Neighborhood Network: Resource Guide

Ongoing

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AL

Jefferson County Citizen Corps Council (JCEMA)

Info/Hotline · Open

709 N. 19th St., Birmingham, AL 35203

Phone 205–328–9126
Service Temporary

Campaigns: 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; CERT (Community Emergency Response Team); Neighborhood Network

Updated Jun 12, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8597

LA

New Orleans Crime Alerts (www.nolacrimealerts.com) Neighborhood Crime Watch

Info/Hotline · Open

Local Assistance Center

New Orleans, LA

Web www.nolacrimealerts.com
Service Temporary

from the website:

WHY:
One night soon after the tragic murder of Wendy Byrnes in the French Quarter, a friend of Wendy's was mugged in the Marigny. Concerned friends sent out text messages to others warning them of the specific area to avoid and to be careful in general – and urging everyone to pass the message along. Ten copies of the same text message and three phone calls later, the idea to set up an SMS Crime Alert Network was born, with the intention of warning as many people as possible of recent and/or in–progress crimes without inundating anyone with multiple copies of the same message.

WHAT:
An SMS (text message) based Crime Alert notification network allowing community members to warn other community members of recent and/or in–progress crimes. Timely warnings will help community members steer clear of "hot spots", alert people of suspicious characters to watch out for, help track stolen vehicles and other items and further track crimes. Unfortunately the public officials in New Orleans have not seen fit to properly address the severe crime problem in New Orleans, and while the Crime Alert Network does not address the roots of this problem, it is our hope that the network will help keep people a little bit safer, provide the community with all too often unreported details of crimes, and provide an independent log of crimes that occur in our city. copy of all SMS Crime Alerts will be forwarded to NOPD and a multitude of other public officials on a weekly basis and will also be archived on this website.

HOW:
Sign up to send and receive SMS (text) Crime Alerts on your cell phone for areas of the city you live/work/play in (sign up links below). While you will be able to receive messages immediately, please allow up to 24 hours before you are able to post.

If you are the victim of or witness to a crime, SMS the appropriate neighborhood group with pertinent information by texting 68398 (add the number to your address book to keep it handy!) and starting the body of the message with the # symbol. Tatango, the SMS service utilized, will send back a message prompting you to select which group you would like to send your message to.

Before sending an SMS, please make sure one has not already been sent for the particular crime, only send another SMS if you have additional useful information to add.

Be as specific as possible – time, location, description of crime and perpetrator(s) – any and all information that will help others from becoming a victim of the same crime/criminal and/or help catch the criminals or retrieve stolen property. However, It is very important to refrain from posting specific personal/identifying information (exact address, names, phone numbers), and please refrain from editorializing!

A short, all–age appropriate ad will follow all posts – these are placed by Tatango and allow the Crime Alert Network to remain free. The only costs to the end user will be whatever charges your cell phone service normally charges you for sending and receiving text messages.

We will be adding additional neighborhood groups, but would prefer them to be user suggested rather than try to figure out appropriate subdivisions for areas of the city we (the creators of the network) do not personally live in. To request a group, please send an email to admin@nolacrimealerts.com This e–mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it .

Services offered: Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Crime Alerts, Neighborhood; Hotline, Crisis Hotline; Hotline, Disaster Updates, Community (Local); Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Media Coverage; Media, Online News Reports; News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage; Services, Youth Services, Crime Prevention Programs; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; Neighborhood Network
Updated Jul 31, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4431

NOLA Resource Guide (New Orleans Resource Guide)

Info/Hotline · Open

New Orleans, LA
Web nolaresourceguide.org
Service Temporary

from the site:

About The Resource Guide

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Services offered: Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Information & Referral (For Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Medical Resources Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Mental Health Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Services for Special Needs Folks; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Demographic Served: Environmental Disaster, Populations Affected by; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Demograpohic Served: Previously/CurrentlyIncarcerated/Prisoners/Ex–Cons; Directories, Directory of Services, Case Management; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling Network, Database for Trading/Re–use (NO FEE); Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services ($ FEE–BASED, NOT FREE);

Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Services, Disaster Response; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster); Common Ground; Community Supported Agriculture (CSA); Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Neighborhood Network
Updated Jan 6, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9904

MA

Acton Family Network (for families with young children)

Info/Hotline · Open

Community Service
Acton, MA

Contact Chair
Email AFNChair@actonfamily.org
Web www.actonfamily.org
Service Temporary

Babysitting Co–op

Book Group

Craft Hour

Day Trips

Event Calendar

Fundraisers

Helpful Links

Meet Our Board Members

Membership

Mom's Night Out

Playgroups

Sponsors & Discounts

Story Hour

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

Acton, Emergency Management Director

Walk–in Resource · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
472 Main St (Town Hall) for John Murray and Town Manager; Box 2212, 371 Main St for Police, Acton, MA 01720

Phone 978 264 9612, Town Manager Steve Ledoux (Mark Hald Asst Town Mgr) and Frank Widmayer Police Chief 978 263 2911
Web www.acton–ma.gov/police
Hours 24 hours at 978 263 2911
Serves Acton, Boxborough, Concord (other towns pending "mutual aid" agreements)
Checks payable to Town of Acton
Service Permanent

2015 Blizzard: Shelters set up and stocked w/food. Call 978 263 2911 to see which one is closest to you...

The Acton Town Hall and the Acton Police Department are available to help citizens in emergency situations.

In the event of a public disaster:

John Murray is listed on the (Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency) MEMA site as the Acton Emergency Management contact. But he's no longer an employee.

Doug Halley, Health Director has been charged with developing a "Pan–Demic" response plan. He, along with his staff and a team from Boston University, created a VERY comprehensive disaster response plan that seems to be applicable to any public

disaster. Among the topics covered, which Doug is prepared to respond to: shelter operations management, food operations management, santitary infrastructure management, and supply logistics. As part of this project, the group is compiling lists of cell phone numbers of key operations managers, business managers (i.e. warehouses, food logistics (local supermarkets), etc). The group has started negotiating Mutual Aid agreements with other towns, and businesses to allow quick response on a regional basis.

Dore Hunter (978 264 9603 or 978 263 0882) heads up the Acton Neighborhood Network, a community "communications" network consisting of volunteers in each neighboorhood that check on elderly residents etc. 978 263 0882. Dore is a Selectman, as has military experience. HAM radio operator.

Acton has a local radio station with emergency broadcast instructions for volunteers to get it up and running in a disaster situation. WHAB 89.1 FM.

Gail Sawyer, gsawyer@acton–ma.gov. She's listed on the MEMA site as the CERT coordinator for volunteer training.

Likely shelter location:

Acton–Boxboro High School Auditorium: Charter Road, Acton

– EOC Director: Listed as John Murray at the MEMA site
– EOC Communications Director: Probably Steve Ledoux (Town Manager), 978 264 9612
– EOC Technology Director (for Wide Area Networking & local comms): Mark Hald, IT person for the town, and John Covert for the Cable TV/INet
– EOC Supplies Director: unassigned. Probably Dean Charter, municiple properties: 978 264 9629
– EOC Medical Director: unassigned. Probably Doug Halley, Health Director
– EOC Kitchen Operations: unassigned
– EOC School Operations Director: unassigned. Probably Marie Altieri, the head of the School Commitee: 978 264 9418 or Bill Ryan, Superintendent of Schools, or his operations manager JD Head.
– EOC Animal Rescue Director: unassigned, Acton Animal Hospital? 978 263 7477
– EOC Volunteer Coordinator: Gail Sawyer ? (gsawyer@acton–ma.gov) listed on the MEMA site as the CERT, Citizen's Corps leader for Acton.

Also, Acton, like Concord, has a "network" of people that communicate in the event of a disaster or just in times when there's something that a lot of people should know, like that there's been a prison break. The network consists of Neighborhood Coorinators that help get "the message" out, if there's a safety–oriented "situation."

Automated reverse 911 in place at Police Station.

ANN Emergency FRS Common Frequency: Channel 12 – 467.6625 MHZ Code Zero

Acton Neighborhood Network is a volunteer, part time, private, community building, informal organization intended to provide inter and intra neighborhood communications and prepare for emergencies and home land defense. Due to the nature of its undertaking there is always some likelihood that its communications will not be timely or complete, citizens should be guided accordingly.

Services offered: Communications, Emergency/Disaster Telephone Notification System; Communications, Equipment, Radio, Ham Radio; Disaster Zone Comms Equipment Operator; Emergency Operations Center, Local; First Responder, NorthEast Region; Government, HQ (Headquarters); Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Crime Alerts, Neighborhood; Hotline, Crisis Hotline; Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Services, Emergency Services; Services, First Response, Emergency Rescue Services
Campaigns: 2015 January Northeast Blizzard; Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Communities for Restorative Justice; EMA (Emergency Management Agency) Regional/County; Government, City/Town Agency; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Neighborhood Network
Updated Jan 26, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/500

Nancy Doherty

Info/Hotline · Open

Private Citizen Virtual Volunteer
Acton, MA
Service Temporary

Services offered: Community Service, Volunteer
Campaigns: Neighborhood Network
Updated Oct 25, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2297

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

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
Acton – Boxborough, MA 01720
Phone See Notes for List of Contacts

Web users.bicnet.net/~abil/index.html
Serves Acton – Boxborough – Stow
Eligibility Residents in need
Service Permanent

From the website:

Private and Government Sources of Help

Member Organizations (Faith Groups)

ABIL: ACTON–BOXBOROUGH INTERFAITH LAITY

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

FOR RESOURCE REFERRALS, GO TO THEIR WEBSITE:

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

PEOPLE IN ABIL

NAMES OF ABIL MEMBERS

(listed by organization)

Acton (Center) Congregational Church

Carl Sletten, Tel. 978 263–7028
106 Nagog Hill Road
Acton, MA 01720
e–mail: cjsletten@netway.com

Acton Friends Society

Ellen Neelands

Sarah Jeffries (Clergy)

Boxborough (UCC) Congregational Church

Virginia Haskins, Coordinator ABIL, Tel. 978 263–0194
115 Middle Road
Boxborough, MA 01719
e–mail: haskinsv@rcn.com
Megan Foley, Tel. 978 897–7444
31 Crescent St. P.O, Box 32
Stow, MA 01775
e–mail: meganfoley@fastdial.net

Kate Millen, Tel. 978–263–7228
110 Fifer Lane
Boxborough, MA 01719
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Church of the Good Shepherd, Episcopal

Dick Davis, Tel. 978 369–9249
35 Milne Cove Road
Carlisle, MA 01741
e–mail: foxfur3@earthlink.com
Pauline A. Hogan, Tel. 978–952–0058
Pond Side at Littleton #603
Littleton, MA 01460
FAX 978–952–6999

Congregation Beth Elohim

Selma Garber, Tel. 978 263–5046
3 Wilson Lane
Acton, MA 01720
e–mail: srgarber@rcn.com

Hindu Religion

Mridula Sharma, Tel. 978–263–7318
95 Houghton Lane
Boxborough, MA 01719
e–mail: mridula_sharma@hotmail.com

Islamic Center of Boston

Tina Khan, Tel. 978–263–8579
387 Liberty Square Road
e–mail: khantina@aol.com
Boxborough, MA 01719
Mary Lahaj, Tel. 978–264–0429
133 Stow Road
Boxborough, MA 01719
e–mail: mlahaj@world.std.com

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Roman Catholic

Barbara Smith, Tel. 978 263–5929
68 Charter Road
Acton, MA 01720
e–mail: hgrm@fiam.net
Terry McHugh, Tel. 978–263–1834
111 Stow Road
Boxboro, MA 01719
e–mail: mchughtm@theworld.com

St. Matthews United Methodist Church

Tel. 978–263–7820
Reverand Bob Moore
Dorothy Werst
26 Elm Street
Acton, MA 01720
e–mail: dlwerst@juno.com

South Acton Congregational Church

Gladys Foreman, Tel. 978 369–0070
63 Cottage Lane
Concord, MA 01742
e–mail: gcrforeman@micidco.com
Martha Rounds, Tel. 978–263–7227
13 Half Moon Hill
Acton, MA 01720
e–mail: mounds@newview.org

Peter Babcock, Tel. 978–264–3274
43 High Street
Acton, MA 01720
e–mail: ppbabcock@cs.com

West Acton Baptist Church

Ira Smith, Tel. 978 263–5929
68 Charter Road
Acton, MA 01720
e–mail: hgrm@fiam.net

JoAnne Thomas
1 Huron Road
Acton, MA 01720
e–mail: jthomas@the–atrium.net

Rotary International

Geoffrey Kerr, Tel. 978 235–1960
12 Faulkner Hill Road
Acton, MA 01720
e–mail: gkerr@rcn.com

Russ Forsyth, Tel. 978–897–5700
P.O. Box 983
Acton, MA. 01720

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

Acton–Boxborough (A B) Coalition for Healthy Youth

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
Acton / Boxboro, MA

Phone 978–844–6124
Contact call for info
Email abc4healthyyouth@yahoo.com, abcforhealthyyouth@yahoo.com
Serves Acton, Boxborough
Eligibility At risk youth
Service Permanent

Coalition of 9 agencies that serve adolescents at risk.

Jan Stewart, Outreach Coordinator
Acton–Boxborough Coalition for Healthy Youth (ABCHY)
PO Box 2222 Acton, MA 01720–6222
abcforhealthyyouth@yahoo.com
978–844–6124

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Assistance, Referrals, Counseling, Childrens Counseling Referrals; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Shelter Referrals, Youth Focused; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Directories, Directory of Services, Case Management; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Grants Info, Listings, News & Referrals; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Services, Youth Services, Crime Prevention Programs; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Al–a–Teen (Youth Substance Abuse Recovery); Neighborhood Network
Updated Nov 26, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3479

Beacon Hill Friends House

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston, MA

Web www.bhfh.org
Service Temporary

from a BCN email:

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

In Peace,
Ben

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

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

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

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

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston, MA

Web bostoncoop.net
Service Temporary

to subscribe: BCN@lists.bostoncoop.net

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Events, Community Meetings; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Housing, Online Housing Directory Resource; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; New "Business" Models; New

"business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business models", housing; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Neighborhood Network; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Feb 23, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9782

Center for Teen Empowerment

Walk–in Resource · Open

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

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

CONTACT INFO for Teen Empowerment:

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
The Center for Teen Empowerment, Inc.
48 Rutland Street
Boston, MA 02118
Phone: 617–536–4266 x 312
Fax: 617–536–4311
mlewis @ teenempowerment . org

DORCHESTER SITE:
Teen Empowerment Program
21 Balfour Street
Dorchester, MA 02125
617–427–1488 or 617–427–1599
kit@teenempowerment.org

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

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

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

SOMERVILLE SITE:
Teen Empowerment Program
165 Broadway
Somerville, MA 02145
Phone: 617–625–6600 ext. 2256
marlon @ teenempowerment . org

from the website:

THE TEEN EMPOWERMENT MODEL

The Teen Empowerment Model, upon which the Center for Teen Empowerment's programming is based, is a comprehensive methodology for working with groups that has wide–ranging applications in both youth and adult settings. It is made up of a

clearly articulated set of beliefs that are actualized through a system of group building, skill development, decision making, and behavior management methods.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

* Weekly Feedback: In this element, participants learn how to give and receive both criticism and praise and to view feedback as a set of skills that can be improved through practice and reflection. Feedback aims to connect positive emotions with both positive and negative information about each group member. In the weekly session, facilitators first lead the group through exercises designed to surface group issues. They then provide training in feedback skills. Finally, the facilitators open the feedback session; facilitators give feedback to group members, and group members give feedback to one another and to the facilitators.
* Youth Organizer Work Contract: The Youth Organizer Work Contract details exactly what is expected of each group member and the precise consequences for failing to meet the expectations. Expectations are clearly outlined and cover some 25 behavioral categories, including motivation and attitude within the group and behavior within the classroom or the community. Here is an example of how the contract works: The first time a participant is late for group, he/she is warned; the second time, the participant loses two hours pay; the third and fourth times, he/she loses three hours pay; and the fifth time, the participant is fired. Participants can earn back an assessed fine if they work for a specified amount of time without incurring that infraction. If a participant is fired, he or she may, at the discretion of the staff, reapply in writing and, after volunteering in the program for a week with no contract infractions, be rehired.
* Intensive Feedback: Once a year, each TE site participates in a daylong Intensive Feedback session that takes place on a school holiday or a weekend. In the morning of the session, an outside facilitator conducts interactive exercises designed to surface group issues. The afternoon consists of further training in feedback skills, time to prepare feedback, and about three

hours of giving and receiving feedback, using one of several formats. Intensive Feedback sessions are life–changing in nature and result in significant individual growth, resolution of group tensions, and noticeable gains in the group's ability to work productively for the improvement of their school or community.

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

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

D. Conclusion

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

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

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

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Boston, MA

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Service Temporary

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

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

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

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

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

- LV, at the Transition Living Program, Transition House

Services offered: Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Home Delivered Meals; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services, Social Services, General Social Services
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Higher Ground / Warren Gardens Residents Association / Neighborhood Improvement Team

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston/Dorchester-Mattapan-Roxbury, MA

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This group operates in cooperation with:
WARREN GARDENS SITE:
Teen Empowerment Program
130 Warren Street
Roxbury, MA 02119
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There's no info (Sept 2011) on the web about "Higher Ground", except newspaper articles (no contact info). Perhaps contact the folks at Teen Empowerment.

http://www.boston.com/yourtown/boston/mattapan/articles/2011/09/22/higher_ground_aims_to_life_up_city_one_block_at_a_time/

Effort aims to improve city, 1 block at a time
By James Vaznis
Globe Staff / September 22, 2011

When they met with the highly regarded social justice entrepreneur Hubie Jones a year or so ago, a group of residents from the Warren Gardens Housing Cooperative in Roxbury were simply looking for a way to get a tutor for their computer center so residents could learn how to send e-mail and navigate the Internet.

But, in talking with Jones, they realized that an even better opportunity might be in their grasp: a chance to take part in a bold experiment being orchestrated by Jones, who was launching an organization that aims to help some of the most downtrodden areas of Boston to overcome violence, poverty, and inadequate health care, a few blocks at a time.

The mission of Higher Ground fit in perfectly with a longtime effort of the residents to build a stronger sense of community at their four-decade-old housing cooperative and to obliterate drug abuse and violence.

"We want a better quality of life here, a safer feel, and more neighborliness," said Jean Morgan, chairwoman of Warren Gardens' residents association. "Higher Ground is helping us to work together and resolve issues."

Higher Ground, which incorporated last year with little fanfare and is now beginning its public outreach effort, is part of a growing movement of organizations nationwide that aims to better connect children, adults, and the elderly to social services, jobs, health care, and education.

Higher Ground is modeling its effort after the successful Harlem Children's Zone, which saturated an approximately 100-block radius with these kinds of services.

But there are key differences between the two organizations. While Harlem Children's Zone created its services from scratch because few existed in the area, Higher Ground will be working with an array of existing organizations to better coordinate efforts and to let residents know about them.

"Boston has a tremendous opportunity to build the best urban center that really addresses the needs of its poorest and working-class citizens, but we need to collaborate in a smart and effective way," Jones said. "Boston is rich in resources, but is impact poor."

The reason?

"We have a fragmented delivery service," said Jones, a founding board member of City Year and dean emeritus at Boston University's School of Social Work.

Jerry Sargent – president of Citizens Bank Massachusetts, who will be presenting Higher Ground with a $25,000 grant tomorrow – said the organization has come up with "a fresh approach that is innovative, collaborative, and efficient."

Warren Gardens – an approximately 220-unit housing cooperative situated on a hill bordered by Walnut Avenue and Regent, Warren, and Rockland streets – encompasses just a small area of the city that Higher Ground eventually wants to target. The area would roughly run along Blue Hill Avenue from Roxbury through Dorchester to Mattapan.

The swath has one of the greatest concentrations of children in the city and high rates of poverty, violence, drug abuse, and health problems.

The organization will attempt to connect residents to a primary care physician and dentist to avoid trips to the emergency room; enroll pregnant woman and young mothers in adult education programs and help them find high-quality early child-care centers; and line up jobs for teenagers, as well as after-school and summer programs for students, among other services.

This summer, Higher Ground began testing some efforts to help find summer jobs for teenagers at Warren Gardens, a collection of two- and three-story clapboard buildings lined with white picket fences and patches of lawn.

Some teenagers working for the Center for Teen Empowerment in the South End organized a meeting with police that drew 65 youths from around Warren Gardens to discuss violence and other concerns. The group joined with another organization to hold a peace rally.

The effort appeared to be going well until one night last month, when bullets sprayed across a parking lot and playground at the cooperative and killed a young man and wounded another.

Yesterday, a memorial of candles, a Red Sox hat, and a basketball marked the spot, while residents talked about rehabilitating the playground and converting a wooded area plagued by crime and drug abuse into a park.

They are adamant about making their neighborhood a better place to live.

"We want to make sure no trouble comes in and out of here," said Unique Edmonds, 19.

"This community really works together."

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Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Cleanup, Disaster Debris Removal, Volunteer Services; Cleanup, * Volunteer Services (ANY/ALL Types); Cleanup, Yard Cleanup, Volunteer Services; Community Garden Program; Community Garden, Volunteer; Community Outreach Programs; Community Outreach Programs, Rural; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Community, Recreation, Recreational Programs; Community Service Program; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Social Peers; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Disaster Mitigation, Economic, Community; Distribution, Cleaning/ Clean Up Supplies (Post Disaster); Events, Community Meetings; Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Herbal, Seeds, Perennial Starts, Medicinal Plants (Community Garden Project); Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Crime Alerts, Neighborhood; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Watchdog, Transparency & Accountability; Information Resource, Youth Services; Management, Community Coordinator, Volunteer; Service, Bartering; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Disaster, Furniture Mover, Free; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Response, Recovery, Preparedness & Mitigation; 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, Networking Group *any/all types; Training Classes, Gardening Instruction; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program

Campaigns: Neighborhood Network

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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
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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
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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.

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Thursday nights there's an Community Open Mike called Art Is Life, where people can make announcements, and do short sets of poetry reading, etc. Featured artist follows. People can purchase food at the café and eat while watching the artists.

Before the open mike, groups can meet. The café is still open. Groups wanting to increase visibility and/or offer workshops to help the community, have given workshops/lectures there.

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Employment, "At–Risk" Job Applicants; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Housing, Fair Housing; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Community Garden Program; Counseling, Career Counseling; Demographic Served: Artists/Artist Communities; Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender); Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Violence; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Teens; Demographic Served: Teens, Troubled; Demographic Served: Undocumented Individuals; Demographic Served: Unemployed; Demographic Served: Uninsured; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Demograpohic Served: Previously/CurrentlyIncarcerated/Prisoners/Ex–Cons; Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Facilities: Farm ("available" = this site is a farm); Facilities: Farm, Urban (this site is a farm); Facility: Meeting space; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Food Bank (Public Distribution Available); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Housing, Fairly Priced Rental Housing for Disaster Survivors; Housing, Residential Group Shelter Home, Housing; Housing, Transitional Housing; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Mutual Aid; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; School, Adult Education/Adult School; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS); Support for "All Local" Disasters; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Homelessness Relief Services; Neighborhood Network; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Oct 15, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9047

Citizen Activist, Laura Hammond

Info/Hotline · Open

Private Citizen Volunteers
Cambridge, MA
Phone 617 868 8223
Service Temporary

Services offered: Community Service, Volunteer
Campaigns: Neighborhood Network
Updated Mar 24, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4186

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

Parts and Crafts (UnSchooling/FREESCHOOL for kids AND adults, makerspace/thinkerspace! $ for those who can afford it)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Somerville, MA
Web partsandcrafts.org/about–us
Service Temporary

Services offered: Art Project; Art Therapy Program For Disaster Survivors; Assistance, Referrals, Childcare/Childrens Programs; Business Internship Opportunities for Young Adults; Community, Recreation, Recreational Programs; Community Service Program; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Education, Unschooling; Entertainment, Arts; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/ Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; New "Business" Models, Education; Resource Bank; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; School * (ANY/ALL Types); School, College, Community College; School, Elementary; School, Kindergarten; School, New Educational Concept; Service, Bartering; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Family, Children, Recreation, Kid's Cafe Program (Youth); Services, Family, Children, Recreation, Summer Camp; Services, Family, General Family Assistance; Services, Youth Services, Crime Prevention Programs; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Tool Bank, Community; Tool Lending; Training Workshops, Art Workshops; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Program
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Neighborhood Network; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jan 6, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9903

Diggers Co–operative (landscaping, permaculture, etc)

Open Business* · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.worcesterroots.org/projects–and–programs/diggers
Service Temporary

Who are we? We are a landscaping cooperative operating in the Worcester County area. Permaculture, landscaping, gardening, maintenance and design. We do it all!

We are a Worcester based landscaping cooperative that provides a variety of yard and garden services specializing in permaculture. We are committed to working closely with homeowners to create functional, aesthetically pleasing, and sustainable spaces that fit into the client's lifestyle. Our members are experienced in various forms of landscaping, farming, permaculture, masonry, and construction. We love what we do and bring that passion with us to every job! We are available to work jobs of all scales and scopes; from weeding and routine maintenance to garden planting and permaculture design. For the safety of our clients, our workers, the environment, and future generations we practice sustainable landscaping. We avoid the use of dangerous chemicals, heavy machinery, and use loud equipment only when necessary. As a worker cooperative, we seek to keep our overhead low, allowing us a living wage while still keeping our services affordable. Its always cheaper when you don't have to pay a boss who does no work!

• Fall and Spring Clean Up
• Lead Soil Testing and Remediation
• Patios
• Invasive Plant Removal
• Lawn Care
• Raised Beds
• Gardening Design and Installation
• Composting
• Masonry and Stonework
• Foodscapes
• Permaculture

We are a worker cooperative, which means that the organization is run and owned by its workers, splitting costs and profits equally among our membership. In this way we create a more democratic way of doing business!
For landscaping that supports a local co–op and Worcester's Solidarity and Green Economy, give us a call!

CONTACT:
(774) 314–7344
diggerscooperative @ gmail.com

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Landscaping, Organic Lawn Care Products ($ NOT FREE); Recycling, Composting; Recycling, Natural Resources; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Tools, Agricultural Tools * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Neighborhood Network; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worcester Roots
Updated Apr 6, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9860

Firehouse, The (The Firehouse) (Co–housing community)

Shelter · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.facebook.com/firehouseworcester
Service Temporary

from the Go! mailing list:

Right now there are a couple life–changing opportunities to live at The Firehouse <https://www.facebook.com/firehouseworcester> (especially 4 women/non–dudes)– what's this mean, what could you do? You could book a show, make a very large sculpture/painting, host a workshop, make a fire, tend a garden, eat good food, party at home, dance on main floor, play music in basement, be a mechanic in the garage, meet great people –– and that's just within the space, you can also run to green hill park, swim/walk trails at bell pond, eat at the amazing vegan jamaican soul food place, walk downtown/distant castle/highland/shrewsbury street/kelley square easily. You probably already know this, but it's more than just a place to crash –– it's a creative platform on which you fly your flag and simultaneously tap into a great community. Awesome situation, will actually change your life, I can attest!

Please get in touch if interested.

Love,

DC

firehouseworcester @ gmail. com

Services offered: Events, Community Meetings; Events, Potluck Meals; Events, Protest Actions; Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Housing, Crash Space; Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Pay–what–you–can; Meals, Vegan; New "business models", housing; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Films/Cinema/Movies/Lectures; Social Event, Music; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Events, Party / Festival
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Arts Community / Artist Network; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Neighborhood Network; New "Business" Models; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Mar 24, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9940

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

City Life / Vida Urbana (Foreclosure Legal Defense Assistance and Housing Rights Advocacy)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web clvu.org/our-work/programs-campaigns/bank-organizing-post-foreclosure-eviction-defense-campaign
Service Temporary

Using a model and strategy CL/VU refers to as “the sword and the shield”,

The Shield-Legal Defense: We work closely with tenant and homeowners informing them of their rights through legal services assistance, education, and ongoing casework and legal advocacy.
The Sword-Direct Action: Encouraging residents to stay in their homes, we organize blockades, vigils and other public actions to exert public pressure on the banks. We then draw on the potential of a non-profit bank, Boston Community Capital, to purchase at current real value the homes of foreclosed residents and where possible to resell it to them.

See also, advice on how to use the "administrative process" to stop illegal/unethical foreclosure:

http://wiki.occupyboston.org/wiki/Info_on_using_the_Administrative_Process_for_Foreclosure_Issues

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Information & Resource Referrals (For Elders/Seniors); Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Hotline, Legal Advice & Assistance (Seniors/Elders); Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Legal, Attorney, Pro Bono Attorney, Volunteer; Services, Financial, Counseling, Mortgage-Foreclosure Problems; Training, Activism; Training, Citizen Activism, Constitutional Law
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Neighborhood Network; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 1, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9681

Jobs with Justice (Advocacy, worker rights, organizer training) [statewide Covid 19 muutal aid networks]

Volunteer Camp · Open

MA

Web www.massjwj.net
Service Temporary

main Jobs w/Justice site in Washington: http://www.jwj.org/about-us/

Covid19 list of mutual aid networks:

https://www.massjwj.net/news/2020/3/17/cover-19-mutual-aid-networks

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Employment, "At-Risk" Job Applicants; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Calendar, Community Events/Protest Actions; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Demographic Served: Immigrants; Demographic Served: LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender); Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Undocumented Individuals; Demographic Served: Unemployed; Demographic Served: Uninsured; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Victims of Environmental Injustice; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Events, Protest Actions; Hotline, Legal Advice & Referrals; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights, First Amendment; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Educational

Services (See also Category for School); Services, Legal Assistance; Services, Legal, Immigration Legal Services; Training, Activism; Training, Citizen Activism, Constitutional Law; Training Classes, Immigrant Worker Rights Instruction; Training, Government Policy; Training Government, Training on How it Works; Training, Legal
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Jobs with Justice; Neighborhood Network; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Apr 25, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9827

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

St. Louis, Metro Market, The (mobile farmer's market, serving food "deserts")

Open Business* · Open

St Louis, MO
Web stlmetromarket.com
Service Temporary

The St. Louis MetroMarket

The St. Louis MetroMarket is a 501 (c)(3) non–profit mobile farmers' market that is restoring access to healthy, affordable food to St. Louis City food deserts.

We have transformed a donated city bus into a grocery store on wheels to bridge physical, financial, and educational barriers in food deserts in order to have the greatest potential towards increasing the supply and demand for healthy foods in these low–income, high need communities.

food desert
/fo͞od · dəˈzərt/
noun

1. urban neighborhoods and rural towns without ready access to fresh, healthy, and affordable food. Instead of supermarkets and grocery stores, these communities may have no food access or are served only by fast food restaurants and convenience stores that offer few healthy, afforable food options. The lack of access contributes to a poor diet and can lead to higher levels of obesity and other diet–related diseases, such as diabetes and heart disease.

2. a problem

metromarket
/ˈmetrōˌmärkət/
noun

1. a non–profit mobile farmer's market that will serve all St. Louis area food deserts by providing direct access to fresh, healthy, affordable produce

2. an advocate for low–income communities on issues related to food justice, hunger, and health

2. a solution

Services offered: Advocacy, Food Stamp Outreach; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Food, Organic ($ NOT FREE); Food, SNAP, this facility accepts SNAP; Market/Industry Significance; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Farmer's Market, Local/Regional; Meals on Wheels; Neighborhood Network; Social Activists/ Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 20, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9957