000 on an assignment from the International Finance Corporation, a member of the World Bank group that promotes private investment in developing countries, the number of low-cost schools in the city had ballooned. "I was supposed to be studying private schools for the rich," he says. "But instead I discovered this flourishing movement that empowered the poor."

After a year of investigating the phenomenon in India, Tooley traveled across continents in search of other low-cost private schools. What he saw shocked him: Small, private educational enterprises were almost ubiquitous in developing countries. He even found schools in rural China where officials insisted there were none. Soon other academics began studying the steadily expanding movement.

One of the reasons that educators began championing low-cost private schools was their economic efficiency. In India, the government spends an average of $125 per child per year. The annual cost of a low-cost private school is rarely more than $80 per child. It was clear that the private sector--unorganized and scattered as it was--was providing a better education, at a lower cost than the government.

For the international development community, the crisis surrounding education is growing. Despite sustained campaigns and considerable developmental aid, universal primary education remains elusive and illiteracy rampant. As of January 2010, 72 million school-age children were still out of school. And according to current projections by the UN, 58 of the 86 countries that are not yet fully literate will not be able to get there by 2015.

As a result, some organizations are beginning to alter their tactics. The World Bank, for instance, has supported two pilot projects for low-cost schools in India and Pakistan and also funded subsidies for school voucher projects in Colombia and the Philippines. "There is a growing sense that this is a sector worth looking at. It's time to be bold and try new things," says Harry Patrinos, lead education economist for the World Bank.

Proponents are hoping that the World Bank's enthusiasm will encourage other organizations to push governments to support low-cost schools. One suggestion is to allow companies to invest and offer loans to schools. Currently, a few countries like Ghana and the Dominican Republic allow private companies in education, but others, like India, don't. Several organizations have already begun to invest in low-cost education: Opportunity International, for instance, offers loans to hundreds of budget schools in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. In India, on the other hand, entrepreneurs like K Suryakala Reddy, founder of New Little Scholars School in Hyderabad, are forced to file false applications for home loans to finance schools.

For critics, though, the popularity of low-cost schools is a dangerous trend, one that will ultimately marginalize the very poor. Society's poorest, says Dina Craissati, UNICEF's senior education adviser, often cannot pay even the very meager fees of budget

schools. Worse, low–cost schools are ultimately unsustainable because "in times of economic crisis, the poor will sacrifice nonessentials like schools fees first." And finally, public schools are the only way to hold governments accountable for providing their citizens with education––a right that many countries have enshrined in their constitutions.

But proponents of budget schools insist that there is a way around these objections: Governments can fund vouchers for extremely poor students. Many low–cost schools already offer scholarships based on need, but state intervention will help standardize the practice and solve the problem of limited access. However, says Tooley, there is a caveat: Making the vouchers too freely available may topple the careful balance of competition, parental choice, and accountability that makes these schools work.

Other critics say that an increasing dependence on private schools will create a more unequal society. Rich students will opt for better schools, with the poor having to make do with underfunded, badly staffed schools. "Low–cost private schools are a response to a very bad situation. Instead of encouraging them, we need to make the public system more effective," says Henry Levin, professor of economics and education at Columbia University.

Academics like Levin recommend offering public schools more funds in return for regular attendance by teachers and frequent teacher training.

But back in the dusty, baking heat of Hyderabad, 37–year–old Hazrat Sultana is too battle–worn to believe that more money will improve the local public school. Sultana, a stay–at–home mother whose husband owns a footwear stall in the slum, recently pulled her daughters out of the government school.

"The problem isn't the money," she says. "The problem is that the teachers don't have to listen to us."

They now attend Golden Jubilee school, a three–story bare block where the windows don't have panes and flower–patterned curtains substitute for doors. The public school was bigger, she admits. But just one year in Golden Jubilee has taught her daughter Anjum Nazia more about fractions and world capitals than she learned in seven years at the government school. Anjum Nazia now wants to become an engineer some day.

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Services offered: Demographic Served: Children; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; School, Elementary; School, High School; School, Jr High, Middle School; School, Kindergarten; School, Mission School; School, New Educational Concept; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, ESL (English as a Second Language); Training Classes, Language Skills; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training Classes, Literacy Training
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; United Nations – UNICEF (United Nations International Childrens Emergency Fund); World Bank
Updated Mar 20, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6045

OR

Medical Teams International

Info/Hotline · Open

Non–Profit Faith–Based Medical Disaster Relief
International Headquarters; 14150 SW Milton Court, Tigard, OR 97224

Phone	503.624.1000 / 800.959.HEAL (4325)
Web	www.nwmedicalteams.org
Checks payable to	Medical Teams International
Service	Temporary

2020 Oregon Wildfires

https://www.medicalteams.org/how–we–heal/mobile–dental–program/emergency–dental–clinics/
Our Mobile Dental vans have transitioned to providing urgent dental care - an essential service during the COVID–19 outbreak. Our goal is to help relieve an overburdened healthcare system with these emergency dental services. Read the latest updates about our COVID–19 response.

Clinics in Oregon
All Oregon clinics will accept urgent dental procedures for patients who do not have private dental insurance, those who are low income and vulnerable populations, but we will not turn away a patient with emergency needs who have no alternative options for care. Urgent dental procedures include extractions and fillings for patients who have pain, bleeding and/or swelling.

Also Clinics in Washington

https://www.medicalteams.org/news/

March 11, 11
EARTHQUAKE, TSUNAMI FOLLOW–UP

http://twitter.com/medteams
Assessing best response for #Japan #earthquake survivors. Staff on the way to be in country Monday.

FROM RELIEF WEB – 2010 Pakistan Flood Response:

Medical Teams International Responds To Crisis In Pakistan
Source: Medical Teams International
Date: 04 Aug 2010

Medical Teams International is responding to the recent disastrous flooding in Pakistan. They have shipped three containers of medical supplies to partners on the ground in the flood–affected area of the country. The medicines and supplies are enough to help hundreds of thousands of people and are valued at nearly $2 million.

The essential medicines and supplies have arrived in the Northwest region of Pakistan where heavy rain has caused rivers to overflow their banks. More than 1,500 people are known to have died in the floods. The supplies have been received by in–country partners, Hope International and Poverty Eradication Initiative, and are being used to respond to the urgent health needs of those affected by the flooding.

Medical Teams International will air–lift more supplies to their partner in Pakistan early next week. This unit is approximately one metric ton and will serve 10,000 people for 3 months. Valued at $421,000, it will provide urgently needed medicines and supplies to the partner's hospitals and clinics in Pakistan.

In addition, Medical Teams International will determine if teams of emergency medical professionals can be deployed to address emergency health care needs at a partner hospital. Medical Teams International is accepting donations for their response to the Pakistan floods. Please visit www.medicalteams.org for more information.

2010 Haiti –
http://www.medicalteams.org/sf/our_work/our_partners/Haiti_Earthquake_partners.aspx

CORPORATE PARTNERS –
Medical Teams International is extremely grateful to the many companies and organizations who have partnered together with us in support of our Haiti Earthquake Relief activities by donating money, services, goods, or matching their employee's gifts. Their generous support has multiplied our efforts many times over.

ALL NEWS –
http://www.medicalteams.org/sf/about_us/media_center/articles.aspx

Personal Loss in Haiti –
http://www.medicalteams.org/sf/about_us/media_center/articles/10–03–02/Dedicated_Volunteer_Dies_in_Haiti.aspx

1st report – with plan for future
http://www.medicalteams.org/sf/about_us/media_center/articles/10–02–18/Medical_Teams_International_President_Will_Call_in_Live_from_Haiti_Friday_at_9_a_m.aspx

Frequently Asked Questions
http://www.medicalteams.org/sf/about_us/faq.aspx

•General
•Donations
•Volunteering
•Mobile Dental

Disaster
We respond to some of the most devastating and difficult disasters around the world. Within 48 hours, we send volunteer medical professionals (MDs, RNs, NPs, PAs and Paramedics) to natural and manmade disasters to care for the sick and injured.

Development
Our volunteer teams and staff work to establish long–term solutions for international communities plagued by chronic poverty, lack of medical care and minimal educational opportunities.

Distribution
We partner with organizations in more than 70 countries to distribute medical supplies to people in need, passing the $1 billion mark in supplies shipped in January 2007. In the USA, we annually distribute more than $1.7 million in hygiene products and over–the–counter medications to social service
agencies.

Mobile Dental
Our Mobile Dental program serves more than 15,000 people annually, partnering with more than 200 organizations, including schools, social service agencies and churches. Professional dental volunteers treat the homeless and
uninsured in 39 Pacific Northwest counties each year.

International Volunteers: teams @medicalteams.org
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Employment and application questions: hr @medicalteams.org
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Services offered: Dental, Mobile Dental Clinic; Distribution, Medical Supplies; Donations, Disaster Fund; First Responder, International; Jobs, Paying; * KITS, HYGIENE KITS; Long Term Recovery, International; Medical, Services, Emergency Medical Services; Medical, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Medication, Rx, * Prescription Medicine * (ANY/ALL Types); Training, Services, Employment /JobTraining ; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Opportunities, International
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2007 Pacific Northwest Flooding; 2007 South Mexico Floods; 2007 Tropical Cyclone Sidr; 2010 /2011 Haiti Cholera Epidemic; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Pakistan Floods; 2011 Japan Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disasters; 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID-19; 2020 Oregon Fires; Ending Extreme Poverty; International Aid; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Sep 15, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1759

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

Pakistan

Society for Sustainable Development (SSD) – 2010 Pakistan Floods

Info/Hotline · Open

Non-Profit, Disaster Relief/Development
Head Office: House # 207, Street-9, H-1, Phase II, Hayatabad

Web www.ssd.org.pk/index.html
Service Temporary

Addressing post disaster assessment – EMMA Surveys

Offices & Infrastructure
Head office of SSD is located in Peshawar while its 5 regional offices have been established in Mansehra/Abbottabad, Battagram & Muzaffarabad to fully attend to development acivities in general & EQ-related emergency & rehabilitation program needs in particular.

Services offered: Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Grants, Community Development; Grants, Disaster Rebuilding; Grants, Education; Grants, Environment/Conservation; Grants, Financial, Small Business Development; Grants, for Developers of Housing for People With Disabilities; Grants, for Developers of Low-Income Housing; Grants, for Developers of Senior Housing; Grants, Green Building, Low-Income Housing; Grants, Health and Human Services; Grants, Housing, Housing Related; Grants, Non-Profits Impacted by Disaster; Long Term Recovery, International; Services, Disaster, Post Disaster Needs Assessment; Services, Humanitarian Aid ; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Agronomy; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Construction, Building Skills; Training Classes, Construction Skills Training; Training, Farming, Organic Farming; Training, Green Building; Training, Green Energy, Development of Energy Creation Facilities; Training, Services, Employment /JobTraining ; Training Workshops, Disaster Ops, Disaster Rebuilding/Recovery Workshops
Campaigns: 2010 Pakistan Floods; 2010 Pakistan – Humanitarian Support for Armed Conflict; Ending Extreme Poverty
Updated Sep 28, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6203

NRSP (National Rural Support Programme) – 2010 Pakistan Floods / Armed Conflict

Info/Hotline · Open

46 – Aga Khan Road, F–6/4, Islamabad

Phone MAIN HQ: 92–51–2822319, 2822324
Web nrsp.org.pk
Serves ALL FLood Impacted areas of Pakistan
Service Temporary

Per Flood Service Handbook PUNJAB
August–September 2010

Location: Layyah, Muzaffargarh, Rahim Yar Khan, Sadiqabad, Rajan Pur, Dera Ghazi Khan, Bahawalpur

Activities:

FOOD: Family food kit distribution flour, oil, biscuit, rice, sugar, masalay, tea.

SHELTER: Tarpaal distribution at Rahim Yar Khan, Dera Ghazi Khan, Rajan Pur.

HEALTH: Medicine distribution: anti–malaria, iron folic acid, cerelac, ORS.

WASH:
Hygiene kit (sanitary pad, tooth paste, dentonic, water purification tablets, soap)mineral water distribution

8/12/10 NSRP Situation Report (very detailed – includes aid provided/stats/contacts for offices–staff in all impacted regions, etc.):

http://nrsp.org.pk/Documents/NRSP%20Emergency%20Reponse%20to%20Floods%20–%2012.08.pdf

Assigned to post disaster assessment – EMMA Surveys

Services offered: Animals, Animal Care Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Clothing, All Sizes, NEW Only * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Directory of Contacts, Incident Command; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Supplies, Local Distribution of Supplies; Donations, Disaster Fund; Financial Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance; First Responder, Middle East; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; * KITS, FOOD KITS; * KITS, HYGIENE KITS; * KITS, SHELTER KITS; Meals, Hot Meals; Medical, Services, Emergency Medical Services; Sanitation, Services, Latrine Installation, Volunteer Services; Sanitation, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Services, Disaster, Post Disaster Needs Assessment; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Supplies, Tents (For Disaster Survivors); Training Classes, Literacy Training; Warehouse, Warehouse Space; Water, Potable Water; Water, Supplies, Water Tank
Campaigns: 2010 Pakistan Floods; 2010 Pakistan – Humanitarian Support for Armed Conflict; Ending Extreme Poverty; Government, City/Town Agency; Government, Federal, In–Country; ShelterBox; United Nations – U.N.; United Nations – UNICEF (United Nations International Childrens Emergency Fund); United Nations – WFP (World Food Program); USAID
Updated Oct 1, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6162

Renewable Energy Society for Education, Awareness, Research & Community Help (RESEARCH) – 2010 Pakistan Floods

Info/Hotline · Open

Community Development

See notes for physical addresses, Islamabad

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Service Temporary

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Per Flood Service Handbook
PUNJAB
August–September 2010

Location:
Dera Ghazi Khan, Govt Degree College, High School No 1, High School No 2

Activities:

FOOD:
Cooked & Mix Bags Of Dry Ration, Dry Milk, Iftar Boxes etc

SHELETR:
Tents, Mates, household Utensils, Heater, Lamp, Clothes, Balti

WASH:
Laundry, Bath Soaps, Shampoo, Towel, Razor etc

HEALTH:
Mobile Dispensary, Doctors, Medicines

Services offered: Camping, Supplies, Lighting, Lanterns; Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Food, Dry, * Dry Food Goods (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food, Dry, Mixes, Milk, Powdered; Kitchen, Cooking Equipment, Utensils * (ALL/ANY Type); Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Supplies, Tents (For Disaster Survivors); Soap * (ANY/ALL Types); Soap, Laundry, Laundry Detergent, Laundry Soap; Toiletries * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2010 Pakistan Floods; Ending Extreme Poverty
Updated Oct 1, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6482

Rural Support Programs Network (RSPN) (SitReps, DROP SITES etc)

Info/Hotline · Open

Community Development
House No.7, Street 49, F–6/4, Pakistana, Islamabad

Phone Main: 00–92–51–2829141
Contact Khaleel Ahmed Tetlay, Chief Operating Officer / For information on RSPN relief efforts contact: Amina Askari Disaster Relief Coordinator
Email Info@rspn.org.pk, Khaleel.tetlay@rspn.org.pk / amina@rspn.org.pk (see more contacts below)
Web www.rspn.org/news/flood.html
Service Temporary

Main: 00–92–51–2829141,2829556, 2822476,2826792,2821736
Disaster Relief Coordinator: 092–51– 2829115

See Disaster Relief News:

http://www.rspn.org/news/flood.html

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2. Ghee/cooking oil (3kg)
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4. Sugar (5kg)
5. Daal Maash (1kg)
6. Daal Channa (1kg)
7. Kurkha (1kg)
8. Salt (1kg)
9. Mix Masala (200gm)
10. Tea (1/2kg)
11. Milk small (27)
12. Match box (12)

Other Items

1. Water purifying tablets
2. Anti–malaria Medicine
3. Water

FOR RELIEF ITEMS DONATION DROP POINT

Islamabad:
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Telephone: 091–5868791–3

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Lahore
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See this site (scroll to the bottom) to find local drop points for supply donations, and contact info for drop point operators:

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http://www.rspn.org/about_us/partner_network.html

Contacts:

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Damage Assessments:

http://www.rspn.org/news/flood_assessment.html

from the website:

EMERGENCY FLOOD APPEAL
SUPPORT TO FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE CATASTOPHIC
FLOODS IN PAKISTAN

After a year wrought with conflict which led to the displacement of approximately 2.2 million people, Pakistan has now been hit with the worst floods in 80 years. The unprecedented flooding has been caused by very heavy Monsoon rains, and has affected all parts of the country. With the death toll rising everyday it has not been possible to get an accurate estimate of the individuals affected by the floods but conservative estimates put the number at 6 million, with over 1,800 deaths.
The floods have destroyed homes, inundated crops, killed livestock, washed away communication links and led to a scare of a health catastrophe. With further rains forecasted for the coming weeks, the dams full to capacity and the relief agencies stretched to their limits it is time for Pakistanis and for our friends all over the world to help these people – who have been the continuous victims of strife and hardship.

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Advocacy, Child Advocacy; Advocacy, Domestic Violence; Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Education; Advocacy, Employment, "At–Risk" Job Applicants; Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Energy; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, International Policy; Advocacy, Medical, Patient Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Womens Rights; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Employment & Job Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Health Referrals; Community Garden Program; Community Outreach Programs; Community Outreach Programs, Rural; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Community Service Program; Counseling, Career Counseling; Demographic Served: Animals; Demographic Served: Armed Conflict Populations; Demographic Served: Diaspora Populations; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Survivors, Violence; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Unemployed; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Grants, Green Building, Low–Income Housing; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information

Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; International Disaster Response; Jobs, Paying; Literacy Program; Long Term Recovery, International; Media, Online News Reports; Medical, Education, Health Awareness; News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage; Recycling, Animal Dung; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); School, Adult Education/Adult School; School, Mission School; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Relief; Services, Disaster Response; Services, Disaster Response, Recovery, Preparedness & Mitigation; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Services, Humanitarian Aid ; Services, Social Services, General Social Services; Social Event, Networking Group, Employment/Professional Networking; Sponsoring Organization; Sponsorship Program, Children (Education/Health Care/Food, etc.); Support for "All Local" Disasters; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Agronomy; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Construction, Bio–Remediation Instruction; Training Classes, Construction, Building Skills; Training Classes, Construction Skills Training; Training Classes, Education, Nutrition Education Classes; Training Classes, Employment, On the Job, Training; Training Classes, Financial Literacy; Training Classes, Financial, Money Management; Training Classes, Gardening Instruction; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Literacy Training; Training Classes, Trade Skills, Training; Training Classes, Vocational; Training, Education, Health, Sanitation / Hygiene; Training, Employment, Job Skills, Youth; Training, Farming, Organic Farming; Training, Green Building; Training, Green Energy, Development of Energy Creation Facilities; Training, Medical, Education, General Health; Training, Services, Employment /JobTraining ; Translators, Volunteer * (ANY/ALL); Volunteer Opportunities, International; Youth Program
Campaigns: 2010 Pakistan Floods; 2010 Pakistan – Humanitarian Support for Armed Conflict; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Government, City/Town Agency; Government, Federal, In–Country; Government, USAID; World Bank
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Farmers Development Organization Multan – 2010 Pakistan Floods

Info/Hotline · Open

Disaster Relief/Community Development
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Serves Urban and Rural
Eligibility Children and teachers
Service Temporary

Per the Flood Service Handbook
PUNJAB August–September 2010

Location: Muzaffargarh (UC Gulwala, UC Gutta pur), Multan (UC lutaf abad, buch khusro abad, ginda sandila)

Activities:

FOOD:
• Distribution in tent villages below. Cooked food of one time. Dry food rashan for a week
• Food distribution to 700 families in daera deen panah in kot ado.
• Food distribution in Rajanpur.
• Food distribution in UCs of Multan

SHELTER:
• Tent village on Sultan colony road.
• Tent village on lahori morr.
• Tent village in Baseera (44).
• Clothes and shoes distribution in UCs of multan

Tent villages on Mehmood kot road:
• pir musa basti
• jamal wala
• raqba rauf
• basti mitha

HEALTH:

Mobile medical team on every alternate day in Muzaffargarh. Daily mobile medical camp in three UCs of Multan.

WASH:

Hand pumps installation in camps in Muzaffargarh

Services offered: Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Medical, Services, Mobile Medical Unit/Clinic; Sanitation, Services, Hand Pump Installation; Shoes, * New or

Gently Used/CLEAN * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2010 Pakistan Floods; Ending Extreme Poverty
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Mojaz Foundation – 2010 Pakistan Floods

Info/Hotline · Open

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Serves Multan (Tehsil Multan, UC Binda Sandhila) / Muzaffargarh (Tehsil Muzaffargarh – UC Taleri, UC Jagat Pur), T Kot Ado – UC Ehsan Pur, UC Daira Deen Panah, UC Mehood Kot, UC Thatta Gurmani)
Service Temporary

FROM THE SITE:

The Month of July brought horrible flood that created disaster in most of the areas of Pakistan. At this moment there is a need of joint efforts by Government and Non Government sectors to minimize the loss in flood affected areas. MOJAZ is well aware of the needs of time. In these turbulent times when the poor and marginalized have been pushed to depths of horrible darkness, food, drinking water, tents, non food items and medical services are needed most. MOJAZ has always worked for the needy and poverty–stricken people. So far, in collaboration with IRD, foundation is providing tents, kitchen kits, mosquito nets, first aid kids ,safe drinking water and medicine to some 200 families, for the viral diseases spreading in the area. MOJAZ is soon launching an awareness campaign on health and safety issues, as diseases like Diarrhea, Malaria, Cholera, and Food poisoning and Skin allergies are spreading not only in flood affected areas but also in relief camps. We expect enormous contribution from the philanthropist and the resourceful and intent to immediately dispatch relief goods to affected areas through a dedicated, committed and energetic team of our Foundation.

Let's join hands and integrate our efforts with the overall state endeavor, to salvage our people from despair in these testing times.

From the IOM Service Handbook (public)

ACTIVITIES:

FOOD:

• Water tankering in morning and evening at tent village near thermal power station MUZAFFARGARH, UC Ehsan Pur, UC Daira Deen Panah.
• Rashan distribution (rice, milk, sugar)

SHELTER:

• Tent village of 50 tents and jerry cans near thermal power station Muzaffargarh. Shoes distribution.
• Tent village of 40 tents and jerry cans in T Kot Ado UC Ehsan Pur. Shoes distribution.
• Tent village of 40 tents and jerry cans in T Kot Ado UC Daira Deen Panah. Shoes distribution.
• Tent village of 25 tents in T Kot Ado UC Mehmood Kot.
• Tent village of 15 tents, water cans in T Muzaffargarh UC Taleri. Shoes distribution.
• Tent village of 5 tents, water cans, rashan, shows in T MUZAFFARGARH UC Jagat Pur.
• Jerry cans and shoes distribution.

HEALTH:

• Tehsil Kot Ado–UC Thatta Gurmani: Medical camp for 505 people. OPD. Medicine distribution.

WASH:

• Aqua tablets distribution to affected population who come to water tank.

Services offered: Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Distribution, Supplies, Local Distribution of Supplies; Donations, Disaster Fund; Jerrycans (Fuel/Water Container); * KITS, KITCHEN SETS; Medical, Facility, Camp, Medical Camp; Medical, Services, Public Health Education / Awareness; Medical, Supplies, First–Aid, First Aid Kit; Medication, Rx, * Prescription Medicine * (ANY/ALL Types); Mosquito Nets; Sanitation, Supplies, Water Purification Tablets; Shelter, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Supplies, Tents (For Disaster Survivors); Shoes, * New or Gently Used/CLEAN * (ANY/ALL Types); Water, Tankers Full, Potable
Campaigns: 2010 Pakistan Floods; Ending Extreme Poverty
Updated Sep 28, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6174

Budget Schools (school for the poor, in developing countries)

Info/Hotline · Open

School
Web www.boston.com/bostonglobe/ideas/articles/2010/05/09/class_difference
Service Temporary

http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/ideas/articles/2010/05/09/class_difference/

HYDERABAD, India––The end–of–day bell has just gone off at MA Ideal High School, and a Grade 4 classroom on the first floor explodes into a rush of activity. Pig–tailed girls and boys in indigo shorts jump out of their benches and jam through the doorway. But in a corner toward the back of the room, 10–year–old Sanaa Sultana ignores the shrill ringing. She continues reading aloud quietly from her English textbook. Next to her, 11–year–old Mohammed Majid––a hulking, towering contrast to Sultana's tiny frame––follows her in his own book, repeating after her, sentence for sentence. Sanaa is Mohammed's partner in the school's peer–to–peer learning program. When he joined MA Ideal a year ago, Mohammed didn't know more than a few rudimentary words of English. Now, after a year of sitting with Sanaa, one of the class's brightest students, Mohammed almost effortlessly makes his way through an entire sentence.

One floor above them, young teachers in salwar kameezes––long, loose tunics paired with drawstring tapered pants––assemble in neat rows in a classroom, waiting a monthly training session to begin. Today they will learn how to encourage class participation. On the ground floor, Mohammed Anwar, the school's proprietor, is talking to a group of parents. He's telling them about his plans to introduce Genki, a phonics–based teaching method that will help first–generation English learners speak the language more fluently. The burqa–clad mothers are unconvinced, preferring instead the more conventional method of teaching by textbook, but Anwar, with his energy and zeal, manages to be persuasive.

MA Ideal also offers its students free karate lessons, computer classes, soccer training, and health camps. But the school––a private, small–scale venture––is not situated in a plush upper–middle–class neighborhood. Instead, it is tucked away in Kishanbagh, a sprawling slum of low–slung concrete huts, tin–roofed shanties, and bare–bellied children who gambol with skinny, underfed dogs. And the average fee at MA Ideal High School? About $3 per month––one–20th the cost of a typical private school in India.

MA Ideal is part of a grass–roots private school movement that has spread through India in the last two decades. Kishanbagh, a 5–square–kilometer patch of land, has 28 low–cost private schools, while India itself has some 300,000, each a buzzing hive of teaching, learning, and extracurricular activity. These schools offer poor residents across the country an alternative to the inefficient public school system. In Kishanbagh, for example, the local public school is a cavernous building where teachers rarely show up, toilets regularly overflow, and classes are almost never held. In the western world, private schools are associated with high fees and plentiful resources, but Hyderabad's schools succeed by focusing on efficiency and accountability.

Principals like Mohammed Saleem of the nearby Adams High School say that fierce competition between schools forces institutes to strive toward providing the best education they can. "We have to listen to parents because otherwise they will admit their children to a different school. I have to constantly find new ways to keep parents interested in my school," says Saleem.

The last two decades have witnessed the rising popularity of low–cost private schools across the developing world. Researchers estimate that there are now 1 million budget schools in countries like Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, China, Pakistan, the Philippines, and Uganda. Started by local entrepreneurs, these schools are most often located in urban slums, operate out of a few rooms, and are run by teachers who are paid less than half the salary of a government teacher. Few receive state support or external funding.

And yet, low–cost private schools are far more effective than their government counterparts. In India, for example, the country's largest educational NGO, Pratham, has estimated that 68 percent of the students enrolled in low–cost private schools can read fluently as opposed to just 53 percent in government schools. In Ghana, James Tooley, a University of Newcastle professor who has been studying low–cost schools, found that in English, private school students on average scored 72 points out of 100 on a test designed by Tooley, while government school students scored 58 points.

The results have been so impressive that some researchers are now suggesting that low–cost private schools might be the answer to educating the world's poor. Advocates like Tooley are asking for government deregulation, private investment, and international support to help the sector expand and bring in children who for too long have had to deal with crippled state schools. "International and governmental support will lead to increased competition; more schools will want to enter the market, giving rise to better schools," says Tooley.

Education has long been directly related to a country's rise out of poverty. Literate citizens tend to have smaller families, better health and sanitation, lower mortality rates, lower infant mortality, and ultimately, higher incomes. Educated societies are also more gender–equal, less corrupt, and better governed. According to the World Bank, every year of schooling increases wages by a worldwide average of about 10 percent. The completion of primary school reduces a child's chances of contracting HIV/AIDS by half.

However, in large swaths of the developing world, public education has failed. In India, despite an education budget of $10 billion, 33 percent of the country's population continues to be illiterate. In Nigeria, teacher absenteeism is astonishingly high and teacher–pupil ratios are as low as 1:90. In Uganda and China, public schools exist only in urban or semi–urban areas, while in Kenya, public schools are over–enrolled and teachers frequently go on strike. The common problem is a lack of accountability: Public school principals are often answerable only to bureaucrats sitting in distant offices who rarely visit the schools. Parents have little or no control over the education of their children.

It was this disillusionment with the public sector that inspired Hyderabad's first few entrepreneurs––often parents whose children had been forced to attend government schools––to start private schools in the 1980s. By the time Tooley arrived in Hyderabad in 2000 on an assignment from the International Finance Corporation, a member of the World Bank group that promotes private investment in developing countries, the number of low–cost schools in the city had ballooned. "I was supposed to be studying private schools for the rich," he says. "But instead I discovered this flourishing movement that empowered the poor."

After a year of investigating the phenomenon in India, Tooley traveled across continents in search of other low–cost private schools. What he saw shocked him: Small, private educational enterprises were almost ubiquitous in developing countries. He even found schools in rural China where officials insisted there were none. Soon other academics began studying the steadily expanding movement.

One of the reasons that educators began championing low–cost private schools was their economic efficiency. In India, the government spends an average of $125 per child per year. The annual cost of a low–cost private school is rarely more than $80 per child. It was clear that the private sector––unorganized and scattered as it was––was providing a better education, at a lower cost than the government.

For the international development community, the crisis surrounding education is growing. Despite sustained campaigns and considerable developmental aid, universal primary education remains elusive and illiteracy rampant. As of January 2010, 72 million school–age children were still out of school. And according to current projections by the UN, 58 of the 86 countries that are not yet fully literate will not be able to get there by 2015.

As a result, some organizations are beginning to alter their tactics. The World Bank, for instance, has supported two pilot projects for low–cost schools in India and Pakistan and also funded subsidies for school voucher projects in Colombia and the Philippines. "There is a growing sense that this is a sector worth looking at. It's time to be bold and try new things," says Harry Patrinos, lead education economist for the World Bank.

Proponents are hoping that the World Bank's enthusiasm will encourage other organizations to push governments to support low–cost schools. One suggestion is to allow companies to invest and offer loans to schools. Currently, a few countries like Ghana and the Dominican Republic allow private companies in education, but others, like India, don't. Several organizations have already begun to invest in low–cost education: Opportunity International, for instance, offers loans to hundreds of budget schools in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. In India, on the other hand, entrepreneurs like K Suryakala Reddy, founder of New Little Scholars School in Hyderabad, are forced to file false applications for home loans to finance schools.

For critics, though, the popularity of low–cost schools is a dangerous trend, one that will ultimately marginalize the very poor. Society's poorest, says Dina Craissati, UNICEF's senior education adviser, often cannot pay even the very meager fees of budget schools. Worse, low–cost schools are ultimately unsustainable because "in times of economic crisis, the poor will sacrifice nonessentials like schools fees first." And finally, public schools are the only way to hold governments accountable for providing their citizens with education––a right that many countries have enshrined in their constitutions.

But proponents of budget schools insist that there is a way around these objections: Governments can fund vouchers for extremely poor students. Many low–cost schools already offer scholarships based on need, but state intervention will help standardize the practice and solve the problem of limited access. However, says Tooley, there is a caveat: Making the vouchers too freely available may topple the careful balance of competition, parental choice, and accountability that makes these schools work.

Other critics say that an increasing dependence on private schools will create a more unequal society. Rich students will opt for better schools, with the poor having to make do with underfunded, badly staffed schools. "Low–cost private schools are a response to a very bad situation. Instead of encouraging them, we need to make the public system more effective," says Henry Levin, professor of economics and education at Columbia University.

Academics like Levin recommend offering public schools more funds in return for regular attendance by teachers and frequent teacher training.

But back in the dusty, baking heat of Hyderabad, 37–year–old Hazrat Sultana is too battle–worn to believe that more money will improve the local public school. Sultana, a stay–at–home mother whose husband owns a footwear stall in the slum, recently pulled her daughters out of the government school.

"The problem isn't the money," she says. "The problem is that the teachers don't have to listen to us."

They now attend Golden Jubilee school, a three–story bare block where the windows don't have panes and flower–patterned curtains substitute for doors. The public school was bigger, she admits. But just one year in Golden Jubilee has taught her daughter Anjum Nazia more about fractions and world capitals than she learned in seven years at the government school. Anjum Nazia now wants to become an engineer some day.

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Services offered: Demographic Served: Children; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; School, Elementary; School, High School; School, Jr High, Middle School; School, Kindergarten; School, Mission School; School, New Educational Concept; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, ESL (English as a Second Language); Training Classes, Language Skills; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training Classes, Literacy Training
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; United Nations – UNICEF (United Nations International Childrens Emergency Fund);

World Bank
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Concern Worldwide USA – 2010 Pakistan Floods

Info/Hotline · Open

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Serves Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) Province, including the Swat, Noswhera and Charsadda districts (Concern is assessing: Punjab and Sindh Provinces)
Service Temporary

From the Flood Service Handbook PUNJAB
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Location: Muzaffargarh (kot ado, jatoi, alipur), Rajan Pur (Jampur), Layyah (Karor)

Activities:

– FOOD: Food distribution
– SHELTER: NFI (tarpaulin sheet, floor mat, kitchen set, aqua tab, candles, match box, jerry can), Debri Kit (spade, wheel barrow) distribution in Jatoi, alipur
– WASH: hygiene sessions, water tankering, aqua tab, hand pumps installation in jatoi, Layyah and Rajan Pur.

From the InterAction site – 2010 Pakistan Flood Response:

With a 50–plus staff on the ground in Pakistan, where it has been active since 2001, Concern has begun rapid assessments and has launched an emergency response in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) Province, including the Swat, Noswhera and Charsadda districts. Concern is prioritizing the distribution of: clean water, food, shelter, emergency medical assistance, mosquito nets, and basic hygiene and kitchen items. Concern is assessing the impact of the crisis in Punjab and Sindh Provinces, where we also have staff and local partners. Concern is currently reaching 63,000 people, but aims to scale up in the coming weeks.

From the SITE:

Facing challenges in Pakistan
18 August 2010

So far, 5,700 families have been helped by Concern Worldwide's emergency response in Pakistan.

Following our assessments in Sindh province in south Pakistan, we are planning to increase the number of people we're working with from 10,000 to 20,000 families. This means we'll be reaching over 150,000 people.
Urgent need

We will be targeting some of the worst–affected families in Sindh province, we will be distributing items such as kitchen sets, hygiene kits and blankets. We will also work to ensure they have access to clean water.

From the site – 2010 Pakistan Floods:

PAKISTAN APPEAL: RAGING FLOODS NOW AFFECTING 12 MILLION

(updated August 8, 2010)
For the millions affected by massive floods in Pakistan, the need for basic shelter and other survival essentials is urgent, according to UNOCHA. Unprecedented levels of heavy rain have triggered the worst flooding on record in Pakistan. The situation is worsening, with an estimated 12 million people now affected, losing their homes and livelihoods. Reportedly, over 1,400 are dead and 80,000 homes destroyed. More extremely heavy monsoon rains are on the way––and officials fear the worst. Concern's emergency team is on the ground reaching people with food, water, shelter, and emergency medical assistance.

RISING THREATS: MORE RAIN ON THE WAY
After causing huge damage and losses in KP Province, floodwaters are now surging down from the northwest through the agricultural "heartland" of Punjab Province: according to recent reports. over 1.4 million acres of land in Punjab have been devastated. such damage to farms and crops will devastate the economy. Concern has programs in Punjab and is working through local partners to do a rapid needs assessment and determine our response there.

Humanitarian assistance is urgently needed to reach communities affected by the raging floodwaters. More monsoon rains are expected to hit Pakistan in the next few days, escalating the damage and triggering even more floods.

We are currently responding in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK), reaching the most vulnerable people with the following:

* shelter
* clean water
* emergency medical assistance
* dry rations of food
* mosquito nets
* basic hygiene and kitchen items

Our Emergency Health response will involve mobile medical tents with facilities for men, women and children.

Concern has been working in Pakistan since 2001, with vastly experienced emergency personnel already in place in worst–affected areas to respond to this disaster. Floodwaters have cut off or totally submerged huge areas, particularly communities along the river Kabul in Charsadda District, making access difficult if not impossible at present.

Although access is difficult, our teams and local partners are on the ground trying to collect as much information on humanitarian needs as possible and reach affected populations. Roads and bridges have been damaged or cut off by floods, and the aid community is worried about public health threats posed by waterborne diseases.

Concern has over 50 staff in Pakistan, mostly local staff, and 9 local partners. Concern Worldwide Regional Director Brid Kennedy says, “This is a terrible catastrophe affecting some of the most vulnerable people in the world who are living in dire poverty.”

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Food Distribution, Emergency/ Disaster Food Distribution; Food, Dry, * Dry Food Goods (ANY/ALL Types) ; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; * KITS, HYGIENE KITS; * KITS, KITCHEN SETS; Linens, Bedding, Blankets * (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Services, Emergency Medical Services; Mosquito Nets; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Water, Potable Water
Campaigns: 2010 Pakistan Floods; Ending Extreme Poverty; InterAction
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Ihsas Development Society – 2010 Pakistan Floods

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Activities:
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FROM THE SITE:

Torrential rainfalls have caused the worst floods in the history of Pakistan, in what is being termed as the “Floods of the Century”.

The extent of this disaster can be gauged from the numbers affected by these floods: 1 in every 10 Pakistanis has been directly affected. There has been widespread devastation of roads, bridges, homes, crops, livestock, and displacement of millions of people including women and children. It is a massive task to provide immediate relief and to help communities rebuild their lives.

IDS is committed to alleviating the suffering of the flood affected people. In response to this widespread devastation IDS has decided to lead the emergency flood relief efforts.

As a first step, IDS has set up Donation Collection Centers in District Sheikhupura and has already dispatched Relief teams for immediate provision of vital supplies including food, water, medicine, cooking utensils, and other necessary provisions.

IDS has also partnered with Glamourati & Gold Agency to raise funds for the flood victims by organizing events of international celebrities in Pakistan. IDS has already engaged EDWARD MAYA http://www.edwardmaya.com/tour-a-events, a famous Singer/ DJ who is the No 1 top selling artist of 2010 with 55.6 million fans worldwide to perform at the Lahore Expo Centre on the 18th of September 2010. Funds raised by these events will be utilized for the affected flood victims.

Services offered: Counseling, Childrens Counseling ; Demographic Served: Children; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Donations, Disaster Fund; Donations, Drop-Off, Collection Site Location; Kitchen, Cooking Equipment, Utensils * (ALL/ANY Type); Medical, Services, Rehabilitation Program
Campaigns: 2010 Pakistan Floods; Ending Extreme Poverty
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Sarhad Rural Support Programme (part of RSPN, Relief Teams)

Info/Hotline · Open

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http://srsp.org.pk/zeenix/contact-information.html

The above weblink is to the flood relief activities page.

home page for the group:

http://srsp.org.pk/srsp-home.html

2010 PAKISTAN FLOOD RESPONSE - FROM THE SITE:

The recent floods in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have affected more than 2.25 million population. As per official figures, this is worst flood in history of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa since 1929. The death toll is 1,100 as of August 2nd, 2010 and is still rising. Massive devastation and destruction have been reported. At least 37,000 houses have been swept away by the floods, while bridges, roads, water and sanitation supply schemes, irrigation channels, health and education facilities are also badly hit by these heavy floods. The food grain has also been lost and all major crops/vegetables/fruits have been washed away besides irreparable damages to livestock.

SRSP based on its experiences of Earthquake and IDPs operations has launched a relief and rehabilitation operation for flood affected population in eight districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa including Peshawar, Nowshera, Charsadda, Shangla, Kohistan, Swat, Chitral and Upper Dir. SRSP in these eight districts has significant coverage and adequate infrastructure to support relief and rehabilitation activities. Initial meetings were called upon by Chief Executive Officer to review the current situation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. An initial assessment of staff, equipment and resources was also conducted to be able to launch an initial response. The district teams in eight affected districts of KPK were also asked to send their field teams and gather all necessary information. The Head Office team led by the Chief Executive Officer also visited three districts (Charsadda, Nowshera and Chitral) to assess the damages incurred as a result of these floods. As per initial reports, a total of 133 union councils have been hit by these recent floods.

To see details on the action plan, sit reps, and needs list:

http://srsp.org.pk/zeenix/srsp-strategy-for-flood-response.html

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Services, First Aid Station; Medical, Services, International Medical Services; Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); Sanitation, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Sanitation, Supplies, Water Treatment/Purification/Filtration Supplies/ Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, IDP Camp (Internally Displaced Persons Camp); Shelter, Management, IDP (Internally Displaced Persons) Camp Management; Shelter, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Supplies, Canopy; Shelter, Supplies, Plastic Sheeting; Shelter, Supplies, Tents (For Disaster Survivors); Shelter, Supplies, Tents, Military Tents; Shelter, Transitional Temporary Shelter (For Disaster Survivors); Soap * (ANY/ALL Types); Support for "All Local" Disasters; Tarps; Toiletries * (ANY/ ALL Types); Toiletries, Personal Hygiene Products * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Water, Bottles (8 oz.); Water, * Bottles (ANY/ALL Types of Bottled Water); Water, Bottles, (In Plastic, Gallons); Water, Potable Water; Water, Supplies, Containers; Water, Supplies, Jugs, Large Sized; Water, Supplies, Water Storage Units
Campaigns: 2010 Pakistan Floods; 2010 Pakistan – Humanitarian Support for Armed Conflict; Ending Extreme Poverty; Government, City/Town Agency; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency), County; Government, State/County
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SAVE (Social Of Volunteer Efforts) Kot Adu – 2010 Pakistan Floods

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Disaster Relief/Community Development
Web savengo.webs.com/apps/profile/50889798
Serves Tehsil Kot ado (UC Pattan, baet qaim wala, hanjrai, daera deen panah)
Service Temporary

Per Flood Service Handbook
PUNJAB
August–September 2010

Location:
Tehsil Kot ado (UC Pattan, baet qaim wala, hanjrai, daera deen panah)

Activities:

FOOD:
Ata, ghee, sugar, pulses distribution

SHELETR:
Tent distribution, NFI: Kitchen set

WASH:
aqua tab, mineral water distribution

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Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; United Nations – UNICEF (United Nations International Childrens Emergency Fund); World Bank
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School); Transportation, Transport Funds for Shipping of Donations
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; Tribal Communities; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a Chapter Level Member)
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http://www.tearfund.org/About+us/WhereWeWork.htm

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FACEBOOK –
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Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Education; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, International Policy; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Community Outreach Programs; Community Outreach Programs, Rural; Community Service – Eco–Tourism/Travel; Demographic Served: HIV/AIDS Patients; Documentation, Video, Poverty Illustration; Documentation, Volunteer Management Guidance; Fundraising Tools, for Non Profit Orgs; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Responsible Buying Guides; Information Resource, Youth Services; Literacy Program; Pamphlets, Educational Pamphlets; School, Adult Education/Adult School; School * (ANY/ALL Types); School, Mission School; School, New Educational Concept; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Services, Employment, Internship Program; Services, Humanitarian Aid ; Services, Youth Services, Crime Prevention Programs; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Construction, Building Skills; Training Classes, Construction Skills Training; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training Classes, Trade Skills, Training; Training Classes, Vocational; Training, Job Training; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Ending Extreme Poverty
Updated Mar 31, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7843

Worldwide

Anonymous (hacker/tech community)

Info/Hotline · Open

Service Temporary

This is a loosely organized group of techs and tech–fans, that have goals for "the world". Being "peace loving", the group acribes to non–violence, but appears to find "hacking" to be acceptable, as long as it's not attacking a person. Good organizers. It's hard to tell, of course, if they are capable of anything but isolated attacks and "inspiration". But the certainly are building a lot of interesting tools.

They like to be "anonymous", and so don't have a central website, or better said, don't "admit" to having a central website, which is ironic, since they are "all about transparency". Perhaps they mean all about transparency for governments. And/or big orgs? If someone can shed some light on it, that would be great.

a core group of organizers: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LulzSec

another core group is working on resilient networks, in case large corps/governments decide to take down networks, or deny access to "the people".

Other interesting links:

http://www.whatis–theplan.org/t6835–latest–community–news–and–updates#66477

This is apparently, a group helping organize "stuff"...whether it be "an" attack, or "the" revolution, it appears to be the central dashboard, or one of them.

Services offered: Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, International Policy; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Documentation, Disaster Planning; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Community Groups; Documentation, Economic; First Responder, Worldwide; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; New "Business" Models; Services, Disaster Preparedness; Support for "All" Disasters; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian; Tech, IT, Volunteer; Tech, Web Developer/Design Volunteers; Tech, Web Developer, Volunteer; Tech, Web Mapper, Volunteer; Volunteer, Virtual Volunteer Meeting Place (Blog/Forum/Discussion Board)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup); Ending Extreme Poverty; New "Business" Models

Updated Oct 30, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9019

CNN Freedom Project – modern–day slavery

Info/Hotline · Open

Web thecnnfreedomproject.blogs.cnn.com
Service Temporary

Articles –
Bonded labor keeps workers virtual slaves
Are you a slavery–free consumer?
Researching the cruel world of sex trafficking in South Asia
'Trapped by Tradition': Your questions on slavery in India
What is your 'slavery footprint'?

FACEBOOK –
http://facebook.com/CNNFreedom

Services offered: Advocacy, Children, Restavek / Exploited Children; Demographic Served: Victims of Sexual Exploitation
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty

Updated Oct 5, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9004

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; 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

Eco–Living: Alternative/Sustainable Living Communities/Networks

Info/Hotline · Open

Sustainable Development
Web www.eco–living.net/resourcedb/staticdb/community.html
Service Temporary

from above website. see website for live links.

* Acorn Community – a cooperative, secular, intentional community located in central Virginia, "...working toward a diverse egalitarian society that embraces feminism, ecological sustainability, multiculturalism, diverse sexual and gender orientations, and personal spiritual growth."
* Alpha Farm – an intentional community in rural western Oregon, composed of "people who have chosen to live and work together to share a more harmonious way of living." Reflects Quaker values such as consensus decision–making, land stewardship, simple living and the like.
* Ash Grove Community Farm – in Corning, New York, with intent to "...provide a model of sustainable agriculture and intentional community lifestyle." Includes a CSA, dairy goat herd, apprenticeships, events and workshops, and various visitor and resident possibilities.
* Blue Heron Farm – "a community of people who have purchased 64 acres of field and woodlands to share, protect, use and enjoy together in the central Piedmont area of North Carolina." Includes member info and photos, a non–profit educational association, a bit of history of the land and buildings, info on their alternative wastewater treatment system and more.
* Crossroads Medieval Village – in Australia, owned by a co–operative, aiming to re–create a medieval village and castle and its surrounds of farmland, forest and hamlets...with a difference, as they are using Permaculture as their basis for forest, agriculture and other support systems design.
* Dancing Rabbit Ecovillage – "...an ecovillage in progress on 280 acres of beautiful northeastern Missouri rolling hills." Dancing Rabbit folks are working with natural building methods, permaculture design, a vehicle co–op, bio–diesel fuel production, publishing a newsletter and more – most of which is detailed (including pictures) on–line.
* Deer Rock Community – in Virgina, in the process of re–grouping after some initial startup complications. This site has some useful sample documents, such as a membership agreement, bylaws, and vision statement, and also a valuable narrative showing some of the complexities of a process such as forming an intentional community.
* Dreamtime Village – near West Lima, Wisconsin, "...an experiment in ecovillage design whose mission is to create new planetary culture...Our challenge is to design a landscape where we can create art that is functional, alive, & fantasmagorical while simultaneously serving as an eco–village demonstration and a hands–on learning environment for people of all ages..."
* East Palo Alto Historical and Agricultural Society – A community–based, non–profit organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing the historical, agricultural, and cultural integrity of East Palo Alto, California, as a model of sustainable development. Good examples and samples of diversity– and sustainability–oriented community planning processes that are actually implemented or in the process of creation!
* East Wind Community – in the Ozark mountains of southern Missouri, "...a secular, egalitarian intentional community...to eventually serve as a model of a society that is free, democratic, cooperative and egalitarian; without violence and exploitation." Income–sharing, economically self–sustaining and in existence since 1973.
* Eddie's Nimbin page – one member's pages about Nimbin Rocks Cooperative near Nimbin in Australia. An individual story that offers insights into what might be involved in joining and living in such a community. Includes info on some "appropriate technolgy" projects he's working on.
* The Farm – Founded in 1971, committed to simple living and self–reliance – the Farm has pioneered a wide range of social and physical technologies for low–cost, high satisfaction community living.
* Findhorn Bay Community – yes, that Findhorn – an international community and developing eco–village of about 350 people in the northeast of Scotland. Founded in 1962 near the seaside village of Findhorn. See also Erraid, an island community with strong connections to Findhorn.
* Goose Creek Farm – an eco–village in the making in Casey County, south central Kentucky. Go to the latter part of the second page to see the info for prospective eco–village participants.
* Heathcote Intentional Community – an example of a community in process, based on Permaculture principles – information on the community itself, workshops offered, conference center facilities, visiting, joining, and the School of Living!
* Infinite Sun – Action towards sustainable urban living in Kansas City. Wide–ranging list of links, from activism to sustainability and probably even something starting with 'Z'.

* Kookaburra Park Eco–Village – an ongoing experiment in community currently being created in Australia. Land use is based on Permaculture principles.
* Los Angeles Eco–Village – a sustainable community in process and the west coast node for the Ecovillage Network of the Americas. Yes, it's really happening, and really working, and right in the middle of "El Lay" (as Joe Bob would say...). Urban community examples abound here. Check it out!
* Meadowdance – "...an egalitarian, child centered community that welcomes human diversity, ecological sensibility, mutual learning and joy." Located near Battleboro, in Southeastern Vermont, USA. In the process of formation since April 1977.
* Occidental Arts and Ecology Center – an intentional community and educational institute founded in 1994 by a group of biologists, artists, activists, educators and horticulturists. Striving to practice what they teach – practical approaches to the social, economic, environmental and spiritual challenges of our day – on a beautiful piece of land near Occidental in Sonoma county, California, USA.
* Sanctuary – a developing eco–village located in Northwest lower Michigan (U.S.A.). Notes on an Eco–village model, sustainable enterprises, contact and participation information, and community development assistance.
* Sirius Community – an example of an existing and evolving experiment in community, both physical and cultural. There is a green building apprentice program and well–developed internship positions as well.
* Sharingwood Cohousing community – in southern Snohomish county, Washington state, USA. An active, growing cohousing community. This site includes a document library as a resouce for others involved in community creation.
* Student Housing Cooperative at Michigan State – a large, participatory, land–trust–based student housing co–op based on Rochdale cooperative principles. Information on how the co–op grew, how it operates, and of course links to other co–op related sites!
* Twin Oaks Community – Established in 1967, located in rural central Virginia, based on cooperation, nonviolence, and equality. Income–sharing, self–governing, and partly self–sufficient. Communal income comes from a variety of cottage industries.
* Utopian EcoVillage Network – a forming ecovillage offering "tropical hilly geographical paradise in Ecuador...an intentional community with a self–sufficient goal, we seek people who have a strong desire to live communally." Mission statement and info on membership, goals, processes, intentions and other community details.
* Windward – an association of non–profits, including: the Windward Foundation, a non–profit corporation dedicated to developing, communicating and implementing the principles of self–reliance – finding ways to take their lives in positive directions and helping others do the same; and the Windward Center, providing support for individuals personally committed to the process of making a substantial life transition.
* ZEGG – the Center for Experimental Cultural Design, formed in 1991 in Germany; "...an experimental space for the creation of a new cultural model." Intentions include "...to explore and pass on the spiritual and practical knowledge for the building of a vivid, humane and nonviolent culture." Inspiration for the North American Network for a New Culture.
* Zen Center of Hawai'i – located on the pastoral outskirts of Waimea (Kamuela) on the Big Island of Hawai'i. The director and spiritual teacher is Robert Joshin Althouse, a Soto Zen Buddhist Priest who has also studied in the Tibetan Tantric tradition with Trungpa Rinpoche and Gyaltrul Rinpoche. The Center offers meditations, workshops, sesshins (retreats), and opportunities for bearing witness via community events and other aspects of "engaged Buddhism," including a community garden!

Information Resources [Here and Now | Information Resources]

* Bega EcoDevelopment Project Briefing Paper – a group in the Bega Valley in South East NSW, Australia, that has been meeting since April 1996 and exploring ways of creating more ecologically and economically sustainable human settlement. This paper offers current results of their inquiries.
* Center for Sustainable Communities – in the Cascadia Bioregion (Pacific Northwest, North America). Resources such as case studies, a library, contact info and a tutorial on sustainability. The contact info ranges from local to global and covers a wide range of focuses.
* Community Coalition for Environmental Justice – comprised of representatives and residents of diverse communities of the greater Seattle region. Members are dedicated to bringing together all communities in an effort to address issues of disproportionate environmental risk in communities of the economically disadvantaged. 4759 15th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98105; (206) 527–1695.
* Community Currency – information, resources and events related to localized and community currency, barter and exchange systems.
* Creating Land Trusts – just like it says, all about creating land trusts, including history, examples, basic information, related organizations, books and other publications.
* Ecopsychology on–line – an e–magazine with quality information, articles, and essays on and about ecopsychology – theories, research, practices, and experiences. Also archives of past issues and links to additional resources.
* Eco–village Information Network. A service of the Global Eco–village Network – international site for the eco–village concept and movement. Check out their chock–full resources page for more relevant sites. This organization also provides the EcoBalance on–line discussion group.
* Hawai'i Nation – provides some perspectives on the restoration of the independence of Hawai`i, along with various cultural perspectives from her people. A rich site that goes well beyond the usual stereotypes of Hawai'i, with links to published articles, position papers, news items, histories, legal documents, political actions, and related sites.
* HopeDance – a grassroots, all–volunteer community magazine for the San Luis Obispo region on the central coast of California, USA. They "...publish material and engage in activities that are necessary in building an ecologically sustianable, holistic, healthy and awakened community."

* Impact Online – a nonprofit with a mission of facilitating and increasing community involvement. Major focus on coordinating volunteer organizations and opportunities by way of volunteer opportunity listings, nonprofit service and organization directories and information about volunteering.
* Intentional Communities – a resource and information site embracing a variety of ideas and forms for what some call "intentional communities." Who wants to live in community? Well, you already are...can you imagine an unintentional community? Is there such a thing? Think about it...
* Ka'u Landing – "An Independent Monthly Journal Dedicated to Community Collaboration and a Sustainable Future for the Islands of Hawai`i." Stuff on and about Hawai'i and the Big Island that you'll never hear about in mainland news media...now providing a monthly sampling of on–line articles, plus complete table of contents and advertiser index.
* LandTrust online discussion list – a listserv for individuals and groups interested in the topic of land trusts.
* Lux Intentional Communities Page – home base on the web for an intentional community project in Vermont, U.S.A. Also has pages with community–related links and a list of collected threads of online alternative energy discussions.
* MenWeb – M.E.N. Magazine – The Men's Evolvement Network site, with most all of the Seattle M.E.N. magazine content available for browsing. Also general information and links to further resources for Men's work, groups, organizations and the like.
* Network for a New Culture – a North American organization that "...seeks to build a sustainable, violence–free culture through exploring intimacy, personal growth, transparency, radical honesty, equality, compassion, sexual freedom, and the power of community." Originally inspired by the German community ZEGG. The site has a document library, discussion group and other resources and there are scheduled retreats and workshops, including an annual summer camp, in the non–virtual world.
* Northwest Intentional Communities Association – coordinating exchange of information and resources between Northwest intentional Communities and others; facilitating communication and networking between local, regional, and national intentional communities organizations. Portions of their newsletter are available online. There is a great collection of resources for potential and existing communities!
* Pomegranate Center – the mission of Pomegranate center is "to engage communities in creative experiments integrating a celebration of the arts, an appreciation of the natural environment and a thoughtful use of public resources." The center develops and offers skills and resources to help communities find a balance between economic, environmental, educational, social, community, and spiritual concerns.
* Sustainable Communities Network – addresses a broad range of issues and offers a broad range of resources "for those who want to help make their communities more livable." Sections on economy, resources, governance, lifestyle, case studies and much more.
* Syntropo – "An interactive on–line magazine dedicated to the global intentional community movement and the pioneers who are re–thinking human societies." Interactive discussions & glossary; postboard; book list; articles; etc. This is just getting started – go help it out!
* The Trust for Public Land – a national nonprofit "...working exclusively to protect land for human enjoyment and well–being." Lots of info on public land trusts, examples, resources, news bulletins and how you can help.
* VITA Village Technology Center and Catalog – "...introducing effective tools and techniques with particular emphasis on those items which increase agricultural productivity, improve housing, health and sanitation, and promote local industry in the developing areas of the world." Their catalog has "simple" technology items with descriptions and illustrations and a link to a page explaining their approach and philosophy.
* World Transformation web space – an eclectic site loaded with links. Go explore for yourself...

Services offered: Demographic Served: Artists/Artist Communities; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated Apr 25, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7933

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

Food Not Bombs MAIN SITE (FREE FOOD around the world...recovery/ redistribution of food)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web foodnotbombs.net
Service Temporary

Services offered: Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Directory of Services, Worldwide; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; Environmental Sustainability; Food Not Bombs; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Homelessness Relief Services
Updated Dec 2, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9750

HumanitarianReform.org (an effort of One Response)

Info/Hotline · Open

Human Rights
Web www.humanitarianreform.org
Service Temporary

The document:

http://www.humanitarianreform.org/humanitarianreform/Portals/1/cluster%20approach%20page/clusters%20pages/WASH/Manual%20HRTWS%20in%20emergency_july2009.pdf

One Response:

http://oneresponse.info/Coordination/ClusterApproach/Pages/Cluster%20Approach.aspx

OneResponse is a collaborative inter–agency website designed to enhance humanitarian coordination within the cluster approach, and support the predictable exchange of information in emergencies at the country level. The website will support Clusters and OCHA fulfill their information management responsibilities as per existing IASC guidance. Key characteristics of the site include:

* A global entry page, where all global cluster guidance materials located on www.humanitarianreform.org is currently being migrated.
* Country or emergency specific content will be hosted on the field level site.
* A specific disaster site will be created within 24 hours, during the onset of a new emergency.
* A low–bandwidth version of the site is available, to enable access and exchange of information in poor connectivity environments.
* Information can be categorized as either public or private. This allows sensitive information to be made accessible only to cluster specific working groups.
* Clusters will directly manage their own content on the site.
* OCHA owns the website and is responsible for its management.

2. Who is the target audience for the website?

The primary audience for the website are humanitarian workers at the country level, including Cluster Leads, cluster members, OCHA, UN Common services etc. The secondary audience is global, including the global cluster staff at HQ, cluster members, donors, and OCHA.

3. What is the background to OneResponse?

In order to avoid the multitude of one–off ad hoc websites developed in each new emergency, there was inter–agency consensus in early 2008 that a single website was needed to support the predictable exchange of information in emergencies at the country level.

The inter–agency web platform was first field tested in May 2008 in response to Cyclone Nargis in Myanmar. Since then, OCHA has continued to develop the website based on the requirements and functionalities identified in partnership with the Cluster/Sector Information Management focal points and Microsoft, as well as lessons learned from both the Myanmar website and www.humanitarianreform.org. OneResponse is the successor to three different OCHA sites: www.humanitarianreform.org, www.humanitarianinfo.org, and ochaonline.un.org/fieldoffice, plus numerous ad–hoc non–OCHA sites.

In December 2008, the IASC Working Group requested the IASC Task Force on Information Management develop “an improved inter–agency web–platform to support and manage the exchange of operational information in emergencies, taking into account relevant existing web platforms and avoid duplication of existing agency web based resources”.

4. What is the role of Microsoft?

Microsoft’s collaboration with OCHA on OneResponse is based on a public private partnership initiated in early 2006, to work together on information management and information technology issues in humanitarian response. Building on this partnership, Microsoft committed to developing, hosting and supporting the Inter Agency Website, based on the functional requirements defined by the Clusters and OCHA

5. What is the role of the Clusters/Sectors in the website?

The role of the clusters/sectors is to manage their own content at the global and field level, as well as provide feedback to OCHA on changes they would like made to the website.

6. What is OCHA’s role?

OCHA’s role is to manage the website and ensure that sufficient guidance material and support is provided to the clusters so they can manage their content effectively. The IASC endorsed ‘Operational Guidance on Responsibilities of Cluster/Sector Leads & OCHA in Information Management’ requires OCHA, in collaboration with the clusters, to provide a country–specific or disaster specific humanitarian web–site.

7. How can I learn more about OneResponse?

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Child Advocacy; Advocacy, Disaster Survivors; Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy,

International Policy; Advocacy, Legislation Support; Advocacy, Medical, Patient Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant, Legal Services; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Social Justice; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Documentation, Disaster Planning; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Community Groups; Documentation, Disaster Recovery Process; Documentation, Disaster Relief Issues/Problems; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Community Groups; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Roles; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Supply Management; Documentation, Standards, Health & Human Rights; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Governments/Community Groups; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Relief Workers; Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Medical, Services, Assessment, Medical Needs Assessment; New "Business" Models; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Disaster Mitigation; Services, Disaster, Post Disaster Needs Assessment; Services, Disaster Preparedness; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Relief; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Humanitarian Aid ; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Support for "All" Disasters; Support for "All Local" Disasters; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian
Campaigns: 2007 Tropical Cyclone Sidr; 2009 American Samoa Tsunami; 2009 Georgia Storms; 2009 Indonesia–Asian Pacific Earthquakes/Storms; 2010 Baja, Mexico Earthquake; 2010 Chile Earthquake; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Haiti Earthquake, Orphanages/Childrens Homes; 2010 Pakistan Floods; 2010 Pakistan – Humanitarian Support for Armed Conflict; Ending Extreme Poverty; One Response; United Nations – OCHA (Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)
Updated Aug 18, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6179

Intentional Community Database (find alternative culture communities, eco–villages, co–housing, etc)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.icdb.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services, Worldwide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Rainbow Community
Updated Mar 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9643

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

List of Global Corp Ownership of Organic Food Producers (and GMO links)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.cornucopia.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Updated-Organic2013.pdf
Service Temporary

A great piece of research showing the 100 largest food producers and which organic food companies they own. It also shows which companies have alliances with Cargill to produce "enhanced" foods...GMO (cancer! environmental devastation). It's not clear if they use these "enhanced foods" in their organic products. But the link is too close to comfort for this netizen.
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated May 27, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9709

New Economics Institute (study, analysis, alternative economies, new business models)

Info/Hotline · Open

Service Temporary

Services offered: New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/ Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business models", housing; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: 350.org; Alternative Societies; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution
Updated Feb 19, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9640

One (www.one.org) Advocacy/Networking for Poverty Issues

Info/Hotline · Open

Social Services
Web www.one.org/us/issues
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti-Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Children, Restavek / Exploited Children; Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, International Policy; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Events, Disaster Relief/Recovery, Cluster Meetings; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Demographic Information; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, MySpace; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Information Resource, Online Networking, YouTube; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; Information Resource, Youth Services; Market/Industry Significance; Media, Broadcast Media; Media Coverage; Media, Online News Reports; Medical, Education, Health Awareness; News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types
Campaigns: CARE-International; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; ICNA Relief USA (Islamic Community); Islamic Community; Islamic Relief; OXFAM; Save The Children
Updated Jul 23, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6050

Planet Aid (clothes re-use/textile recycling/low-price sale to development orgs)

Open Business* · Open

Web planetaid.org/who-we-are/about-us
Service Temporary

from the website:

Planet Aid is nonprofit organization that collects donated clothing and shoes to protect the environment and support sustainable development in impoverished communities around the world.
Planet Aid protects the environment and preserves our natural habitat by reducing the volume of textiles entering the solid waste stream, thereby saving on landfill space and reducing the emission of greenhouse gases.

* Planet Aid makes helping others easy and accessible by using donated clothing and shoes to drive economic development, improve the environment, and eliminate poverty in developing nations.
* Planet Aid is committed to building capacity by funding sustainable community development projects that address education, food security, health, hygiene, and the HIV/AIDS epidemic.
* By recycling used clothing and shoes, Planet Aid works to protect our environment by saving on landfill space and reducing the of emission green house gases.
* Planet Aid has a proven track record and an effective business model; our unique concept of aid delivery is supported by recycling unwanted clothing and shoes collected at more than 13,000 yellow donation bins nationwide.
* Since 1997, Planet Aid has supported more than 60 projects in 15 countries with more $69 million.
* Planet Aid is active in 20 states across the US and works to create partnerships with businesses, schools and other organizations on state and local levels.

NOTE: There's been some controversy with regard to this organization. Please be aware.

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Victims of Environmental Injustice; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Government; Recycling, Clothing; Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Shoes, * New or Gently Used/CLEAN * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated May 9, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9154

Share the World's Resources (Global Coordination for Sustainable Business/Public Infrastructure Policies/Practices)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.stwr.org/globalization
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Energy; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, International Policy; Advocacy, Social Justice; Baby, Baby * Items (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Disaster Mitigation, Economic, Community; Disaster Mitigation, Environmental; Disasters in the Making/Disasters Waiting to Happen (reports of risk of disaster); Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Documentation, Disaster Planning; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness, Businesses; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Community Groups; Documentation, Economic; Documentation, Economic, Tax Haven Analysis; Documentation, Environmental Education; Global Strategic Coordination; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Governments/Community Groups; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Education, Energy Conservation; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Management Advice; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental, Reports of Greenwashing; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Government; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; Information Resource, Watchdog, Transparency & Accountability; Market/Industry Significance; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Services, Disaster Preparedness
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Social Activists/ Organizers
Updated Oct 5, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9365

Sphere (Humanitarian Standards for Disaster Relief)

Info/Hotline · Open

Human Rights
Web www.sphereproject.org/handbook/html/1_what.htm
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Child Advocacy; Advocacy, Disaster Survivors; Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, International Policy; Advocacy, Medical, HIV/AIDS; Advocacy, Medical, Patient Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Social Justice; Demographic Served: Armed Conflict Populations; Demographic Served: Diaspora Populations;

Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Migrants; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Survivors, Violence; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Disaster Tech Planning Groups; Documentation, Disaster Planning; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Community Groups; Documentation, Disaster Recovery Process; Documentation, Disaster Relief Issues/Problems; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Community Groups; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Roles; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Supply Management; Documentation, Standards, Health & Human Rights; Documentation, Volunteer Management Guidance; First Responder, Carribean Region; First Responder, International; First Responder, Middle East; First Responder, South America; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Governments/Community Groups; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Government; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; Medical, Education, Mother and Child Health Awareness; New "Business" Models; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Disaster Mitigation; Services, Disaster, Post Disaster Needs Assessment; Services, Disaster Preparedness; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Relief; Services, Disaster Response; Services, Disaster Response, Recovery, Preparedness & Mitigation; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Services, Emergency Services; Services, Humanitarian Aid ; Services, Immigration, Refugee Resettlement (See also "Assistance"); Services, Logistics Support; Support for "All" Disasters; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2007 South Mexico Floods; 2007 Tropical Cyclone Sidr; 2009 Indonesia–Asian Pacific Earthquakes/Storms; 2010 Baja, Mexico Earthquake; 2010 Chile Earthquake; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Haiti Earthquake, Orphanages/Childrens Homes; 2010 Pakistan Floods; 2010 Pakistan – Humanitarian Support for Armed Conflict; Ending Extreme Poverty; One Response; United Nations – OCHA (Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs); United Nations – U.N.
Updated Aug 18, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6178

sweatfree.org (Manufacturers w/ Fair Labor Practices)

Info/Hotline · Open

Social Justice
Web www.sweatfree.org/shoppingguide
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Advocacy, Consumer Issues; Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, International Policy; Advocacy, Legislation Support; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Information Resource, Responsible Buying Guides
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty
Updated Mar 31, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7840

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

Transition Towns (Transition Network) Sustainable Communities

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.transitionnetwork.org
Service Temporary

This group helps communities develop process and policies so that they will become more resilient and economically/ecologically sustainable in a "post–carbon" world.

Go to the link above for guidelines on how to become a "transition town".

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Energy; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Solar; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Environmental, Wildlife; Agriculture/Farming/ Gardening Resource; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Demographic Served: Artists/Artist Communities; Demographic Served: Environmental Disaster, Populations Affected by; Demographic Served: Social Peers; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Victims of Environmental Injustice; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Disaster Mitigation, Economic, Community; Disaster Mitigation, Environmental; Disasters in the Making/Disasters Waiting to Happen (reports of risk of disaster); Documentation, Disaster Planning; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Community Groups; Documentation, Environmental Education; Documentation, Standards, Health & Human Rights; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; 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; Information Resources, Disaster Mitigation; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services, Disaster Preparedness; Training, Government Policy; Training Government, Training on How it Works
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Nature Conservancy; New "Business" Models; Social Activists/Organizers; Transition Towns (Transition Network)
Updated Sep 18, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8969

UN Global Pulse: Digital Smoke Signals (data analysis to detect on–coming crisis)

Info/Hotline · Open

Online Resource Volunteer Opportunities

Web www.unglobalpulse.org/taxonomy/term/820
Service Temporary

from the website:

Harnessing Innovation to Protect the Vulnerable

The Challenge

Relentless waves of compound global shocks – food, fuel, and financial – have revealed a wide information gap between the onset of a global crisis and the availability of actionable information for decision makers working to protect the world's poorest and most vulnerable populations. Traditional monitoring systems have been effective in tracking medium to longer–term development trends. Yet they were not designed to generate the type of real–time information decision makers need in developing timely actions to help vulnerable populations cope with fast–hitting, inter–connected crises. Much of the household–level data used to track progress toward the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), for example, dates back to 2008 or earlier – before the onset of the current economic crisis.

The recent series of crises has also shown that there is a real danger of losing hard–won development gains within a fraction of the time it took to achieve them. Finding out today how a community began coping with a crisis two years ago may be too late to prevent irreversible damage. The price a country pays for not knowing how its population is coping with shocks is increasing as the resilience of families is eroded, causing millions of households to lose ground in their struggle to escape poverty and driving many of those who had escaped back into destitution. In a climate of fiscal austerity, development investments need to be targeted where they are most needed and where they are likely to achieve the highest returns. While the private sector has been using real–time data to drive investment decisions for many years, development resources continue to be invested based on information that is often at least two years out of date. Decision makers at every level in both donor and developing countries need high–quality, actionable information and hard evidence to protect vulnerable populations.
An Opportunity

Yet even as the impacts of crises have reverberated around the world, our lives have changed in other ways as well. We live in a new information age, where the pace of technological innovation is accelerating at a breathtaking pace. As communities in the developing world increasingly adopt and use these technologies, they are beginning to generate ambient data as by–products of their everyday activities. This "information exhaust" may hold an important key to detecting early signals of emerging vulnerabilities or incipient harm. Mobile phones are now playing a critical role in global development and crisis response. Collaboration tools allow distributed teams to design, develop and share innovative solutions to problems from anywhere in the world. Social networking technologies offer the promise of new and agile forms of collective action. The explosion in the volume and diversity of data has been met by advances in methodologies to help make sense of it all, and new tools now exist to collect, filter, integrate, fuse, analyze, map and visualize information. These emerging technologies represent an extraordinary opportunity to close the information gap, to ensure that technology reaches the bottom of the pyramid, and to provide decision makers with new kinds of real–time information to protect the world's poorest and most vulnerable during global crises.
UN Global Pulse

Recognizing both the urgent need for more timely and actionable information and the unparalleled opportunities, the Secretary–General called on the UN system in April 2009 to establish a monitoring system (Global Pulse) to better track the impact of compound crises on vulnerable populations. He asked the Deputy Secretary–General to lead this effort and establish a small Team in his office to spearhead the project.

World leaders – from both developing and developed countries – have expressed their strong support for the Secretary–General's initiative. At the G20 Sum– mit in London last year, the heads of twenty of the most powerful economies re–affirmed the UN system's central role in tracking the wellbeing of vulnerable populations, calling on the United Nations "to establish an effective mechanism to monitor the impact of the crisis on the poorest and most vulnerable." The Global Pulse initiative is included in the UN Chief Executives Board's nine joint crisis initiatives, and forms part of the UN system's concerted effort to address the global economic crisis.
What will it do?

The Global Pulse initiative will work closely with Member States and other development partners to improve evidence–based decision–making and close the information gap between the onset of a global crisis and the availability of actionable information to protect the vulnerable. In doing so, the project will respond – at the highest strategic level – to two value propositions:

* Protecting countries against development reversals: In an age of increasing global volatility, hard–won develop– ment gains are in danger of being eroded much faster than in the past. Real time actionable information generated by Global Pulse will help the international community to detect the impacts of a crisis on vulner– able populations early on when there is still time to prevent irreversible harm.
* Targeting development resources more effectively: In a climate of increasing fiscal austerity, decision mak– ers at every level face pressures on limited resources. Global Pulse will allow leaders to better plan and target interventions in times of crisis to ensure that those populations most at risk are the first to receive support.

Project Outcomes

At the project level, the Global Pulse initiative has been designed to contribute to four overall develop– ment outcomes:

* More timely and actionable hard evidence for global advocacy on the plight of the most vulnerable;
* Better global data to inform the design of more robust and agile safety nets for the world's most vulnerable populations;
* Strengthened regional networks for cross–border col– laboration and better understanding of shared regional risks and vulnerabilities;
* Strengthened national capacities to track population vulnerabilities to specific shocks and design targeted and timely policies to improve crisis resilience.

Project Outputs

Short–term

* Strong Global Pulse network built by linking together existing early warning systems and databases (Note: UN system alone runs over 39 early warning systems);
* Use of previously untapped, non–traditional data to detect anomalous behaviors that may indicate that a population is beginning to feel the impacts of a crisis or has exhausted its coping capacity;
* Reference architecture will allow the Global Pulse technology platform to plug into existing rapid data collection, analysis and collaboration tools;
* A global open–source volunteer community built (through innovation camps, competitions and on–line collaboration) to be able to constantly refine and further develop the Global Pulse technology;
* Five Pulse Labs established by the end of 2012 to build national capacities to leverage technology innovation to test new approaches to monitoring vulnerability at the country level.

Medium–to–long–term

* Reduction by order of magnitude in delay of availability of actionable information on household–level impacts and vulnerabilities;
* Free and open source technology platform for collaborative analysis and decision support;
* Strengthened national capacity for targeted policy interventions that leverage improved understanding of how specific populations cope with shocks;
* Strengthened national capacity to gather real–time information from areas that are traditionally difficult to capture, such as the informal sector.
* Thriving local communities of practice established around Pulse Labs where local technologists and social entrepreneurs collaborate with the public sector to create technology solutions for development;
* Development of an effective, efficient, rapid, scalable and sustainable model for catalyzing grassroots innova– tion for sustainable resilience to global crises.

How is Global Pulse funded?

Global Pulse is entirely funded through voluntary contributions from individual UN Member States and private philanthropic organizations. In particular, we would like to thank the UK and Swedish Governments for their financial support and the Rockefeller Foundation and Rockefeller Brothers Fund for hosting Global Pulse events at their thought–inspiring conference venues in Bellagio (Italy) and Pocantico Hills (USA). Global Pulse has also benefited from many hours of expertise generously invested in the project by many of its UN system partners, and UNDP, WFP, UNICEF and the UN's Department for Public Information (DPI) have seconded full–time staff members to the Global Pulse team. Given that Global Pulse is a multi–year project, we will continue to raise voluntary funding from a broad range of stakeholders over the coming months and years. We would welcome any expression of interest from donors interested in supporting the Global Pulse initiative.

See the roadmap at the website. Or go here: http://www.unglobalpulse.org/strategy–and–roadmap

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, International Policy; Advocacy, Social Justice; Documentation, Disaster Planning; Documentation, Disaster Recovery Process; Documentation, Disaster Relief Issues/Problems; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Roles; Documentation, Standards, Health & Human Rights; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; Information Resource, Weather Updates/Warnings; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; Support for "All" Disasters; Support for "All Local" Disasters; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian
Campaigns: Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup); Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; United Nations – U.N.
Updated Apr 24, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7927

WWOOF (WorldWide Opportunities on Organic Farms) Volunteering/Food Exchange

Info/Hotline · Open

"Green" Resource
Web www.wwoof.org/index.asp
Service Temporary

See website to link to regional websites for this incredible farming/food bartering network...

Not all countries represented. That leaves an opportunity for YOU to serve YOUR country by starting a local network!

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, Environmental; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Directories, Organic/Local Food Producers/Users; Facilities: Farm ("available" = this site is a farm); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Fresh, Organic ($ NOT FREE); Food, Fresh, Vegetables * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Information Resource, Environmental Education; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Service, Bartering; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Agronomy; Training Classes, Gardening Instruction; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training Classes, Vocational; Training, Employment, Job Skills, Youth; Training, Farming, Organic Farming; Training, Green Energy, Development of Energy Creation Facilities; Training, Services, Employment / JobTraining ; Volunteer, Long–Term Volunteer Opportunities; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Opportunities, International; Volunteers, Elder/Senior Volunteers (This facility accomodates Elder Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Handicapped Volunteers (This facility accomodates Handicapped Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteers, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities; Volunteer, Volunteer Referral Services

Campaigns: Bartering Network; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services

Updated Oct 14, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6522

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

Updated Jun 24, 2022 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10521

Other locations

Citizen Action Team, Database Operations

Info/Hotline · Open

Private Citizen Volunteers

Anytown

Phone	978 266 2778
Web	www.reliefdatabase.org
Hours	8 AM–midnight, 7 days/week
Checks payable to	United Way of Tri–County, mail to Citizen Action Team, PO Box 2525, Acton, MA 01720
Service	Permanent

Call and help us expand the database, so it will be more useful to disaster relief workers, to help prepare for future disasters as well as to help with recovery from past disasters... Work from your home AND help the gulf!

All donations pay for fuel to ship donations to disaster zones.

Services offered: Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Directories, Directory of Contacts, Incident Command; Directories, Directory of Services, Case Management; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, Disabled Services; Directories, Directory of Services, Grants Info, Listings, News & Referrals; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Directory of Services, Worldwide; Directories, Financial Assistance Programs; Directories, New Orleans Volunteer Camps; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Directories, Online Database Resource, Needs/Avail Matching; Directories, Organic/Local Food Producers/Users; Directories, Recycling; Directories, Senior/Elder Services; Directories, Training Listings, News & Referrals; Disaster Relief System Development Guidance; Documentation, Disaster Planning; Documentation, Disaster Recovery Process; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Community Groups; Donations, In–Kind Donation, Services; First Responder, Gulf Region; First Responder, Mid–Atlantic Region; First Responder, MidWest Region; First Responder, Mountain States; First Responder, NorthEast Region; First Responder, NorthWest Region; First Responder, SouthEast Region; First Responder, SouthWest Region; First Responder, West Coast Region; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level); Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Businesses; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Governments/Community Groups; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Relief Workers; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Residents; Information Resource, Katrina Related; Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster

Survivors; Management, Supply Chain Management Advice; Management, Volunteer Coordinator & Management, Volunteer; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Household Items; Recycling Network, Database for Trading/Re–use (NO FEE); Registry, Wish List Registry, Online Registry; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Software Tools, for Disaster Orgs/EMAs; Software Tools, for Disaster Orgs/EMAs, Construction/Rebuild Focused; Software Tools, for Disaster Orgs/EMAs, Donations Coord Focused; Software Tools, for Disaster Orgs/EMAs, Volunteer Coord Focused; Supplies, Online Supplies; Support for "All" Disasters; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian; Volunteer, Volunteer Referral Services; Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online; Warehouse, Local Disaster Relief Guidance

Campaigns: 2001 9–11; 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2005 Hurricane Rita; 2005 Hurricane Wilma; 2007 California Wildfires; 2007 Fernley, Nevada Flood; 2007 Georgia/Alabama Tornado; 2007 Greensburg Kansas Tornado; 2007 Hurricane Dean; 2007 Hurricane Flossie; 2007 Midwest Floods; 2007 Pacific Northwest Flooding; 2007 South Mexico Floods; 2007 Tropical Cyclone Sidr; 2008 California Wildfires; 2008 Georgia Tornados; 2008 Hurricane Dolly; 2008 Hurricane Fay; 2008 Hurricane Gustav; 2008 Hurricane Hanna; 2008 Hurricane Ike; 2008 Hurricane Josephine; 2008 Marek/Sesnon/Sayre – California Wildfires; 2008 MidWest Floods; 2008 MidWest Tornado; 2008 Pacific Northwest Winter Snow Storm; 2009 American Samoa Tsunami; 2009 Australia Bushfires; 2009 Central Pacific Coast Jesusita Wildfire; 2009 Georgia Storms; 2009 Ice Storms; 2009 Indonesia–Asian Pacific Earthquakes/Storms; 2009 May Severe Storm & Tornado Support (KY/WV/MO); 2009 MidWest Floods; 2009 MidWest Floods Support (Closed/Standby); 2009 Pacific Northwest Flooding; 2009 SouthEastern Wildfires; 2009 SouthEast Floods, September; 2009 Station Wildfire; 2009 Tornadoes; 2010 /2011 Haiti Cholera Epidemic; 2010 April, Mississippi Tornado; 2010 Arkansas Campground Flood; 2010 Baja, Mexico Earthquake; 2010 Chile Earthquake; 2010 Colorado, Fourmile Canyon Wildfire; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Haiti Earthquake, Orphanages/Childrens Homes; 2010 Haiti, Hurricane Tomas; 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2010 Massachusetts Flooding; 2010 May Oklahoma/Kansas Tornado; 2010 Midwest Flooding, August; 2010 New England Flooding; 2010 Oil Spill Gulf of Mexico; 2010 Pakistan Floods; 2010 Pakistan – Humanitarian Support for Armed Conflict; 2010 Snow & Ice Storms; 2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Australia Floods; 2011 Brazil Floods; 2011 China Earthquake; 2011 East Africa Famine; 2011 Georgia Tornados; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2011 Japan Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disasters; 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Mississippi Tornado; 2011 Missouri Tornado; 2011 New Zealand Earthquake; 2011 North Dakota Flood; 2011 Other Disasters; 2011 Philippines TS Sendong; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2011 Texas Wildfires; 2011 Tropical Storm Lee; 2012 Alabama Tornado; 2012 Colorado – High Park Wildfire; 2012 Colorado – Waldo Canyon Wildfire; 2012 Hurricane Isaac; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; 2012 (June) Minnesota – Floods; 2012 Oklahoma – Wildfires; 2012 Spring – Tornadoes; 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Aidmatrix; American Rainbow Rapid Response; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Gifts in Kind; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Homelessness Relief Services; International Relief & Development (IRD); United Way; VOAD (this org is not a member, but is "affiliated"); YouthBuild

Updated Apr 26, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/246

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

Buy Young – economic movement – www.ourtime.org

Info/Hotline · Open

Community Youth
Web www.ourtime.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Social Justice; Assistance, for non–profits, Collaboration Tool; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Demographic Served: Social Peers; Demographic Served: Teens; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Documentation, Disaster Planning; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Information Resource, Responsible Buying Guides; Information Resource, Tech, Social Media; Information Resource, Youth Services; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty
Updated Mar 20, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7854

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

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

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 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.

We seek to grow the organizing of this effort into a collective hub of
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

National Disaster Interfaiths Network (NDIN)

Info/Hotline · Open

Phone 212.669.6100
Contact Manager
Email info @ n–din . org
Web www.n–din.org
Service Temporary

Based in New York, this group looks to be a single coordinating agency for all of the country's faith–based recovery groups. It has an online database for social/disaster relief resources.

Note on the left side:

1. To register your org, it's easy. Click "Submit Directory"

2. To see an incredible library of resources for disaster planning/management, choose "resources". Scroll down to see a bunch of links to "tip sheets":

TIPS SHEETS:
01 – Disaster Basics for Faith Communities
02 – The Disaster Lifecycle: Where Do Religious Leaders Fit In?
03 – The Role of Faith Communities in Disasters
04 – How to Use Your House of Worship in a Disaster
05 – Disaster Backlash: Bias Crimes & Mitigation

06 – Continuity of Operations Planning
07 – Self–Care for Religious Leaders
08 – Disaster Spiritual Care
09 – Faith Communities & Disaster Mental Health
10 – Trauma Resilience and Harm Reduction in the Community
11 – Faith Communities & Evacuation Planning
12 – Faith Communities & Disaster Sheltering
13 – Faith Communities & Disaster Volunteerism
14 – Faith Communities & Donations Management
15 – National Faith–Based Disaster Service Organizations

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Organic Food on a Budget (Sludge–Free) OrganicConsumers.org

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Consumer Buying Guides
Web organicconsumers.org/articles/article_16803.cfm
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from the website:

Organic Foods on a Limited Budget

* The Dollar Stretcher, Bradenton FL, February 2009
Straight to the Source

Buying Organic Foods

Does anyone know how to save money on organic foods? I am very health conscious and have recently decided it was best for my two young daughters and me to make a real effort to eat foods without preservatives and hormones. Unfortunately, recent trips to local markets show how expensive it is to do just that. I had hoped Dollar Stretcher readers might have some advice on how to save money on organic/natural foods.
Jean K. in Boca Raton, FL

Grow Your Own Organic Produce

Try your local farmers' market, where you are likely to find organic items available for considerably less than what you pay in the grocery stores. Going to the farmers' market is a great habit to get into anyway, since you'll find wonderful fresh foods and you will help sustain local farmers.

In my area, the farmers' market is open year–round, and features many seasonal festivals spotlighting everything from strawberries to mudbugs (crawfish). Even when I lived in an area that required me to drive 25 minutes to the farmers' market, I found that the money I saved on the produce I bought to make my own salads (as opposed to spending $5.95 plus tax per salad per day at work) and the quality of the produce made the effort very cost–effective.

Farmers' markets are also a great way to teach kids about farming and what goes into producing the food they eat. You might also consider growing your own organic produce this spring. I once lived in a condo that had a balcony roughly the size of a refrigerator, yet I managed to grow cucumbers in hanging baskets, leaf lettuce in an old dishpan, loads of herbs, and cherry tomatoes and peppers in pots. Check your local library for books on container gardening, and ask friends if they might want to join in and split seed packages. This, too, is a great project in which to involve kids. My niece and nephew helped me plant all the seeds for my balcony garden, and then cheerfully raided the tomato and cucumber plants in our "air farm" (thus named because of the balcony location) at every visit.
Alicia

Join (or Start) an Organic Produce Co–op

A friend and I run one out of her living room. We buy from a produce wholesaler (the same one that delivers to the local health food stores). Watch for the trucks and look them up online. We have semi–annual meetings to decide what kinds of produce to order and how often. We have about 15 members who give us a standing order for every two weeks. If we have enough membership interest, we order a case of that particular produce, and when the produce comes, we sort it out. We use last time's produce boxes, and write everyone's names on them and sort into them, using the standing order each member has placed. It helps to have your members' standing orders be a range (i.e. 6–10 apples), because the cases aren't always the same quantities from week to week.

I use Excel to fill in everyone's bill (because we don't know the exact price until the produce comes with an invoice). We mark each item up only 10% (as opposed to the store's 40–50%), and the extra money gets split between those who sort that week, as a credit off of their bill. I require that every member put in a deposit, which I keep in a separate checking account, just for this co–op. Then, I'm able to write a check when the produce is delivered each produce day, and the members pay for their produce upon pickup, which replenishes the bank account.

I found members using my son's school newsletter and bulletin boards in schools and public buildings. Fifteen to twenty members is a good sized group, as everyone's boxes fit in my friend's living room for sorting, and it seems to be enough people to get full cases of most items we want. It does take a good bit of time organizing, but I think it's well worth it. Every once in a while, I check at the grocery store to compare to their organic prices, and I've saved about 30%. I'm getting organic produce and paying conventional prices, though I admit that for a sale–watcher, conventional produce would likely be cheaper. But the long–term benefits to my family's health make organics worth it to me. And we eat more fruits and veggies this way, because they are delivered on a regular basis, and I can do my meal planning around what's coming on produce day. And, I've gotten to meet some wonderful people that I otherwise wouldn't know.
Abbie in Michigan

Talk to the Farmers

If you go to green markets where you can actually discuss with farmers, try to find small farmers whose agricultural practices you agree with, but who may not have an organic certification and the price premium that goes with it. Certification is long and expensive, and many small producers won't take the trouble of getting certified, even if they use ecological farming practices.
Catherine in Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Stick to Whole Foods

My husband and I eat only organic food and these are the tips that help us save money:

· Stick primarily to unprocessed foods. The price of prepared organic food (dry cereals, frozen meals, crackers, etc.) is steep, but if you eat mostly whole foods (veggies, fruits, grains, beans, meats, etc.), you will save money. You may invest a little more in prep and cooking, but you will save money and be serving healthy foods to your family. And cook simply. If you are serving the best and freshest foods, they often don't need much adornment.

· Shop for fruits and veggies at you local farmers' market and strive to eat only in–season produce. You will get superior produce, support your local farmers and save money. You could also look into buying a share from a local farm. How this works is for a small fee per week you receive a box of fresh produce and, depending on the farm, fruit. You must usually commit to a season

(typically March through October here) and pick up your box each week from a pick up location. You don't get to choose what you get though so you must learn how to be adventurous in the kitchen. For more information, Google "CSA farms." Some farms are organic and some are not, so make sure you know what you are getting.

· Check out your local natural food store. In the past, I have avoided shopping at mine because I figured that it would be more expensive than buying from the big supermarket down the street (economies of scale and all), but I was wrong. Their prices are cheaper and they carry a much larger selection of organic and natural foods than the big supermarkets.

· Try the bulk bins. Many regular supermarkets have started carrying bulk organic items and your natural food store will probably have an even better selection. Rice, pasta, oatmeal, nuts, etc. are all there and at rock bottom prices.

· Check out Trader Joes. If you can find what you are looking for, you will almost always get the best price here. Go with a list and stick to it. Trader Joes is temptation city and it is easy to pick a few extra items that look good and end up spending more than you budgeted for.

· Another place to get rock bottom prices is your local Costco or Sams Club. The big warehouse stores are carrying more and more organic products and you can often get a great deal. In our area, eggs, canned tomatoes, milk, dog food (yes, our dog even eats organic food!) and environmentally friendly laundry soap are cheaper here than anywhere else.

· If you have the time, space, and desire, grow your own. Even a row of green beans or a couple of cherry tomato plants on your balcony can provide a lot of food for just a few dollar investment in a packet of seeds. If you can't find organic seed in your area, just look on the Internet and you will find plenty of companies who sell at least some organic seed. You can also check out many great organic gardening books at your local library or check the Internet of organic growing tips.

· Look into joining a natural food co–op in your area. Members take advantage of the idea of bulk buying to get better prices on items. Google "food co–ops" for more information.

Chris

Go Direct

Try to link up with local farmers who grow organic food and buy directly from them. They are often families who are trying to get by just like you are and would be happy to help out like–minded folks, maybe even bartering for your purchases. The organic items you buy in the store cost more because of the packaging, shipping and so on. If you can buy local, you avoid all that unnecessary cost.
A

Find a Local CSA

Try to join a food co–operative or buy a "share" of a farm through community supported agriculture (CSA). You get delicious, healthy, organic food at a reasonable cost and help local farmers as well! Find a local CSA at www.localharvest.org/csa/
Denise

Shop Online

eBay has many sellers who offer organic. http://www.netrition.com/ is another invaluable source. I suggest Googling whatever product you're searching for (no dairy or perishable products of course) to find your best price. Also if you have a Whole Foods store nearby, I can't recommend them too highly. My youngest daughter lives near one (about two hours from me) and when I visit her, I buy milk. A gallon of organic milk often costs less than a gallon of hormone–laced milk does at Wal–Mart!

Jayne

Make Wise Choices

Sprouting seeds is a fun and economical way to stretch your organic budget. Seed sprouting kits range widely in price or you can make one from easily available items. There are wonderful websites devoted to the subject. Children love this do–it–yourself project. Begin with good, organic seed. A little seed goes a long way!

When you cannot afford organic, it is important to make wise choices when purchasing produce. For a list of the worst and best choices for non–organic foods, visit www.foodnews.org/walletguide.php
R. S. in Valdez, Alaska

Florida Organics

I live in Royal Palm Beach (not to far from Boca) and almost exclusively buy organic foods for a family of three for about $150 to $200 every two weeks. Here is how I do it:

· I live within a five–mile radius of a Wal–Mart superstore, Target superstore, Publix, Winn–Dixie, Albertson's, BJ's wholesale club, and a Costco wholesale club. All of these stores sell organic foods. I look in the sales flyers for any organics on sale, write up a two–week menu, gather coupons, and head out. I first start at Wal–Mart. They are almost always the cheapest though Target often matches or comes close to their prices. Then I go to Target for anything I couldn't get at Wal–Mart. I usually finish up at Publix for a few things. I rarely go to the other stores unless they are having a great sale on something or I can only get it there. When cruising the aisles at Wal–Mart, I keep an eye out for clearance foods in the aisles. I have gotten many good buys

this way. At Target, I make sure to always go by the endcaps to see if there is anything worth getting. Also, I have a price list for all three stores for the items I buy regularly so if a price goes up I can see if it's cheaper at one of the other stores.

· Publix every so often puts out a flyer with their name brand of organic foods. This is a great time to stock up, especially on the canned goods.

· When buying certain brands of organic foods, there are often coupons on the box, etc. Cut them out and use them.

· Start eating more beans and less meat. Beans are a lot cheaper! I make at least two bean dinners a week, double the recipe, and freeze half for another time. Beans are also a great way to stretch recipes to get more from them. We've gotten to the point where we only eat meat once or twice a week, which is healthier for you anyway.

· Vegetables are also cheaper than meat. Look for recipes that have a lot of vegetables in them.

· Milk and bread freezes very well, so stock up when they go on sale.

· I bake a lot of my own breads and muffins and then freeze them for later use.

· Stick strictly to your shopping list and don't fall for impulse buys unless, of course, they are on clearance or unadvertised sale and you will use them soon. Remember to buy only what you really need or can use and then use it! It's no deal if it's sitting on the shelf for six months or you end up throwing it out because it went bad.

· In Boynton Beach, there is a farm called Green Cay Produce. They are a CSA farm (Community Supported Agriculture) where the produce is grown locally and can be delivered to your door or you can pick it up. There is a charge for delivery. You can get a large box or small box of produce. I get the large box and we were constantly overwhelmed by how much we get. I often share with neighbors. If you decide to go this route, make sure you get the right size box for your family. This is not an organic farm, but they use environmentally friendly growing practices that are often recommended for organic farms. I will tell you some of the best tasting produce I've ever had has come from this farm. For more information, visit their web site at http://www.veggies4u.com/.

· Another way to get organic produce is through the South Florida Organic Produce Buying Club. Members of the club have the produce delivered in bulk. It is about 20 percent below retail. The club has 15 members to a group. There is a host who divides each members share and you pick it up in a designated spot. There is already a group in Boca. For more information, visit their website at http://www.organicbuyingclubsofla.com/.

· You can also have organic food delivered to your door from Delicious Organics based in Miami. They have wild fish, chicken, meats, dairy, snacks, juice, nuts, chocolate, coffee and tea. There is a $50 minimum order with a $5 surcharge or $100 with no surcharge, plus a $9.95 delivery fee. They generally run about 20 percent lower than retail. For more information, visit their website at http://www.delicousorganics.com/.

Ruth in Royal Palm Beach

First, Simplify Your Menu

The key to organic is to simplify your menu first. Figure out what your family likes, or can live without, and go from there. Consider a garden to get the much needed tomatoes, green peppers, spinach, etc. in order to make the favorites for the family. Then learn to can and freeze your food properly. Consider canning the best recycling ever! Get canning equipment for next to nothing by just asking around, and maybe can with a friend to make it "less painful."

I gave up "convenience" foods, especially in the organic health food section. I can't rationalize mac and cheese el natural, when making it from scratch is way better and just as easy. Invest in simplified cookbooks that break it down to the basics, such as Moosewood Classics, Cheap, Fast, Good, Miserly Meals, and the indispensable Less is More Cookbook. These are the most used books in my cupboard because of the wide range of menus and simple ingredients.

Do some research online for local co-ops. I found a co-op 30 minutes away that delivers once every month, so I order flour, rice, oats, herbs, and dried fruit in bulk and it gets delivered to my door. If I don't think I'll use everything, I call some friends to split the food. It's a lot of fun and saves money buying bulk organics.

The biggest challenge I've found in organics is dairy. I have a hard time buying $4 gallons of milk or $6 chunk of cheese. Therefore, I analyzed my use of these ingredients and decided to add water to my whole milk, make my own yogurt, and change my attitude on good cheese (it's worth it to spend the $6). In the end, I'm no longer spending money on cereal (I make my own fabulous granola), junk food, or convenience food, so then I can afford a good, better tasting chunk of cheese
Heidi

Consider the Long-Term Benefits

I really struggle with this too! We want to serve our family the highest quality foods, but we also do not want to pay and arm and a leg for them. Here are some suggestions that I have used.

· First, recognize that buying high quality and/or organic products are better choices in the long run. Dr. Sears points out in his book The Healthiest Kid in the Neighborhood that in the long run children who eat better are healthier and thus save money on healthcare costs.

· Research which foods are the highest in pesticides and other chemical additives. For instance, apples and peaches are always important to buy organically, while bananas are not as high in pesticides. You can also research which areas are ones to stay away from (buy grapes grown in the U.S. instead of Chile due to higher amounts of pesticides used there).

· Come up with a general list of products you want to buy organically and look around at your local groceries. Find out which ones tend to have those products cheaper more regularly. Also, those tend to be the stores that have higher turnover rates for these products, which means that they are usually fresher.

· Conduct an Internet search for "organic coupons." You'll be surprised at how many you might find that way. If this does not yield you what you want, then go to each company's website. I wanted a coupon for Laura's Lean Beef, but there was not one on the website to print. I e–mailed them asking for one and they sent me some in the mail. I now am on their mailing list so that I continue to get deals. Also look in your Sunday Circulars for coupons. More and more companies are getting on the bandwagon and adding organic products to their lines.

· This spring start a home garden. Even a sunny spot on a terrace or deck can support a potted garden. Freeze or can what you have in excess. Also reap the bounty from friends and family's gardens. Offer to water while they are away on vacation in turn for being able to pick the garden during that time.

· In the appropriate seasons, visit farms that are organic where you can pick your own. We froze an abundance of raspberries this last season and are still enjoying them.

· Visit your local farmer's market or food co–op. Usually they are the cheapest places to buy produce. Remember that the fruits and veggies that have to travel across country to reach you have had many of their vitamins lost through oxidation. Locally grown produce is usually the best way to go. Plus, you are supporting the people of your area.

Gabrielle in Knoxville, TN

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The Organic Consumers Association is a public interest organization dedicated to promoting health justice and sustainability. A central focus of the OCA is building a healthy, equitable, and sustainable system of food production and consumption. We are a global clearinghouse for information and grassroots technical assistance.

OCA may contact you concerning our work or the work of our coalition partners. We will not give your name to other organizations. You may be notified about participating with outreach educational activities such as: lectures, media interviews, demonstrations, teach–ins, phone trees, newsletters (Organic Bytes), website updates, leaflet distribution, book sales, etc.

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National Grassroots Network:
We currently have over 850,000 people in our data base, including subscribers to our electronic newsletter, members, volunteers, and supporters, and 3000 cooperating retail coops, natural food stores, CSAs, and farmers markets.

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Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Nature Conservancy; Northeast Organic Farming Association
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Second Harvest HQ (donated food network)

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Web feedingamerica.org
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Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Ending Extreme Poverty
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Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution
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The Link Tree list of Indigenous Mutual Aid groups

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Video – AICH Webinar

Audio – Red Power Hour Ep. 4: Navajo Nation, mutual aid, & bordertowns w/ Cleo & Brandon
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; Homelessness Relief Services; Indigenous Mutual Aid; Social Activists/ Organizers; Social Change Initiative
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Tribal Tek

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Sustainable Development
Web tribaltek.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Demographic Served: Artists/Artist Communities; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Ending Extreme Poverty; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/ Services; Green–Rainbow Party; Rainbow Community
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WWOOF–USA (WorldWide Opportunities on Organic Farms) Volunteering/Food Exchange

Info/Hotline · Open

"Green" Resource
Web www.wwoofusa.org/Farms
Service Temporary

From the website:

One–half day of volunteer help is traded for food and accommodation, with no money exchanged. The WWOOF–USA Host Farm Directory lists more than one–thousand organic farms (not necessarily USDA certified organic) and gardens across the country. The Host Farm profile contains information about the location, general responsibilities, and lifestyle of the host. Any farm, community, or garden project in the US that is willing to host and accommodate volunteers can participate in our program. We encourage all types of volunteers and hosts who can cooperate to strengthen sustainable agriculture worldwide to be a part of WWOOF–USA. The program is open to anyone 18 years of age or older, regardless of experience.

WWOOF farms offer a variety of educational opportunities, including growing vegetables, keeping bees, building straw bale houses, working with animals, making wine, and much more. With over a thousand farms in all 50 states, the US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, there is something for everyone. You can preview the Directory of Farms before becoming a member on this website.

Flower CSAHow it works

A WWOOF member contacts the Host Farms to discuss hopes and expectations to form an agreeable arrangement. WWOOFing is a way to learn practical farming skills, be part of the organic agriculture movement, and experience the heart of American agrarian culture.

Once you become a WWOOFer by joining the organization, you will receive online access to the Directory of Host Farms. You can choose to also receive a printed and bound Directory of Host Farms mailed to you. Next, contact the farms you are interested in visiting to check availability and arrange a stay. WWOOFers generally volunteer for half a day in exchange for meals, accommodation, and education. The length of a farm stay is determined by you and the host, and can vary from a few days to a season. The key to a mutually beneficial experience is lots of clear and open discussion about hopes and expectations before arriving at the farm– we recommend using the telephone to have a conversation.

WHY WWOOF?

WWOOF offers a rare opportunity for people to share their knowledge and efforts with others from a variety of backgrounds. It relies on trust, respect, and hard work. Read below to determine if WWOOF is right for you.

Hosts welcome willing WWOOFers onto their property to help get work done with the intention of sharing knowledge and meeting new people while growing food for local communities.

Being a WWOOF host may be right if you:
* will provide a safe, comfortable, and welcoming environment for a volunteer
* are participating in organic or sustainable activities
* have projects and tasks that you could use help with
* are interested in sharing your knowledge and daily life with volunteers

One–half day's work on a farm by a WWOOFer is exchanged for food and accommodation from the Host. Your trade agreement can be defined any number of ways: Work hours, days, length of stay, meal arrangements and accommodations vary greatly, and it is each host's and volunteer's joint responsibility to form a clear agreement.

Being a WWOOFer may be appropriate if you:
* are a respectful and courteous guest in the homes and on the lands of others
* are interested in learning about sustainable and organic farming methods
* are willing to work hard on projects and tasks presented to you

Have questions? Try reading the FAQs or feel free to contact us directly at info@wwoofusa.org. We are available in the office from 9 to 5, Monday through Friday: 949–715–9500

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Community Garden Program; Community Outreach Programs, Rural; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Community Service Program; 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); Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Supplies, Regional Distribution; Facilities: Farm ("available" = this site is a farm); Facilities: Farm, Urban (this site is a farm); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Fresh, Vegetables * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Resource Databases for Supplies/Services ($ FEE–BASED, NOT FREE); Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Service, Bartering; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Employment, Internship Program; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Agronomy; Training Classes, Gardening Instruction; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training Classes, Vocational; Training, Employment, Job Skills, Youth; Training, Farming, Organic Farming; Training, Green Energy, Development of Energy Creation Facilities; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Opportunities, International
Campaigns: Bartering Network; Ending Extreme Poverty; Northeast Organic Farming Association
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