Common Ground: Resource Guide

Ongoing

Generated November 20, 2026 · 5 open facilities · closed facilities are not listed · call before you go: details change quickly

LA

Common Ground Health Clinic

Medical Facility · Open

Private Citizen Volunteers

1400 Teche St; DELIVERY ADDRESS FOR TRANSPORT OR CARE PACKAGES MAILED TO:; Common Ground Clinic Office; 1408 Teche St., New Orleans, LA 70114

Phone	(504) 361-9800 central
Web	www.commongroundclinic.org/j15/index.php/community/resource-guides
Hours	Clinic Hours: Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am – 4pm (last appointment at 3pm)
Checks payable to	Common Ground Health Clinic
Service	Permanent

9/7/12: (Excerpt from Newsletter)

Algiers & Isaac

Here on Teche Street in Algiers Riverview, CGHC was very fortunate with regard to the impacts of Hurricane Isaac. We never lost power at the clinic, so we were able to re-open quickly and are operating on our usual schedule, seeing patients by appointment, Monday through Thursday. Isaac has had an economic impact on our patient community, however, directly affecting access to food and medication for many people. Donations of supplies and funds are being collected on our behalf through InterOccupy, and any support you are able to give is appreciated.

http://interoccupy.net/occupyisaac/common-ground-clinic-medical-supplies-needs-list/

Support the cause:
http://www.causes.com/causes/235416-support-the-common-ground-health-clinic-in-new-orleans

9/5/12: Although their area was not generally flooded with Hurricane Isaac, they had flooding because of the heavy rain and lost their refrigerator along with refrigerated meds. lpar

8/23/07:

Puppet Contact: Greg: imjustgreg@gmail.co
If you want puppets, act fast, they only have 12 and I know
of someone that's going over there to get a couple asap.

Computer Contact: Greg: imjustgreg@gmail.co
If you want computers, you need to get on the waiting list that
Greg has. These computers are just for community groups, not
for individuals.

8/23: 1400 Teche street full. Ship to secondary site,
address listed above in "other contacts".

Common Ground Health Clinic
1400 Teche St.
New Orleans, LA 70114
annemulle@hotmail.com

COMMON GROUND HEALTH CLINIC
(504) 361-9800
1400 Teche St. New Orleans 70114
P.O. Box 741801, New Orleans, LA 70174-1801
web:http://cghc.org email: healthalgiers@yahoo.com

WISH LIST SUPPLIES NEEDED With Specific Instructions
http://cghc.org/wishlist.html

*** Please check facility for current hours as they do change.
END UPDATE

Common Ground's teams of volunteers include: medical and health
providers, aid workers, community organizers, legal representatives
and people from all over with broad skills from all walks of life.

INFO FOR VOLUNTEERS: MUST READ
please go to www.cghc.org

May ship to:

Common Ground Health Clinic
1400 Teche St.
Algiers/New Orleans, LA 70114–5842 (temp.)

Seeks medical supplies and trained health professionals to volunteer in Algiers, LA. Boxes should be carefully labeled with an inventory of their contents and please include a packing slip.

Services offered: Camping, Supplies, Tents (For Volunteers); Computer, Desktop; Legal, Services, Volunteer; Management, Volunteer Coordinator & Management, Volunteer; Medical, Diagnostic, Diabetic Testing Supplies (Test Kit); Medical, Facility, Clinic ($ Fee–Based Sliding Scale); Medical, Facility, Clinic, Free Clinic; Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); Services, Employment, Paid Professionals; Services, Tech, Internet Access; Water, Bottles, (In Plastic, Gallons)
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2008 Hurricane Gustav; 2012 Hurricane Isaac; 504 Health Net (Louisanna); Common Ground; Louisiana Primary Care Assoc. (LPCA)
Updated Sep 8, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/261

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

Common Ground Relief Center

Supply POD · Open

Private Citizen Volunteers
1800 Deslonde St, New Orleans, 9th Ward, LA 70117

Phone Main Office and Inquiries: 504.312.1729 | New Home Construction Inquiries: 504-312-1731
Web www.commongroundrelief.org
Hours daily 8am to 5pm
Serves Orleans Parish & 9th Ward
Service Temporary

2021 Hurricane Ida response:

Hi everyone -- our team is safe from Hurricane Ida (including Abita)! But we know there's a long road ahead.

As we have more information about storm impacts, we will announce specifics about how we will support food distribution, debris removal, and roof tarping efforts in the Lower Ninth Ward and throughout Southeast Louisiana. We look forward to supporting our community and neighbors as much as we can.

For now:
- If you are a SELA resident, submit requests for cleanup help at crisiscleanup.org, and let us know what needs you see on the ground (generators, gas, water, solar chargers, hot meals, MREs, tarps??). If you are in need of financial support for evacuation or relief, request funds via this mutual aid form bit.ly/3zt3bG8 set up by our amazing team member Alaina and their partner Quinn
- If you want to help SELA, please consider offering your time or funds. Complete our volunteer interest form here https://forms.gle/vGZfZJ8ub9LfR57LA or sign up to volunteer with city-led relief efforts here https://ready.nola.gov/volunteer/. You can donate to the above mutual aid fund by sending funds to $maneatingpearl via Cash App. Donate to Common Ground Relief using the link on our page; funds will go towards immediate food and shelter relief, food security, and environmental restoration in SELA.

2016 FLOOD RESPONSE: best info at their Facebook page:
http://www.facebook.com/pages/Common-Ground-Relief/97129593021

construction volunteer coordinator at 504.218.6613

From their website June 2010:

Common Ground Relief is run by a staff of long-term volunteer coordinators, based in the Lower 9th Ward of New Orleans. Each coordinator focuses on a specific project area and facilitates the work of the thousands of short-term volunteers from all walks of life who have come to work with us since 2005.

We are looking for skilled individuals, both short and long term, to come and volunteer with us in the Lower 9th Ward. We are particularly looking for those with expertise in one of our project areas. If you have experience in construction, dry wall hanging, carpentry, painting, roofing, plumbing, electric work, legal aid, environmental science, media/PR, computer technology, education or any other field that you think may be helpful to our work, please let us know!

Common Ground Relief

1800 Deslonde Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70117
504.942.3737
Will Speaker (504) 368-6897

The Anita Roddick Advocacy Center is open 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday. Stop by for a chat, or call 504.942.3737

Common Ground Relief
1415 Franklin Avenue
New Orleans, LA
70117
504-947-0270

commongroundrelief @gmail.com

SOME centers can use volunteers: 504–913–9691 985–851–0674
and health center: 504–361–9800

Common Ground Legal Support Number at 504–913–2892 . Common Ground Relief offers FREE LEGAL CLINICS for New Orleans residents on Saturdays from NOON to 4pm at 3710 N. Claiborne.

INFO FOR VOLUNTEERS: MUST READ

http://www.commongroundrelief.org/node/314
http://www.commongroundrelief.org/node/63

YOU NEED TO CONFIRM & SCHEDULE WITH US BEFORE SHOWING UP.

Volunteers are responsible for their own housing.

Supplies, Distribution, Clean–up/Repair and Reconstruction, Volunteer
Email: commongroundrelief @gmail.com

Boxes should be carefully labeled with an inventory of their contents and please include a packing slip.

"We have a legal clinic and an eviction defense clinic. We have an immigrant workers' program. We have a bio–remediation and a gardening program, and we are still doing food distribution. We are gutting out homes and we are just being there for the residents." Malik in the article in Counter Punch
http://www.counterpunch.com/wing05252006.html

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

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Books * (ANY/ALL Types); Books, Children's * (ANY/ALL Types); Cleanup, Disaster Debris Removal, Volunteer Services; Cleanup, House Gutting, Volunteer Services; Cleanup, Mold Removal Info; Cleanup, * Volunteer Services (ANY/ALL Types); Cleanup, Yard Cleanup, Volunteer Services; Community Garden Program; Community Outreach Programs; Computer, Desktop; Computer, Keyboard; Computer, Monitor; Computer, Mouse; Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Supplies, Local Distribution of Supplies; Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Jobs, Paying; Legal, Services, Volunteer; Meals, Volunteers, Meals for Volunteers; Media Coverage; Musical Instrument, Sax, Used; Music Education, Clarinet; Recycling, Appliances; Recycling, Art Supplies; Recycling, Bicycles; Recycling, Clothing; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Food; Recycling, Furniture; Recycling, Household Items; Recycling, Kid Stuff; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Recycling, Toiletries, Sample Sized NEW ONLY; Services, Seniors, Lawn Care Services (For Seniors/Elderly); Services, Tech, Internet Access; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Construction, Bio–Remediation Instruction; Training Classes, Construction, Rebuilding, How to SAFELY Rebuild Hurricane Damaged Homes; Training Classes, Eviction Defense Clinic; Training Classes, Gardening Instruction; Training Classes, Immigrant Worker Rights Instruction; Training, Information Resource, Cleanup, Mold Removal ; 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)
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2008 Hurricane Gustav; 2016 Lousiana Flood; 2021 Hurricane Ida; Common Ground; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together
Updated Aug 31, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/360

Upper 9th Ward Women's Center (Common Ground)

Shelter · Open

Womens/Family Shelter
New Orleans, 9th Ward, LA 70174
Phone 504.442.1683
Web www.commongroundrelief.org/node/150
Service Temporary

FROM CRAIGLIST:

Reply to: comm–369231056@craigslist.org
Date: 2007–07–08, 1:07PM CDT

Devoted and kind long term volunteers wanted to help at the Ninth Ward Women's Center in New Orleans. It's a family–style shelter that houses 18–20 women and children of all ages and backgrounds. The goal is to provide our residents with resources to find permanent jobs and housing with the eventual goal of independent living for each woman.

The volunteer positions vary from case management to house manager and assistant manager. You do not need to have lots of experience (or any experience!) working in a shelter, but you do need to have patience and enthusiasm for sometimes stressful tasks.

This job is incredibly rewarding, and while we can not offer any pay, we can offer room and board and a lovely time in the city of New Orleans!

Please email with further inquiries and interest...tell a friend and see the Crescent City from a new point of view!

Megan Ruebsamen
House Manager
Upper Ninth Women's Center
504.442.1683

FROM THE WEBSITE:

CONTACT US:
(504)421-1218/ (504)442-1683
commongroundwomen@riseup.net

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Upper 9th Women's Center challenges systems that put female hurricane survivors and their children in harm's way. We are a resource center, emergency housing facility, and provide assistance with obtaining social services, such as help finding housing, FEMA, WIC, food stamps, and other available benefits.

Application Process (for all types of volunteers): Send us an email about who you are, how long you plan to volunteer, and why you are interested in working with the Common Ground Women's Center. You may email Caroline Heldman at heldman(at)oxy.edu, with questions.

2 weeks minimum required for all volunteers.

Volunteers are currently steering projects such as Free Breakfast, home schooling, after-school activities, daycare, tutoring, gardening, and bike building through RUBARB's Earn-A-Bike Project for youths at the center. As a center, we continue to work on building infrastructure, communication skills and solidarity with the women and children of New Orleans and the Common Ground community.

Volunteers assist women in finding jobs, housing, social benefits, house and yard work. They are able to get involved in home schooling and after school activities with the children at the center, and support media work by writing press releases, letters, editing videos, and setting up events.

Understand that if you come here you are assisting a pre-existing community and culture, not trying to change it.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

* Ideal candidates for interns and volunteers are people who are experienced with Early Childhood Education, Day Care workers, women with specialties such as Women's health, Self-defense training, Trade skills, Counseling, or Case Management are encouraged to apply.
* Tradeswomen – general maintainance on the house, and offering help involving carpentry, electricity, plumbing, roof tarping, etc.
* Self-defense Instructors ? offer classes to women in the neighborhood.
* In general, about 5 people are needed per week to staff the center.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Food Stamp Outreach; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; 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, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Case Management, Hurricane Survivors; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Transitional Housing; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Employment, Internship Program; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Shelter, Womens, Battered Womens Shelter; Support for "All" Disasters; Volunteer, Long-Term Volunteer

Opportunities; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; Common Ground; Homelessness Relief Services
Updated Sep 14, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1565

MA

Common Ground, Massachusetts

Info/Hotline · Open

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

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

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

> Original Message
> From: Amatul Hannan
> To: AQuarii Arts
> Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 12:22 AM
> Subject: Northern New England Flooding: A Call for
> Solidarity and Action
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> PLEASE PASS IT ON: FOLKS MAY NEED HELP, DRINKING
> WATER, ETC
>
> Hello Friends,
> Evan Greer here from Andover, MA. I've been a medic
> / organizer in the
> Boston community for a while, but have been away in
> New Orleans, for those of you who don't know me. You
> may or may not be hearing about it on the news, but
> there is currently major flooding going on in many
> towns to the north of Boston in Massachusetts, New
> Hampshire, and Maine.
> There are dams that may burst overnight, sewage
> plants have been flooded, and hundreds of millions
> of gallons of toxic sewage are flowing into the
> Merrimack River Watershed; residential areas are
> losing power and drinkable water.
>
> THIS IS A CALL FOR HELP AND SOLIDARITY
> If you want to help, please call me ASAP:
> 978–852–6457,
> or write: evan@riotfolk.org
>
> I just got back from working with the Common Ground
> Collective in New
> Orleans, doing grassroots relief work in the
> aftermath of Hurricane
> Katrina. Having seen the damage that flooding can
> do, and the racist and
> classist response that officials took there, I feel
> strongly that it is our
> responsibility as activists and allies in Boston to
> take action NOW and get
> involved in the emergency–response, rebuilding, and
> relief efforts.

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> I have a pick–up truck, a canoe, and a safe place to
> stay in Andover (my parents
> are offering to open their home to activists and
> volunteers.) I am looking
> for ANYONE who wants to come and help out as soon as
> this evening (Monday)
> and over the next several days / weeks. Whether or
> not you have Medical or
> Emergency Response skills, there will be plenty of
> clean–up, distribution,
> coordination and general aid work to do.
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> I am contacting various community groups in the
> hardest hit areas: Lawrence, Lowell, Haverhill,
> Peabody, etc., and attempting to determine where
> they most need help and exactly what they need. I
> will try to act as a link between those groups and
> the activist community in Boston, to help people who
> want to plug in with groups looking for volunteers.
> Please call me: 978–852–6457.
>
> I don't want to be the only link, as well, so others
> who want to make this a more
> collective relief endeavor are more than welcome to
> come and get involved in the coordination efforts.
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> I spent most of today driving around surveying the
> scene.
> Most rivers and streams are over their banks, many
> roads are closed into and out of the hardest hit
> areas. Residential areas are under significant
> amounts of
> water, and Hit hardest, of course, are communities
> of color, which in this area are generally built
> along polluted rivers, in low–lying areas where rain
> is collecting the most. Over the next several days,
> we can expect that wealthier white neighborhoods
> and corporate areas will receive the most attention
> and resources, so it is our responsibility as allies
> to go to and help in the areas that need it most.
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> Again, if you want to help, please get in touch:
> 978–852–6457,
> evan@riotfolk.org
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> In solidarity and struggle,
> Evan Greer
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