Resource Guide

Generated November 26, 2026 · 57 open facilities · closed facilities are not listed · call before you go: details change quickly

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

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit

c/o Acton Congregational Church; 12 Concord Rd, Acton, MA 01720

Phone See Notes
Contact See Notes
Serves Acton, Boxborough, and Maynard
Eligibility Residents in Need of Assistance who face crisis. Must be referred by Clergy of Local Agency.
Service Temporary

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

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

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

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

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

Updated May 25, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3485

Acton Boxborough United Way ("ABUW") & 211

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit

179 Great Road, Suite 212; PO Box 2258, Acton, MA 01720

Phone 978.263.1777
Contact contact us for details
Email abuw@abuw.org
Web www.abuw.org
Serves Acton, Boxborough
Service Permanent

Resources Provided by Organization:

– Fund–raising
– Awareness
– Volunteers
– Coordination of Agencies

See Also, the online resource database: www.mass211.org for an online listing of social service orgs LISTED BY TOWN. The online tool allows you to find what orgs provide services "by service type" and "by town".

From their website:

The ABUW, which was founded in 1981 as the Acton–Boxborough Community Chest, has been working for more than twenty years to help bridge the gap between the needs that exist, the services that are provided, and the cost of making those services available to the folks who need them.

In that time, the ABUW has raised and allocated over $3.1 Million dollars — raised from generous community members and invested back into the health and human service programs that help neighbors and friends find answers to the crises they are facing.

Today, we remain committed to our goal of continuing that support and expanding our programs to include raising awareness of the needs and services that exist within our towns, to continued measurement of the priority of needs, to facilitating the formation of partnerships and collaborations to address unmet needs, and to cultivate greater support of local providers through volunteer coordination efforts.

Services offered: Appliances, Small * (ANY/ALL Types); Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types); Management, Volunteer Coordination Services; 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); Volunteer, Virtual Volunteer Meeting Place (Blog/Forum/Discussion Board); Volunteer, Volunteer Referral Services; Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; United Way
Updated Apr 17, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3833

Acton Chinese Language School (ACLS)

School · Open

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

Dr. Hanlan Liu is the contact person.

Services Available:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Acton Chiropractic & Rehabilitation (free services to Iraq/Afghanistan Vets)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Medical Care
526 Main St, Acton, MA 01720
Phone 978–263–5592
Contact Dr. Joe FitzPatrick
Email drjoe@actonchiropractic.com
Eligibility Vets returning from active duty in Iraq and Afghanistan
Service Temporary

Per the Action Unlimited Newspaper, 2008

Returning Soldiers

In honor of Veterans Day, Dr.Joe FitzPatrick owner of Acton Chiropractic & Rehabilitation is offering free Chiropractic treatment for one year to returning military personnel who have been deployed in the current Iraq or Afghanistan conflict.

Beginning on the 4th of July, Dr. FitzPatrick launched Acton Chiropractic's "Military Care Program". It's now our turn to give back to our United States soldiers and show our appreciation of their incredible sacrifice and service in protecting our country.

We are offering all necessary Chiropractic services, including consultations, physical examinations, x–rays, spinal treatment, supportive physiotherapy and rehabilitative exercise procedures. Returning soldiers can receive up to one free year of Chiropractic treatments.

Today's veterans are coming home and struggling to return to civilian life. There are very few services available for them during their transition. Musculoskeletal injuries are common and attributed to years of physically abusing their bodies in the service of their country. Combat injuries, poor sleeping conditions, training exercises and wearing heavy equipment lead to cumulative trauma disorders and repetitive stress injuries. Chiropractic care can help, however, the military health insurance plans don't include Chiropractic benefits.

The Military Care Program is our way of saying "Thank You" to these courageous men and women of the U.S. armed services.

Dr. Joe FitzPatrick is beginning his 20th year of practice in Acton providing safe and effective Chiropractic services to the residents of Acton and the surrounding communities. His practice is conveniently located at 526 Main Street (Route 27) in Acton. For further information please contact him directly at 978–263–5592 or drjoe@actonchiropractic.com.

Services offered: Facility: Veterans Benefits/Facility/Services; Medical, Services, Chiropractic; Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); Services, Veterans, Veterans Impacted By Disaster
Updated Dec 1, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3896

Acton Church Directory

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
Acton, MA 01720
Service Temporary

Baptist

WEST ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH, 978–263–5902
592 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, ACTON MA 01720
Visit this Church now by way of their WEB site....
Church E–mail Address: wabcadmin@verizon.net
Handicapped Accessible

Catholic
SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH, 978–263–4305
89 ARLINGTON STREET, ACTON MA 01720

Christian
ACTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 978–263–3841
45 MINOT AVENUE, ACTON MA 01720

Christian Science
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY, 978–263–1482
267 CENTRAL STREET, ACTON MA 01720

Episcopal
CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, 978–263–5782
164 NEWTOWN ROAD, ACTON MA 01720

Evangelical
FAITH EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH, 978–263–0075
54 HOSMER STREET, ACTON MA 01720

Friends (Quaker)
ACTON FRIENDS MEETING, 978–263–8660
ACTON MA 01720

Jewish

Lutheran
MOUNT CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH, 978–263–5156
472 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, ACTON MA 01720

MOUNT CAVALRY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, 978–263–0337
472 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, ACTON MA 01720

Methodist
SAINT MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 978–263–2822
435 CENTRAL STREET, ACTON MA 01720

Non–Denominational
ACTON KOREAN CHURCH, 978–263–8459
54 HOSMER STREET, ACTON MA 01720

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, 978–263–5782
164 NEWTOWN ROAD, ACTON MA 01720

NASHOBA VALLEY CHURCH, 978–263–9702
80 HARRIS STREET, ACTON MA 01720

United Church Of Christ

ACTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 978–263–2728
12 CONCORD ROAD, ACTON MA 01720
Visit this Church now by way of their WEB site....
Church E–mail Address: info@actonc.org

SOUTH ACTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 978–263–2332
35 SCHOOL STREET, ACTON MA 01720
Church E–mail Address: info@southactioncc.org

Services offered: Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Services, Church/Worship Services
Campaigns: Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts
Updated Nov 20, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3805

Acton Civil Defense

Walk–in Resource · Standby

Private Citizen Volunteers
Corner of School St and Rt 27, Acton, MA
Phone 978 264 9655
Service Permanent

Bill Klauer is involved with planning.

Services offered: First Responder, NorthEast Region
Campaigns: Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security
Updated Oct 10, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1054

Acton Community Supper (@ Mt Calvary Church)

Walk–in Resource · Open

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OLD INFO BELOW

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

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

Acton Congregational Church

Walk–in Resource · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
12 Concord Rd, Acton, MA 01720

Phone 978 263 2728
Contact Pam Gillispie
Email pgillispie@gmail.com
Web www.actonc.org
Serves Acton Region
Service Permanent

The Church hosts the community supper every Wednesday evening from 5–6:30.
There is no cost for this meal.

The Church also operates a thrift store with quality clothing for infants through adults. Others items like toys, kitchen utensils, and household goods are available and low cost.

Al–Anon: Support group for those whose lives have been affected by another person's drinking. 12 Concord Road, Acton (far rear ground floor entrance)
Wednesday's 10–11:30

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Al–Anon Meetings; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Community Service Program; Counseling, Spiritual; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Facilities: Restrooms; Facility: Community Center; Facility: Food, Emergency Food Center; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals (Elders/Seniors); Meals, Dinner; Meals, Hot Meals; Services, Church/Worship Services; Thrift Store
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts
Updated Feb 16, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3828

Acton Council on Aging, Senior Center (and the Friends of the Council on Aging)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
Street Address:; 50 Audubon Dr; Mailing Address:; 472 Main Street; Acton, MA 01720, Acton, MA

Phone 978 264 9643 (Acton) 978 263 1116 x106 (Boxboro) Fax: (978) 264–9650
Contact Jean Fleming, Director or Carol Steiner, our Outreach Coordinator

Email seniorcenter@acton-ma.gov
Web www.acton-ma.gov/index.aspx?NID=93
Serves Acton/Boxboro Region
Eligibility Residents over Age 60, Acton seniors have priority, out of town seniors if space allows
Fee Yes, For Some Services, Call for Details
Service Permanent

This location is the site of the Senior Center and other services for Seniors.

Link to their newsletters, which lists a ton of things to do...
http://www.acton-ma.gov/Archive.aspx?AMID=48

Minutes for the Council's meetings:

https://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-2463

Social Programs, Classes, Support groups, Van Service, Lunches, Social Events, Knitting Circle...many, many activities...

FUEL ASSISTANCE:

The Acton Council on Aging works with the South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Fuel Assistance – Need help paying your heating bill? Applications for2007/08 fuel assistance are being taken through May 15th Ifyour yearly gross household income is at or below $20,420 forone you may qualify for some fuel assistance as well as discounts on utility and telephone bills. (Call for income guidelines for larger families.) Call Carol Steiner at the COA 978-264-9643 formore information. Contact Jean Fleming (see above for email) for information about a local emergency fuel fund.

You can also call this site to ask for help from the Friends of the Council on Aging, a private relief group. The Emergency Fuel Assistance Fund adminstered by the Friends of the Council On Aging. This fund receives contributions from some area churches, civic organizations and individuals. Jean Fleming (Director of the Council on Aging) works with the Friends to use these funds to assist needy residents with bills beyond what SMOC can help them with, or for people not eligible for SMOC that need assistance with fuel bills.

TOWN OF ACTON TAX RELIEF for Seniors and others:

http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/Get/Document-22074/Tax%20Relief%20for%20Seniors.pdf

(Make sure that you get the entire URL copied into your browser...it probably won't copy over on one try. You may have to copy it over in pieces to get the whole thing) or go to: http://www.town.acton.ma.us/ scroll down on the left to "related links" and look for the tax relief button.

DIRECTIONS TO THE SENIOR CENTER
From 495
Route 495 N&S
To Route 2 East
To Route 27 South (Main Street)

Go through 2 sets of lights and over the bridge. Take an immediate 1st left onto High Street. Proceed up hill to 1st left onto Audubon Drive. Once on Audubon Drive take the 1st left (there is a sign for Senior Center). Parking on left or straight ahead

From Boston:
Route 2 West (through Lexington, Lincoln and Concord)
Go through the Concord Rotary and continue west on Rte. 2
Exit from Rte. 2 onto Rte. 111 (left lane exit)
At full set of lights, take left onto Route 27 S (Main Street)

Proceed through next light, and over bridge. Take an immediate 1st left onto High Street. Proceed up hill to 1st left onto Audubon Drive. Once on Audubon Drive take the 1st left (there is a sign for Senior Center). Parking on left or straight ahead.

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti-Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Legislation Support; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Special Needs Folks, Seniors/Elders; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, How To, Navigating Disaster Survivor Insurance Process ; Assistance, How To, Navigating Insurance Process; Assistance, How To, Replace Destroyed Documents; Assistance, Referrals, Employment & Job Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Health Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Referrals (For Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Short-Term Housing Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Information & Referral (For Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Legal Information & Resource Referrals (For Elders/Seniors); Assistance, Referrals, Medical Resources Referral; Books, Large Print; Case Management, Seniors/Elders; Cleanup, * Volunteer Services (ANY/ALL Types); Community Outreach Programs; Community, Recreation, Recreational Programs; Community Service Program; Construction, Home Repair Services (For Seniors/Elders); Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Counseling, Support Group (Post Disaster); Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Demographic Served: Social Peers; Directories, Directory of Services, Case Management; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Grants Info, Listings, News & Referrals; Elder Support, Volunteer; Entertainment, Social "Challenges"/Games; Events,

Community Meetings; Facilities: Recreational Facilities for Seniors/Elders; Facilities: Senior Center; Facility: Community Center; Facility: Residential, Elders/Seniors; Financial Assistance, Case Management for Financial Matters; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Medical, Prescription Assistance (For Seniors/Elders/Disabled); Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance; Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance (For Seniors/Elders); Government, Department of Social Services (DSS); Hotline, Elder/Senior Abuse Hotline; Housing Referrals, Senior, Long Term Care; Information Resource, ADA & Useful Info for Disabled Folks; Information Resource, Medicare Information; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Home Delivered Meals (For Seniors/Elders); Meals, Lunches, Misc.; Meals, Mobile Meals (For Seniors); Medical, Equipment, Assistive Device, Cane, Mobility ; Medical, Equipment, Assistive Device, Canes, Walking Canes; Medical, Equipment, Assistive Device, Crutches; Medical, Equipment, Assistive Device, Crutches, Pediatric; Medical, Equipment, Assistive Devices * (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Equipment, Assistive Devices, Chair, Shower Chair; Medical Equipment, LOAN ONLY; Medical, Facility, Clinic ($ Fee-Based Sliding Scale); Medical, Services, Home Health Care Services; Medical, Services, Visiting Nurse Services; Senior Center, Volunteer; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Emergency Services, Senior/Elder; Services, Health, Massage; Services, Insurance Counseling (Seniors/Elders) ; Services, Senior/Disabled, Homemaker Services (For Elders/Seniors/Disabled); Services, Senior/Elderly Services; Services, Senior Programs; Services, Seniors, House Cleaning; Services, Social Services, General Social Services; Services, Tech, Internet Access; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Arts & Crafts; Social Event, Arts & Crafts, Holiday Cards; Social Event, Arts & Crafts, Painting Group; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Films/Cinema/Movies/Lectures; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Post-Holiday Cookie-swap; Social Event, Post-Holiday, Re-gifting Party; Social Event, Recreation, Board Games; Social Event, Recreation, Bridge/Cards; Social Event, Recreation, Geneology Group; Social Event, Recreation, Ping Pong; Social Event, Recreation, Pool/Billiards; Social Event, Sewing/Quilting/Kniting/Crochet, Knitting Circle; Social Event, Sewing/Quilting/Knitting/Crochet Circle; Social Event, Writing Group; Social Worker, Volunteer; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training, Art, Painting, Watercolors; Training Classes, Computer, Facebook; Training Classes, Computers Skills; Training Classes, Computer, Word Processing; Training Classes, Exercise, Health Classes; Transportation * (ANY/ALL Types); Transportation Assistance (To Receive Medical Care); Transportation, Disaster Survivors (To Assistance Center, Etc.); Transportation, Emergency Evacuation, Transportation Services; Transportation, For Seniors/Elders; Transportation, FREE Shuttle Service to Emergency Winter Shelter; Transportation, Ride Service (FREE or Sliding Scale); Transportation, Transportation Services (NOT FREE$); Vehicle, Van; Vehicle, Van, Passenger Van; Visitation, Emotional Care, For Seniors, Volunteer

Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Commission on Aging; Government, City/Town Agency; Government, State/County; Government, US Deptartment of Housing & Urban Development (HUD); Meals on Wheels; United Way; Visiting Nurses Association

Updated Apr 17, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1053

Acton Housing Authority

Walk-in Resource · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit

PO Box 681; 68 Windsor Avenue, Acton, MA 01720

Phone 978-263-5339
Contact Kelley, Fran Spayne
Email office@actonhousing.net, kelley@actonhousing.net, fran@actonhousing.net
Web www.town.acton.ma.us/content.aspx?id=100
Serves Acton
Eligibility low income, disabled, and elderly residents
Service Permanent

Services:

Rental Subsidies
Social Services

Services offered: 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, Housing, Short-Term Housing Referrals; Community Outreach Programs; Community Service Program; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Housing, Rental Assistance; Grants, for Developers of Low-Income Housing; Grants, Housing, Housing Related; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Housing, Affordable Housing Builder, Gov't Sponsored; Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Apartments; Housing, Fairly Priced Rental Housing for Disaster Survivors; Housing, Free Houses for Local Residents in Need; Housing, Group Home, Special Needs/Mental Illness; Housing, Listings for Disaster Survivors; Housing, Rental Listings; Housing, Subsidized/Low-Income Housing; Housing, Transitional Housing; Housing, Transitional Housing (For Battered Women/Children); Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Emergency Services; Services, Homeless, Services for the Homeless; Services, Social Services, General Social Services; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Vouchers, Housing/Shelter (Motel) Vouchers

Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Government, State Government Department/Agency; Government, US Government Program; Homelessness Relief Services

Updated Nov 20, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2917

Acton Memorial Library (Collection of Language Training Materials, meeting space, books, etc)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
486 Main St, Acton, MA 01720

Serves Regionnal
Eligibility Anyone
Service Permanent

Per the United Way's 211 database:

The Acton Memorial Library has a collection of language self–instruction in book/cassette packages and audio CDs for learning English and other languages

Services offered: Books * (ANY/ALL Types); Books, Audiobooks (CD's); Books, Biographies; Books, Children's * (ANY/ALL Types); Books, Children's Books, Big Books, Pre–K; Books, Children's Books, School Library; Books, Children's, Reading, Non–Fiction – PK–8; Books, Fiction (see also: "Reading Books, Fiction"); Books, Literature; Books, Non–Fiction (see also: "Reading Books, Non–Fiction"); Books, Reading Books (Elementary); Books, Reading Books, Fiction (see also, "Books, Fiction"); Books, Reading Books (High School); Books, Reading Books (Junior High); Books, Reading Books, Non–Fiction (see also: "Books, Non–Fiction"); Books, Reading Books (Pre–K to K); Books, Science Fiction; Facility: Library; Facility: Meeting space; Library Services * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Library Services, Book Lending; Library Services, Language Skills Books/CDs; Library Services, Pre–School Storytime; Library Services, Reading Program; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts
Updated Dec 21, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3846

Acton Public Health Nursing Service

Medical Facility · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
472 Main St, 2nd Floor, Acton, MA 01720

Phone 978 264 9653
Contact Merrily Evdokimoff
Email mevdokimoff@acton–ma.gov or nursing@acton–ma.gov
Web www.town.acton.ma.us/content.aspx?id=516
Serves Acton, MA
Eligibility Acton, MA residents in need of Preventive Medical Care and Home Health Care Services
Checks payable to Town of Acton
Service Permanent

Skilled Nursing
"Well Being" checks
Flu vaccines for children
Blood Pressure Checks
Public Health Nurses
"Toys for Tots" Collection Center

From the website:

Acton Public Health Nursing Service provides Certified Home Health (VNA) and Public Health Services to the town of Acton. This includes a full range of home heath care services to Acton residents including skilled nursing; physical, occupational and speech therapy; medical social services and home health aide assistance.

Acton Public Health Nursing Service is able to bill most insurance companies. Due to the complexity of the clinical documentation and billing requirements, APHNS recently converted to electronic medical records, with the staff accessing up–to–date information through the use of Palm Pilots.

Public Health Services offered include blood pressure and cholesterol screenings; as well as a variety of clinics, and funding an instructor for Smoking Cessation classes in the A–B regional schools. Walk –in services are provided at our office on the 2nd floor of Town Hall for adult and childhood vaccinations and blood pressure checks. We encourage people to call before coming to assure availability of a nurse to assist you.

Vaccines Available

Acton Public Health Nursing Service participates in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Vaccine Program and obtains the following vaccines from the state program. The following vaccines are available:

–Tetnus
–DTP – Diptheria, Tetnus and Pertussis
–MMR – Measles, Mumps and Rubella
–Hepatitis A (adult & child)
–Hepatitis B (adult and child)
–Polio (IPV)

–Varicella – Chickenpox
–Pneumococcal Pnemonia
–Influenza
–HIB – Haemophilus Influenza Type B

A fee of $20 is charged for the administration of the vaccine, but no one will be turned away for inability to pay. Our goal is to get all children the vaccines they need and for certain adult vaccines that qualify under the program.

Services offered: Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Medical, Services, Home Health Care Services; Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Services, Medical/Health Records, Electronic Documentation; Medical, Services, Mobile Medical Unit/Clinic; Medical, Services, Screening, Blood Pressure Screenings; Medical, Services, Screening, General Health; Medical, Services, Vaccination Program/Clinic Services; Medical, Services, Visiting Nurse Services; Medication, Rx, Vaccination, Vaccine, Flu Shots; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training, Medical, Education, Smoking Cessation, Quit Smoking
Campaigns: Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Government, City/Town Agency
Updated Nov 19, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3829

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

Acton, Town Of, Local Aid Programs

Walk–in Resource · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
472 Main St, Acton, MA 01720

Phone	978 264 9612
Contact	Brian McMullen (tax relief), Laura Ducharme (social worker)
Email	assessors@acton–ma.gov
Web	www.town.acton.ma.us/content.aspx?id=1896
Serves	Acton, MA
Eligibility	People over 65, Disabled Veterans, Widows of Police/Fire/Vets, and folks whose income and assets fall below certain limitations and/or other situations "by discretion".
Bring	State Issued ID & Tax Return
Fee	Yes, For the Tax Deferral Program only. Other programs are free.
Service	Permanent

Acton's Local Aid Programs:

– Property Tax Exemptions (discounts)
– Senior Work Program (volunteer for up to $750/year in tax credits!)
– Tax Deferral

Town Web Site:
http://www.town.acton.ma.us/

Direct link to a SUMMARY OF RELIEF PROGRAMS:
http://www.town.acton.ma.us/content.aspx?id=1896

Direct link to SENIOR, VETERAN and DISABLED Tax Relief programs:
http://doc.acton–ma.gov/dsweb/Get/Document–22074/Tax%20Relief%20for%20Seniors.pdf

State "Senior Circuit Breaker" Program:

Brian McCullan can help seniors apply to get a refund on their state taxes for the real estate taxes they've paid either as an owner, or as a renter.

Please email Brian for a copy of the PowerPoint presentation summarizing the programs, as well as other information on these programs:

assessors@acton–ma.gov

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Disabled/Handicapped; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Advocacy, Special Needs Folks; Advocacy, Special Needs Folks, Seniors/Elders; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Information & Referral (For Seniors/Elders); Case Management, Disabled/Handicapped; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Case Management, Seniors/Elders; Facility: Veterans Benefits/Facility/Services; Financial Assistance, Case Management for Financial Matters; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Tax Relief; Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Grants, Community Development; Grants, for Developers of Low–Income Housing; Grants, for Developers of Senior Housing; Grants, Housing, Housing Related; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Senior/ Elderly Services; Services, Senior Programs; Services, Social Services, General Social Services; Transportation * (ANY/ALL

Types); Transportation Assistance (To Receive Medical Care); Transportation, For Seniors/Elders
Campaigns: Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Government, City/Town Agency
Updated Mar 23, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2913

Acton, Veterans Service Office (VSO)

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
429 Main St, 2nd Floor Rear, Acton, MA 01720

Phone 978 264 9603 or 978 263 0882
Contact F. Dore Hunter
Email vso@acton-ma.gov
Web www.acton-ma.gov
Serves Acton
Eligibility needy vets and their spouses
Service Permanent

Resources Provided by Organization:

1. Financial assistance and some potential medical payment help to VETERANS and their LIVING or SURVIVING SPOUSES persuant to law and regulations.

2. Application assistance to Veterans and their surviving spouses in applying to the Federal Department of Veteran Affairds for pensions and compensation and other VA administered benefits. This service is provided to folks no matter where they live, but CH115 benefits can only be provided to Acton residents through this organization.

For more details, contact F. Dore Hunter, per contact info above.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Veterans
Campaigns: Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts
Updated Nov 19, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3826

Acton–Boxboro Regional School District & the Acton Public Schools

School · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
16 Charter Rd, Acton, MA

Phone 978 264 4700
Contact Ms Liza Huber, Director of Pupil Services
Email lhuber "at" mail.ab.mec.edu
Web ab.mec.edu/abrhs
Serves Acton, Boxborough
Eligibility Acton students and their families, eligibility depends on the service. See notes below, or contact directly for more info.
Service Permanent

Jr High and High School website: http://ab.mec.edu/abrhs/
Public Schools (Grade 6 and below): http://ab.mec.edu/

In times of personal disaster:

The school offers a large number of programs for students in need (and their families):

– counseling services
– nursing services
– free and reduced lunches (income criteria applies)
– reduced fees (income criteria applies)
– school psychologists (social worker assigned to work w/students engaged in risky behaviors)

In times of public disaster:

The general plan in Acton for a disaster requiring feeding, shelter and/or medical attention en masse is for all residents to go to the High School. In times of disaster, if the High School is not available, go to the DPW. Tune in to the Acton FM station for real-time details. http://www.acton-ma.gov

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Counseling, Childrens Counseling Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Community, Recreation, Recreational Programs; Community Service Program; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Post Disaster Counseling; Directories, Youth Services & After-School Programs; Event Listings; Facilities: Restrooms; Facility: Community Center; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Lunches, Misc.; Meals, Shelter Served Meals (Evacuation/Emergency); Medical, Services, Emergency Medical Services; Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Volunteer, Nurse; School, Adult Education/Adult School; School, Elementary; School, High School; School, Jr High, Middle School; School, Kindergarten; School, Pre-K, Pre-School; School, Pre-School; Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Support for "All" Disasters; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Computers Skills;

Training Classes, GED Preparation; Training Classes, Language Skills; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; United Way
Updated Dec 4, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1055

Acton–Boxborough Community Education (DIAL) Classes for non–English speaking students & adults

School · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
16 Charter Rd; Jr High School, Acton, MA 01720
Phone 978–263–6538, 978–266–2525
Web www.dialesl.com
Serves Regional
Service Permanent

Classes for non–English speaking students & adults

Services offered: Community, Recreation, Recreational Programs; School, Adult Education/Adult School; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Computers Skills; Training Classes, GED Preparation; Training Classes, Language Skills; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts
Updated Nov 19, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3845

Acton/Boxborough Food Pantry

Walk–in Resource · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
435 Central St, Acton, MA 01720
Phone 978 263 2822 or 978–635–9295
Contact call for info
Hours 10 AM to 7 PM on Wednesdays, unless school is cancelled. If school is cancelled, food pantry is closed.
Serves Acton area
Service Permanent

Acton Food Pantry

Bags of groceries for families

Building #1, Lower Level in the Boxborough Office Park at 235 Summer Road in Boxborough, MA, 01719

Wednesdays, 10:00AM—7:00PM

http://www.actoncommunitysupper.org/acton–food–pantry.htm

To help: foodpantryvolunteer@actoncommunitysupper.org

Services offered: Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Bulk Distribution; Distribution, Supplies, Local Distribution of Supplies; Facility: Food, Emergency Food Center; Food, Baby Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Baked Goods * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food, Canned ** (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Food, Distribution, Emergency Food Program; Food Distribution, Food Bank (Public Distribution Available); Food Distribution, Food Baskets; Food Distribution, Food Boxes, Emergency Food Boxes * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food Distribution, Food Boxes, Food Pack, 3–4 days, 2–3 people; Food Distribution, Food Boxes, Food Pack, 3–4 Days, 4 People; Food Distribution, Food Boxes (For Seniors/ Elderly); Food Distribution, Food Boxes (General Public Distribution); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Food, Dry, Grains, ** Cereal, Ready to Eat (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Non–Perishable Food * (ANY/ALL Types of Canned, Dry, Drinks, Snacks); Hotline, Food Bank/Pantry Hotline (Find Emergency Food Help)
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts
Updated Oct 14, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2918

Alcoholics Anonymous (at St Elizabeth's)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
St Elizabeth's Church Rectory; 89 Arlington St, Acton, MA 01720
Phone 978 263 4305
Service Temporary

Services offered: Alcoholics Anonymous, AA, Meetings Information & Referral; Services, Substance Abuse, Outpatient Program (Drug/Alcohol); Services, Substance Abuse Treatment (Drug/Alcohology)
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Meetings; United Way
Updated Apr 17, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5789

Boston West District of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Info/Hotline · Open

Non–Profit Faith–Based Community Outreach
Acton, MA 01720

Web www.svdpboston.com/mod.php?mod=userpage&menu=22&page_id=23
Service Permanent

Bill McHugh, the President of the Boston West District of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, can marshall up a donation solicitation network within the Eastern massachusetts area. SVDP Boston West is part of a national and international that contributes regularly to disaster relief efforts.

Services offered: Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types); Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Updated Nov 21, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3830

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

Walk–in Resource · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
St Elizabeth's Church; 89 Arlington St, Acton, MA 01720

Phone 978 263 4305
Hours Fridays, 10AM to 12 PM
Service Temporary

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

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

Green Acton (Environmental Advocacy/Action)

Info/Hotline · Open

Community
Acton, MA 01720

Phone 508–572–2985
Contact Jim Snyder–Grant and Ann Sussman
Email info@greenacton.org
Web www.greenacton.org/index.htm
Service Permanent

See the website for some great ideas, resources, and connections.

Sample text from website (go to the website for live links):

Ideas

– Learn about global warming, carbon footprints and alternative energies.
– Global Warming. Global Action. Global Future. Introducing 350.
– Reducing Emissions. Carbon Footprint Calculator.
– Eat the View campaigns to plant edible landscapes.
– Find out about Acton's Solar Panel which feeds clean electricity into the ABRSD grid.
– Carbon Rally compares energy–saving activities nationwide.
– PC Energy Report 2009 (pdf, see website above) describes how powering down your personal computer can save energy and help reduce the effects of global warming.

Education

* What is climate change? Find out at EPA for Kids. Information, links, games and animations from the Environmental Protection Agency.
* Learn about Renewable Energy Basics and Clean Energy Technologies. Check out the Solar Oven Challenge.
* Visit Science Daily to find out about earth, climate and environmental technologies.
* The LoraxTM Project: Student Earth Day and Classroom Activities encourage educators and students to celebrate the Lorax's message and pledge to beautify and conserve their school and environment.

Policy

* No Child Left Inside Act strengthens U. S. environmental education inside and outside the classroom.
* President Obama plans to invest in alternative and renewable energy, end addiction to foreign oil, and address the global climate crisis. Read about U. S. Energy and the Environment.
* See Massachusetts Energy and Environmental Affairs for key initiatives, resources and services.

Resources

Our resource page is a reference to help you live greener. Please let us know if you would like us to add a resource.

Tip: Recycle your compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) at the local Acton Ace Hardware.

Tip: Reduce junkmail; stop delivery of phone directories at www.yellowpagesgoesgreen.org.

Tip: The Acton Memorial Library has three Kill–A–Watt electric usage meters for loan to Acton residents. The meters plug into a wall socket and an appliance to assess how efficiently the appliance works by displaying the power consumption in kilowatt–hour. For information, call the Reference Desk (978–264–9641 option 3).

Households

Recycling, Low Impact Living, Toolkits, Products and Rebates

* The Acton Water District is offering conservation rebates for 2010 on new toilets and washing machines. To be eligible for the rebates, toilets must be EPA WaterSense labeled and clothes washers must meet CEE Tier 3 requirements. For more information and program eligibility, visit actonwater.com. The District also has indoor and outdoor conservation devices available free of charge to customers; stop by the offices at 693 Massachusetts Avenue for details. The Acton Water District will sell rain barrels again in the spring. new!
* Earth 911 is a guide to local resources including recycling centers, instructions on how to recycle, pollution prevention and how to help protect the environment.
* Acton FreeCycle is a nonprofit movement of people who are giving (and getting) stuff for free in their own towns and keeping good stuff out of landfills.
* Campaign Earth offers simple solutions to today's most pressing environmental issue, climate change. See straightforward actions that help everyone make a difference.
* Concord Conserves is a handbook for low impact living. This online resource deals with combating climate change and environmental degradation.
* Natural Resources Defense Council provides how–to guides and a Green Living Toolkit.
* Green Peony is a daily website for people who want to live a happy, healthy, and green lifestyle.
* Healthy Lawns for Families offers alternatives to pesticides for lawn care.

Agriculture

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) and Local Farms

* Acton Boxborough Farmer's Market is held each Sunday from 10am to 1pm, July 12 through November 1, in West Acton Village.
* Local Harvest tells you everything you need to know about supporting local food production and consumption including a searchable list of local farms and farmer's markets, harvest dates, forums, blogs, newsletters, and recipes.
* Gardens.com lists links and directions to Massachusetts CSA farms.
* Eat Well Guide is a search engine for finding good food—local, sustainable, organic. Find stores, bakeries, online shopping, CSAs, butchers, restaurants, farmer's market, and more.
* ATTRA is the National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service, an agency that helps agricultural producers connect with customers by compiling directories.

Businesses

Green Travel Choices and Building Guidelines

* Bartlett Greenhouse offers business–oriented links, for example, green hotels, rental cars and airlines.
* U. S. Green Building Council provides details about the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System and describes LEED certification.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Energy; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Solar; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Environmental, Wildlife; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Aluminum Cans (For Recycling); Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Directories, Transportation, RailTrails; Documentation, Environmental Education; Hotline, Environmental Emergency Reporting; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Maps, RailTrails; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; Recycling, Household Items; Recycling, Natural Resources; Recycling, Packaging Materials; Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Farmer's Market, Local/Regional; Global Warming Relief Supplies/ Services; Northeast Organic Farming Association; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Nov 19, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5824

Household Goods Recycling Ministry

Donor · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
530 Main Street, Acton, MA 11270

Phone 978 635 1710
Web www.hgrm.org
Hours see notes
Eligibility Appointments are needed, and referral from an agency, church, temple or other similar institution is required.
Service Temporary

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Donate Goods:

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

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

Our most needed items are the essentials for daily living:

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

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

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

Fall 2008, Action Unlimted Newspaper:

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

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

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

Services offered: Appliances, Large, * Household (ANY/ALL Types); Appliances, Large, Kitchen, Oven; Appliances, Large, Kitchen, Refrigerator; Appliances, Large, Kitchen, Stove; Appliances, Small * (ANY/ALL Types); Baby, Baby Bouncy Chairs; Baby, Baby Car Seat; Baby, Baby Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types); Baby, Baby * Items (ANY/ALL Types); Baby, Baby Strollers; Baby, Baby Walkers; Bags, Suitcases; Demographic Served: Families; Demographic Served: Families, w/Young Children; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks, Women Only; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Distribution, Supplies, Local Distribution of Supplies; Donations, Car, Vehicle Donations; Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Donations, In–Kind Donation, Services; Donations, Pickup, Pick Up Service; Furniture, Baby Furniture, Mattress, Crib; Furniture, Furniture Bank; Household Goods (big) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Household Items (small) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; * KITS, BEDDING KITS, NEW or Gently Used Items; Linens, Bedding * (ANY/ALL Types of Bedding) New or Gently Used/CLEAN; Linens, Bedding, Blankets * (ANY/ALL Types); Linens, Bedding, Blankets, New or Clean/Gently Used; Linens, Bedding, Comforters, New or Gently Used/CLEAN; Linens, Bedding, Pillow Cases / Pillowcases; Linens, Bedding, Sheets, Full, New or Clean/Gently Used; Linens, Bedding, Sheets, Queen, New or Clean/Gently Used; Linens, Bedding, Sheets, Sheet Sets * (ANY/ALL Types, New or Clean/Gently Used); Linens, Bedding, Sheets, Twin, New or Clean/Gently Used; LOAN ONLY, Truck; Management, Supply Chain Management Advice; Recycling, Appliances; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Furniture; Recycling, Household Items; Recycling Network, Database for Trading/Re–use (NO FEE); Recycling, Packaging Materials; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Vehicle, Car; Vehicle, Truck, Box Truck; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates

Individuals Volunteers); Volunteers, Teen Volunteers (This facility accomodates Teen Volunteers); Volunteers, Youth Volunteers (This facility accomodates Youth Volunteers) ; Warehouse, Warehouse Space
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Gross Inequity; United Way
Updated Dec 1, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/466

Metro West Divorce Support Group

Walk–in Resource · Open

Community
35 School St, downstairs at the South Acton Congregational Church,(off Rte. 27, near the bridge and traffic light)., Acton, MA 01720

Phone 978–369–7346
Contact Brian
Hours Thursdays, 7 pm
Service Temporary

From the Action Unlimited newspaper:

Men and Women: Divorce Support Group

Are you looking for a peer–support group for men and women who are thinking of separating or are going through the divorce process We invited you to join the Metro West Divorce Support Group which meets every Thurs., evening a 7 p.m. downstairs at the South Acton Congregational Church, 35 School Street (off Rte. 27, near the bridge and traffic light). This informal group has helped many people during its 25 year history in South Acton. We are a confidential, caring group with no religious affiliation that supports others through separation and divorce issues by sharing legal, financial, and social experiences. Some attendees remain with the group after the divorce has been finalized in order to help others and continue friendships formed within the group. For more information, Call Brian at 978–369–7346

Services offered: Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Counseling, Support Group (Post Disaster); Counseling, Support Groups, Parents
Updated Dec 1, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3897

Project Graduation ("safe" celebration following graduation)

Info/Hotline · Open

Community Youth Club
Charter Rd, Acton, MA 01720

Phone 978 264 4700
Web ab.mec.edu./abrhs
Checks payable to Town of Acton, Project Graduation
Service Temporary

Safe celebration following High School graduation.

Services offered: Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Demographic Served: Children; Information Resource, Youth Services; Services, Youth Services, Crime Prevention Programs; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Updated Dec 4, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3919

St Elizabeth's of Hungary, Catholic Acton (Liaison with St Vincent dePaul)

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
89 Arlington St, Acton, MA 01720

Phone 978 263 4305
Contact John Morris
Email office@seoh.org
Web www.seoh.org
Hours Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Service Temporary

Resources Provided by Organization:

Emergency Relief Liaison with St Vincent dePaul.

See website for more details on services, and for complete contact info.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Alcoholics Anonymous, AA, Meetings Information & Referral; Appliances, Large, * Household (ANY/ALL Types); Appliances, Small * (ANY/ALL Types); Community Outreach Programs; Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Food Distribution, Food Boxes (General Public Distribution); Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types); Household Goods (big) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Services, Church/Worship Services; 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: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Alcoholics

Anonymous (AA) Meetings; Catholic Church; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; United Way
Updated Nov 19, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3832

St Matthew's United Methodist Church

Walk–in Resource · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
435 Central St, Acton, MA 01720
Phone 978 263 2822, fax: 215 754 9878
Contact Rev. Robert Moore, Pastor
Email smumc@verizon.net
Hours Call for appointment
Serves Acton, MA Area
Service Permanent

See also:

Acton – Boxborough – Stow Clergy Association

https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3835

Robert A. Moore, Pastor
St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
435 Central Street
Acton, MA 01720
(978) 263–2822

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Books * (ANY/ALL Types); Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Community Outreach Programs; Community Service Program; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Spiritual; Events, Community Meetings; Financial Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Household Goods (big) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Household Items (small) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Services, Church/Worship Services
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; UMCOR Relief Network; United Methodist Disaster Response
Updated Nov 19, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2916

Katrina J. Buck LICSW

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
VNCH, Broadway St Arlington, Acton – Arlington, MA
Phone 978 263 6352
Contact Katrina
Email ggrossi "at" msn "dot" com
Service Temporary

Organizational Affiliations:

* Visiting Nurse & Community Health – Arlington
* 99th Chaplain Service – US Army – Strong Bonds Program
* Communities for Restorative Justice

Pro Dono Consultations

* VNCH – Hospice & Elder Servcies (Home Health)
* Strong Bonds – US Army Family Reintegration Program; Assist families readjusting from deployment
* Providing services to N.E. and Eastern N.Y.
* Pro–bono Services for Veterans & families

Military families should use militaryonesource.org; for assistance w/children – "SOFAR" Program (Strategic Outreach for Families of Reservists)

Services offered: Counseling, Crisis Counseling, Volunteer; Disaster Relief, Volunteer; First Responder, Volunteer; Government, US Military, Army; Medical, Volunteer, Nurse; Medical, Volunteer, Nurse, Licensed Nurse; Medical, Volunteer, Nurse, Registered Nurse; Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Communities for Restorative Justice; Visiting Nurses Association
Updated Nov 19, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3836

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
e–mail: kate@barclaywm.com

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

Buttons and Bows Consignment Couture (Kids Consignment Shop)

Open Business⁎ · Standby

Business

12 Spruce St, Acton, West Acton, MA 01720

Phone 978-263-8008
Web www.buttonsandbowsresale.com
Hours Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Service Temporary

The business closed, but the ladies are still around in the community.

http://www.wickedlocal.com/acton/news/business/x1945278539/Kids-consignment-shop-opens-in-West-Acton

Kids consignment shop opens in West Acton
By Becki Harrington-Davis
Fri Dec 04, 2009, 08:41 AM EST

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Acton, Mass. – When Jillian Shaw found out she was pregnant with a girl, she went to consign her son's outgrown clothes but wasn't happy with what she found: the resale clothing at used stores looked worn, and high-quality items were carelessly mixed in with less expensive pieces.

That's when Shaw decided to use her retail merchandising background to open her own upscale children's and maternity consignment store. Four months after her daughter was born, Buttons and Bows Consignment Couture opened at 12 Spruce St. in West Acton.

"I feel like I'm meeting a need that wasn't being met and putting my own spin on it," Shaw said. "My goal was to make it look like a retail store, but it's consignment."

With parents tightening their budgets, the retail industry has seen a 30 percent increase in consignment sales over the past year, Shaw said. However, buying used doesn't have to mean poor condition.

"People are always looking to be smart with their money, but they still want things that are nice," she said.

Buttons and Bows only accepts items that are "Gap and above" quality because the owner says clothing from Target and Wal-mart do not wear well enough a second time around. Shaw makes sure every item sold is de-fuzzed, ironed and clean; consignors who bring their items in presentable condition will receive a higher percentage of the proceeds than consignors with items that need cleaning.

However, Shaw accepts "drop and run" items as well because she wants to make it as convenient as possible for parents to consign.

Mariah Straayer, a customer and consignor of Buttons and Bows, said that consigning is a great way to go green. Reselling means being a good steward of her belongings, she said.

"These things don't even look used," she said.

Shaw's consignment policy is to place items on sale for 90 days. After that time, consignors can opt to have unsold items returned or to donate them to a local charity organization, such as Baby's Breath Crisis Nursery in Worcester.

For customers, Shaw's goal is to make Buttons and Bows a comfortable, attractive and kid-friendly place to shop. For parents shopping with babies, a changing table is located in the bathroom, and Shaw doesn't blink when toddlers hop on tricycles for a test ride.

The store offers clothing in sizes newborn to kids' 14 as well as maternity. Popular brands for children include Mini Boden, Baby Lulu, Hanna Andersson, Lilly Pulitzer and Catimini. In the future, Shaw said she would like to expand into teen brands as well, such as Abercrombie and Fitch.

In addition, Buttons and Bows sells baby gear and some new accessories and gift items, so customers can complete an outfit all in one trip. Shaw also began selling bun holders and dance tights as a service to customers who use Acton School of Ballet across the street.

Before having her son, Shaw learned the retail ropes as a merchandiser and retail representative at The Paper Store for seven years. Recently, she took courses on writing a business plan through the Center for Women and Enterprise in Worcester. While owning a business and raising two young kids isn't easy, she said, she is an entrepreneur at heart.

Through networking with a friend, Shaw rented the former location of Hopscotch Toys and Books, applied a fresh coat of paint, and opened the doors Nov. 1. She is planning a grand opening celebration Saturday, Dec. 12.

Services offered: Clothing, All Sizes, NEW Only * (ANY/ALL Types); Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Clothing, Baby/Infant Clothing, NEW Only * (ANY/ALL Types); Clothing, Baby/Infant, New or Gently Used/CLEAN * (ANY/ALL Types); Clothing, Baby, Onesies (For Infants/Toddler Sizes), NEW, Clean/Gently Used; Clothing, Children, NEW ONLY; Clothing, Children, New or Gently Used/CLEAN * (ANY/ALL Types); Clothing, Children, Warm–Weather/Summer Clothing; Clothing, Children, Winter Clothing, New or Gently Used; Clothing, Consignment Shop ($ NOT FREE); Clothing, Pajamas, Children, NEW Only; Clothing, Pajamas, Childrens, New/Gently Used (CLEAN); Clothing, Sweaters, New/Gently Used/CLEAN; Clothing, Sweaters, NEW Only; Clothing, Teens Clothes, NEW Only; Clothing, Teens, New or Gently Used/CLEAN; Coats/Jackets, Children, New or Gently Used; Coats/Jackets, NEW ONLY; Coats/Jackets, New or Gently Used/CLEAN * (ANY/ALL Types/Sizes); Recycling, Clothing

Updated Aug 14, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4808

Bird House Garden Center

Open Business* · Open

"Green" Resource

34 Mass Ave (Acton or Boxboro?), Acton/Boxborough, MA 01720

Phone 978 263 1628
Service Temporary

This info came from the "Healthy Lawns for Healthy Families" brochure, for more info on the group that put it together, see:

www.healthylawnsforhealthyfamilies.com

or see:

https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4043

Services offered: Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Landscaping, Organic Lawn Care Products ($ NOT FREE)
Campaigns: Environmental Sustainability

Updated Dec 30, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4040

Battlefield Road Regional Emergency Planning Committee

Info/Hotline · Open

Emergency Management Planning

Arlington, Concord, Bedford, Belmont, and Lexington, MA

Service Permanent

Referenced in the Boston Globe as a regional planning group. 12/6/07
Concord Fire Chief Kenneth Willette 978–318–3400, 3488
Arlington, Concord, Bedford, Belmont, and Lexington
Campaigns: EMA (Emergency Management Agency) Regional/County

Updated Dec 27, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2792

Boxborough, Council on Aging

Walk–in Resource · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit

Boxborough, MA

Phone 978 263 1116 x 106
Eligibility Seniors and those who care for them...
Service Permanent

Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts

Updated Nov 19, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3856

Boxborough, United Church of Christ, Congregational

Walk–in Resource · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit

723 Mass Ave., Boxborough, MA 01719

Phone 978 263 7387
Contact Rev. Ute Molitor
Email see notes below
Web www.boxboroughucc.org
Hours Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Serves Boxborough Area
Service Temporary

With our hearts and hands extended, we seek to know the living Christ.

–That we may ever grow as a compassionate family where all are welcomed, valued, and nurtured;

–Where all grow inwardly in faith and outwardly in action, serving God's world locally and globally; and

–Where God is worshipped and served with passion by all generations united as one.

E–mail: ute1@verizon.net (for confidential to Ute)
Church: boxborochurch@verizon.net (for general church business)
For Vestry News submissions: vestrynews@boxboroughucc.org

Services offered: Services, Church/Worship Services; Youth Program
Campaigns: Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts
Updated Nov 19, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3834

Cambridge/Somerville Flood Plan

Info/Hotline · Standby

First Responder
Cambridge, MA 02139
Service Temporary
Updated Feb 7, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2871

First Church Shelter

Shelter · Open

Faith–based Non–Profit
11 Garden St, Cambridge, MA 02138
Phone 617 661 1873
Web www.firstchurchcambridge.org/shelter
Service Temporary

About First Church Shelter: Since 1987, First Church Shelter has provided a basic act of mercy to the poor and homeless of Cambridge and surrounding communities. Each evening 14 men are provided with a safe, comfortable place to stay. Our guests have access to two meals, showers and storage facilites for their belongings.

First Church Shelter also offers guests assistance with identifying and securing the resources they need to move out of homeslessness and into transitional or permanent housing. Much of that assistance comes in the form of referrals to other agencies and service providers, but shelter staff are available to help guests negotiate the frequently difficult and intimidating process of applying for public benefits or subsidized housing.

On March 3, 2001, First Church initiated its first Capital Improvement Campaign to help raise funds necessary for a major renovation of the space currently used to house the shelter. On February 10, 2002, the renovations were officially complete and a shelter rededication ceremony was held at the church. Please go to the 'Shelter Renovation' section to see pictures of the new space.

In every sense, First Church Shelter is prophetic. Its practice realizes the central biblical mandate to serve the poor. Its teaching calls every class of people to conscience. Its advocacy points the community and nation toward a more just future. It feeds us all.

–Joel Martin, Professor History and Religious Studies, University of California, Riverside

Services offered: Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Facilities: Shower Facilities * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, For Homeless Residents; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Homeless, Services for the Homeless; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Shelter, Homeless, Mens Homeless Shelter; Storage, Storage Facility
Updated Dec 28, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1524

Harvard Square Homeless Shelter Corporation

Shelter · Open

Student Run
66 Winthrop Street, Cambridge, MA 02138
Web www.hshsc.org
Service Temporary

Every winter since 1983, the Harvard Square Homeless Shelter, staffed and directed by students at Harvard University, has provided food, housing, and a friendly, supportive environment for two dozen men and women each night during the five coldest months of the year.

The Harvard Square Homeless Shelter Corporation is a registered nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to supporting the Shelter through fundraising and advocacy.

The Harvard Square Homeless Shelter is open each night from 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 A.M., November 15 to April 15. Services offered include:

Twenty–four beds each night for men and women;

Dinner and breakfast for guests, plus dinners for anyone who comes to the door needing food;

An alcohol–free, drug–free, and smoke–free environment;

Laundry and shower facilities;

Use of a computer and printer.

The Shelter, including its shower and laundry facilities, is fully accessible for people with disabilities. It is located in the basement of University Lutheran Church, at the corner of Dunster and Winthrop streets in Harvard Square, Cambridge, Massachusetts (directions to the church).

Guests should phone (617) 547–2841 early in the morning to reserve a bed for that night.

Services offered: Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Facilities: Laundry Facilities (For Disaster Survivors); Facilities: Shower Facilities * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Breakfast; Meals, Dinner; Meals, For Homeless Residents; Meals, Hot Meals; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Homeless, Services for the Homeless; Services, Tech, Internet Access; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter, Winter Shelter

Updated Dec 28, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1525

Christy Barbee

Donor · Open

Non–Profit

98 Cranberry Hill Lane, Carlisle, MA, MA 01741

Phone 978–369–4343
Web www.citizenactionteam.org
Hours 24/7
Service Temporary

Accepting donations of computers, peripherals and spare parts:

PC: Windows 98 or later

Mac: iMac, G3, G4

USB ports greatly preferred

Must have internal modems

Please include OS and office software if available. We suggest wiping the hard drive before donation to remove personal info.

printers (laser and inkjet), scanners, copiers

Services offered: Computer, Desktop; Computer, Printer; Computer, Scanner; Electronics, Copy Machine (To Donate/Receive a Machine); Paint, 1 Gallon, Can; Sports Equipment, LaCrosse Sticks; Transportation, Transportation Contact, Volunteer

Updated Nov 19, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/305

Jones Farm

Open Business* · Open

Farm

246 Acton Rd (Rt27), Chelmsford, MA

Phone 978 256 8065
Service Temporary

This info came from the "Healthy Lawns for Healthy Families" brochure, for more info on the group that put it together, see:

www.healthylawnsforhealthyfamilies.com

or see:

https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4043

Services offered: Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Facilities: Farm ("available" = this site is a farm); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Landscaping, Organic Lawn Care Products ($ NOT FREE)

Updated Dec 30, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4041

Concord Family & Youth Services (div. of JRI inc)

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit

Concord, MA

Phone 978 263 3006
Web www.jri.org
Service Temporary

Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts

Updated Nov 19, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3858

Concord, Town of

Info/Hotline · Open

Community

Town Hall: 22 Monument Square; Fire Dept/EMA HQ: 209 Walden Street; Police: 219 Walden Street, Concord, MA

Phone Town Hall: (978)318–3000, 3001, Fire Dept/Police/EMA HQ: 978–318–3400, 3488
Web www.concordnet.org
Hours Monday – Friday : 8:30AM – 4:30/5:00PM
Service Permanent

Christopher Whelan, Town Manager
Douglas Meagher, Assistant Town Manager

EMA: Kenneth Willette, Fire Chief, 978–318–3450

Emergency Planning Committee:
The committee is chaired by the Chief of the Fire Department Members from the listed town departments and businesses are represented on the committee. Several Concord citizens are also members. About 50 residents have volunteered to serve as shelter staff and have received training from the Red Cross.

Concord/Carlisle High School: Main Standby Shelter (capacity 150–250)
Senior Center: Standby Shelter
Municiple Fitness Center: Standby Shelter

Services offered: Emergency Management Director, Local; Emergency Operations Center, Local; Government, HQ (Headquarters); Services, Emergency Services

Updated Dec 27, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2789

Domestic Violence Services Network

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit

PO Box 1556, Concord, MA 01773

Phone 978.318.3421, "warm"line: 888 399 6111 (this is a "support" line, not a hotline)
Contact write or call for details
Email DVVAP@ConcordNet.Org
Web www.dvvap.org
Serves Metrowest
Service Permanent

From their website:

Thank you for your interest in learning more about domestic violence, the Domestic Violence Victim Assistance Program (DVVAP), and what you can do to help your friends and neighbors create safer communities.

Massachusetts Law

Many people think that domestic violence is when a husband hits his wife. While this is often true, domestic violence means much more than physical harm.

In the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the law states that domestic violence occurs if any:

household member, dating partner, married or formerly married partner, parent of a child in common, or relative by blood or marriage:

– attempts to cause physical harm
– causes physical harm
– places another in fear of physical harm, or
– causes another to engage involuntarily in sexual relations by force, threat, or duress

DVVAP's Definition

DVVAP's definition of domestic violence includes the legal definition stated above and also includes other forms of abuse. At DVVAP, domestic violence is defined as a pattern of coercive control that one individual intermittently exerts over another by means of spiritual, emotional, sexual, physical, or economic abuse.

See their website: www.dvvap.org and choose "FAQs" to see details about legal definitions, how to get help immediately, including information about restraing orders.

Domestic Violence in Affluent Communities

Unusual Help Needed for Victims of Domestic Violence in Privileged Communities

By Kiersten Warning, Director and creator of the Domestic Violence Victim Assistance Program (DVVAP)

In communities of privilege or affluence, victims of domestic violence face special challenges –– ones which those in less privileged communities may not. Some of the very characteristics we value in our community may act as obstacles when it comes to seeking or being offered help when there is violence in the home. These represent substantial challenges that impact victims' ability to leave their abusers.

Reflection upon the dynamics of a privileged community (in income, social/professional status, or education) shows the impact this privilege has upon silencing victims. It reveals a list of characteristics that are helpful in explaining the unique challenges of addressing domestic violence in a privileged community.

In one Massachusetts privileged community in MetroWest Boston, population of 19,000, one in three crimes against persons reported to the police involve domestic violence. The police responded to 4 calls involving elder abuse, 8 calls involving child abuse, and 134 calls involving domestic violence. Domestic violence comprised 7.5% of all department calls. An additional 60 calls were received from residents by the Domestic Violence Victim Assistance Program (DVVAP). Comments by community members indicate that possibly this represents only 50% of this community's victims.

Characteristics of Privileged Communities that May Silence Victims

Isolation. Because some parts of a Massachusetts privileged community resemble rural communities with large tracts of land and few neighbors, there is no one nearby who can hear the abuse. This physical isolation can be a critical factor in more safety planning, as there may be no one in sight or hearing to respond to a call for help.

Despite close proximity to one another in the more traditional subdivisions, neighbors are often strangers and each family is absorbed in its own activities. This social isolation prevents neighbors from developing relationships promoting intervention with a family experiencing domestic violence, even if just to contact the police during an abusive incident.

Several initiatives may be underway to address this situation. Formal community networks are working in general to promote our greater sense of community. Community–centered health, service, and faith programs are training themselves to address domestic violence with their neighbors and friends. And lastly, many communities have begun domestic violence roundtables which can be open to any interested community member; some have monthly educational meetings and some develop outreach and awareness projects.

High level of education. Victims who call upon the services of the police and other providers in privileged communities are often professors, lawyers, doctors. Victims ask for information about divorce, custody, property, real estate, and even banking laws that would allow them to create comprehensive escape plans. The need for a complete network of sensitive real estate agents, powerful divorce attorneys, and banking executives becomes integral in safety planning with these victims. Advocates and community activists need to be trained well beyond the traditional domestic violence curriculum, as referral systems in privileged communities often extend far beyond therapeutic support groups.

If the victim has a high level of education, this often increases the shame and self–blame people feel about being in a battering situation. There is also a mistaken belief, even among some helping professionals, that domestic violence does not occur among well–educated people, making it difficult for victims to be readily believed.

Elevated social status is one of the greatest barriers preventing victims from seeking help. Victims and abusers in affluent communities ARE the judges, doctors, lawyers, and town selectpeople that are held in high social esteem by others. A victim must have great courage to identify to herself that she is in an abusive relationship. She must also accept that her neighbors and friends may not be willing to admit that domestic violence affects their community, let alone anyone they know.

Elevated income acts as another great barrier in calling for help. Oftentimes victims are driving Mercedes SUV's without access to ANY money and are expected to put on a happy face while living under violent and hostage–like situations. The myth often found in traditional domestic violence communities is that victims of privilege have the financial means to access private services to address the violence. The fact is that victims often do not have access to cash, credit cards, checkbooks, or even information about the amount and location of family finances.

Little support from family members. Family members tend to minimize the abuse because of the elevated income and social status of many victims in privileged communities. "What are you going to do? Leave your big house and live on the streets with your kids who have only known the best of the best? Are you crazy? You should stay for the kids. How bad can it be?"

System–phobia. Most residents in affluent communities are unfamiliar and uncomfortable asking for help from traditional social service agencies such as a domestic violence hotline and the Department of Social Services. They may feel their pride insulted to make such contacts, and the agencies themselves may suffer from stereotypes about helping victims from privileged communities. To address this, advocates and community activists can work with traditional service providers to advocate for victims from privileged communities. Reassure victims that traditional service agencies are available to assist them, outlining the different ones available and the protocol for each.

Social workers are often correct in assuming that children of troubled families are under the care of therapists and psychiatrists, which may lead them to believe that the issues in the family are adequately addressed. Oftentimes, children's behavior is often managed without confronting or working with the parents to explore the root causes of the behavior. Little or no attention may be paid to the parents in these families.

Systems warfare is one of the most common tools of privileged abusers. Victims recount horror stories of bankruptcy from defending against their partners' abuse of the legal and social service system. Abusers' threats that their victims will never have anything if they leave are very, very real in privileged communities.

Victims' cost–benefit analyses of leaving their abusers are daunting as many face the real possibility of poverty with no tools for nor knowledge of how to live in poverty. This factor alone contributes greatly to the number of silent victims that will never call for help.

Bizarre abuse. According to victims and to batterer intervention programs, bizarre acts of abuse are also characteristic in privileged communities. The higher the education and social status the more commonplace the bizarre forms of abuse. This bizarreness also becomes a barrier to victims asking for help as it can be particularly shameful to admit and the risk of disbelief is high.

Privileged communities have made good progress in identifying and meeting the special needs of their domestic violence victims. With community support and involvement, we can meet our goal to continue adapting to the needs of our residents.

ABOUT DVVAP: THIS COMMUNITY COLLABORATION WAS FORMED IN OCTOBER, 1998 BY THE CONCORD POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE NETWORK FOR WOMEN'S LIVES. CURRENT COLLABORATORS INCLUDE THE ACTON, BEDFORD, CARLISLE, CONCORD, LINCOLN, MAYNARD, AND STOW POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES OF CENTRAL MIDDLESEX, INC. DVVAP IS FUNDED IN PART BY THE CONCORD–CARLISLE COMMUNITY CHEST, THE ACTON–BOXBOROUGH UNITED WAY, AND WOMEN'S INDEPENDENCE NETWORK. REACH DVVAP AT P.O. BOX 1556, CONCORD, MA 01742, (978) 318–3421, OR DVVAP@CONCORDNET.ORG. DVVAP'S TOLL–FREE WARMLINE IS (888) 991–4639.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Advocacy, Domestic Violence; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level); Services, Domestic Violence Intervention Services; Services, Social Services, General Social Services; Services, Women's Services
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; United Way
Updated Nov 19, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3496

Open Table, Concord @ First Parish Church (Community Supper / Food Pantry)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Community
First Parish Church; 20 Lexington Road, Concord, MA 01742

Phone (978) 369–2275
Web www.opentableinc.org
Hours Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m
Service Temporary

Pantry Service is OPEN!

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Open Table 978–369–2275
First Parish Church
20 Lexington Rd.
Concord, MA 01742
http://www.opentable.org
• Free dinner: Thursdays 5:30–6:30 pm
• Food pantry: Thursdays 5–6:30 pm
Open to residents of all towns

otinfo@opentableinc.org

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values that enhance common humanity and to give and receive kindness.

Concord Location:

Open Table serves dinner every week on Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at First Parish Church, 20 Lexington Road, Concord, MA. Guests are served a complete dinner including dessert and coffee. Guests may also take home groceries that they choose from our well–stocked Food Pantry. We serve meals and provide groceries for over 100 guests each week.

See also:

https://reliefdb.org/shelters/edit/1559
for Maynard Open Table location details.

Services offered: Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Meals, Dinner; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteers, Teen Volunteers (This facility accomodates Teen Volunteers); Volunteers, Youth Volunteers (This facility accomodates Youth Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Mar 19, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1558

Healthy Lawns for Healthy Families

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
County–wide, MA
Phone web only: info@healthylawnsforhealthyfamilies.com
Web www.healthylawnsforhealthyfamilies.com
Service Temporary

From their website:

The "Healthy Lawns for Healthy Families" project is a cooperative effort with the Towns of Acton, Ayer, Boxborough, Carlisle, Chelmsford, Concord, Groton, Harvard, Littleton, Westford, the North Central Regional Solid Waste Cooperative and local business partners. Materials developed under a grant from the Toxics Use Reduction Institute at UMass Lowell.

"Every day of every week we are continuing in this country to expose children to chemicals whose toxicity is simply not known. As a pediatrician, I urge parents to think carefully about the choices they make, especially about pesticides." Dr. Philip Landrigan, Mount Sinai School of Medicine

Pesticide runoff pollutes ground and surface waters, which threatens the safety of our aquatic environments and drinking water supplies. Read about why you should be concerned.

If you have a lawn care service, the pages here will provide some tips that can help reduce pesticide use. Ask your lawn care provider about an organic program for your lawn.

Learn about the basics of organic lawn care (www.healthylawnsforhealthyfamilies.com). There are many local business partners that are offering organic lawn care products. You can choose not to use pesticides as part of your lawn maintainence program.

Services offered: Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Online Database Resource; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Landscaping, Organic Lawn Care Products ($ NOT FREE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Environmental Sustainability; Government, City/Town Agency
Updated Dec 31, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4043

Everett Emblem Club #32 at Saugus/Everett Elks

Info/Hotline · Open

P.O. Box 490197, Everett, MA 02149
Phone (781) 665 – 3374
Web www.saugus.com/content/view/405/115
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Elks Club (Local Civic Group)
Updated May 22, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5891

South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC) Low Income Home Energy Assistance

Walk–in Resource · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
300 Howard Street, Framingham, MA 01702

Phone (508) 620–2300, (508) 620–2310 (FAX), (508) 872–4853 (TTY)
Web www.smoc.org
Eligibility low income
Service Temporary

ACTON RESIDENTS: For SMOC Fuel Assistance and the Friends of the COA Emergency Fuel Fund, Acton residents should call the Acton Council On Aging–978–264–9643.

From the Acton Council on Aging Newsletter, May 2008:

South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC) Low Income Home Energy Assistance
Applications for 2007/08 fuel assistance are being taken through May 15th If yearly gross household income is at or below $20,420 forone you may qualify for some fuel assistance as well as discounts on utility and telephone bills. (Call for income guidelines for larger families.) Call Carol Steiner at the COA 978–264–9643 formore information. Contact Jean Fleming for information about a local emergency fuel fund.

Other Services:

A
Addiction Services –– Behavioral Health Services
Adult Mental Health Services– Behavioral Health Services
After School Program
Alternative Rental Voucher Program
Appliance Management Program
Aurora Project –– PIP

B
Behavioral Health Services
Behavioral Health Services - Addiction Services
Behavioral Health Services - Adult Mental Health
Behavioral Health Services - Child, Adolescent and Family Counseling Services
Behavioral Health Services - Community Rehabilitation Services
Behavioral Health Services – Forensic (Court Involved Treatment)
Behavioral Health Services - Driver Alcohol Education
Behavioral Health Services - Elder Services
Behavioral Health Services - Forensic Services
Behavioral Health Services - PeerLine
Behavioral Health Services - Residential Mental Health Services

C
Case Management Program and Young Adult Residential – Behavioral Health Services
Centro Educativo para el Consumidor de Vivienda
Child, Adolescent and Family Counseling Services –– Behavioral Health Services
Child Care/Head Start
Commercial Weatherization
Common Ground Resource Center
Community Rehabilitation Services - Behavioral Health Services
Community Resources & Outreach
Court/Criminal Justice/Forensic Program (Court Related Treatment)- Behavioral Health Services
Crossroads Post–Detox
CSBG Scholarship Program

D
Driver Alcohol Education –– Behavioral Health Services
DMH Voucher Program
Domestic Violence Services

E
Economic Development
Ed's Place – PIP
Elderly Nutrition Program
Elder Services –– Behavioral Health Services

F
Family & Friends for Life Mentoring Program
Family Shelters
Family Self–Sufficiency
Family Unification Program
Forensic Services (Court Related Treatment) - Behavioral Health Services

Fresh Start
Fuel Assistance

H
Hardwick Veterans Home
Head Start/Child Care
Heating System Repair/Replacement Program
Homeless Health Care Access Project
Home Modification Loan Program
Housing Assistance Program
Housing Consumer Education Center
Housing Corporation
Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS

I
Immigration Outreach Project
Internship Program

J
Joan Brack Adult Learning Center
Job–Link Voucher Program

K
Keha Program

M
Mainstream Housing
Marlboro Resource Center
Marlboro Shelter
Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program
Meadows
Meals on Wheels
Medway House
MetroWest Career Center
Metrowest Harvest Initiative Programs
Metrowest Helpline
Mobile Resource Team
Mobile Stabilization Team
Multi Family Weatherization

N
New Beginnings

O
Office Skills Training Program
Organization of Portuguese American Immigrants

P
Pathways
PeerLine - Behavioral Health Services
PIP –– Public Inebriate Program, Inc.
PIP Female Shelter
PIP Shelter
Portuguese American Immigrants, Organization of

R
Rape Crisis Services
Ready Willing and Able
Real Estate and Property Management Portfolio
Real Estate Services
Reentry Housing Program
Rental Assistance Programs
Residential Services –– Behavioral Health Services

S
Sage House
Scattered Sites
Section 8 Program
Services for Education and Employment

Serenity House
Sexual Assault Services
Shadows
Shelter/Safe Home Services
Single Adult Shelters
SMOC Energy Services
SMOC Fuel Assistance
SMOC Housing
SMOC Rental Housing Units
Substance Abuse Residential

T
Turning Point

V
Voices Against Violence

W
WIC (Women, Infants & Children) Program
WIC on Wheels Program
Weatherization
Women's Transition Program
Wright Home for Women

Y
Young Adult Residential and Case Management Program
Young Parents Program

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Advocacy, Child Advocacy; Advocacy, Disabled/Handicapped; Advocacy, Domestic Violence; Advocacy, Employment, "At–Risk" Job Applicants; Advocacy, Food Stamp Outreach; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Assistance, How to, File Food Stamp Application; Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Counseling, Childrens Counseling Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Employment & Job Resources; 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, Housing, Short–Term Housing Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Job Placement; Assistance, Referrals, Medical Resources Referral; Case Management, Disabled/Handicapped; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Case Management, Seniors/Elders; Community Outreach Programs; Counseling, Career Counseling; Counseling, Consumer Credit Counseling; Counseling, Crisis Counseling; Counseling, Crisis Intervention Counseling; Counseling, Domestic Abuse Support; Counseling, Emotional; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Mental Health, Sliding Scale; Counseling, Mentors; Counseling, Personal Finance Counseling; Counseling, Rape Crisis; Counseling, Rehab, Rehabilitation Center; Counseling, Substance Abuse ; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Counseling, Trauma Counseling Services; Financial Assistance, Case Management for Financial Matters; Financial Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Housing, Motel Accomodations for Disaster Survivors; Financial Assistance, Housing, Rental Assistance; Financial Assistance, Housing, Rental Deposit; Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance; Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance (For Seniors/Elders); Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Housing, Affordable Housing, Ownership Program; Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing, Apartments; Housing, Group Home, Special Needs/Mental Illness; Housing, Rental Listings; Housing, Subsidized/Low–Income Housing; Housing, Transitional Housing; Housing, Transitional Housing (For Battered Women/Children); Medical, Services, Rehabilitation Program; Mental Health, Counselors/Psychologists; Mental Health Services; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Domestic Violence Intervention Services; Services, Employment, Job Assistance, for "at–risk" Job Applicants; Services, Family, General Family Assistance; Services, Financial, for Folks w/Bad Credit (that want to get better); Services, for "at–risk" Job Applicants; Services, for ex–addicts; Services, for ex–offenders; Services, For Folks Trying To Get Off Welfare; Services, Homeless, Services for the Homeless; Services, Respite Program/Services; Services, Senior/Elderly Services; Services, Senior Programs; Services, Substance Abuse, Intervention Services; Services, Substance Abuse Treatment (Drug/Alcohology) ; Services, Women's Services; Services, Youth Services, Crime Prevention Programs; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Day Shelter; Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Shelter, Emergency Shelter, Youth Focused; Shelter, Evacuation Shelter; Shelter, Evacuation, Special Needs Evacuation Shelter; Shelter, Homeless, Mens Homeless Shelter; Shelter, Homeless Shelter; Shelter, Womens, Battered Womens Shelter; Shelter, Women's Shelter; Support for "All" Disasters; Training Classes, Child Development (learning to teach kids); Training Classes, Education, Parenting; Training Classes, Financial Literacy; Training Classes, Financial, Money Management; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Youth Outreach
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; WIC (Women Infants and Children)
Updated Jan 29, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2926

Maynard Boy Scouts Electronics Recycling Day (2/21/09)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Recycling
Maynard, MA
Service Temporary

per Action Unlimited Newspaper, Fall 2008

Hold the phone…and your old TV, computer, stereo and all your other unwanted electronic items for the Maynard Boy Scouts' Electronics Recycling Day on Sat., Feb. 21, 2009. Home pickup can also be arranged for those who need a helping hand on Feb. 7, 2009.

The Scouts will collect all used electronics from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Feb. 21, at Clock Tower Place in Maynard. Everything collected will be 100 percent–recycled – zero in the landfill – by a qualified electronics recycling company.

Be Green! Be Legal. (It is illegal to dispose of various electronic devices in
landfills in Massachusetts.) A nominal fee will be charged for this service, which will support the activities of Boy Scout Troop 130 of Maynard.
Items the Scouts will collect include computers, TVs, monitors, printers, VCR's, scanners, radios, microwaves, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, stereos, phones, routers, DVD players, Game Boxes, and fax machines. Hard drives will be removed and shredded upon request. Disposal prices will range from $5 to $30 depending on the size of the item.

Pickup assistance is available for seniors or anyone needing help with heavy items. Anyone unable to come to the Feb. 21 recycling event may also call in advance for pickup. (Phone number will be posted.) The pickup day will be Feb. 7, 2009, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Services offered: Recycling, Computers & Electronics
Campaigns: Boy Scouts of America; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated Dec 1, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3899

Maynard Elks, Free Christmas Trees for Families of Active Duty Military

Walk–in Resource · Open

Civic – Community
Maynard, MA
Eligibility Maynard families of active duty military personnel
Service Temporary

If you have a mother, father, son, daughter, husband, or wife away on active duty during this holiday season, the Maynard Elk's would like to offer you, as a small token of our thanks a free christmas tree to you and your family. Just stop by anytime after our tree's arrive on Thanksgiving day.

Services offered: Facility: Veterans Benefits/Facility/Services; Holiday Supplies, Christmas Decorations, Items, Misc.; Holiday Supplies, Decorations; Services, Veterans, Veterans Impacted By Disaster
Campaigns: Elks Club (Local Civic Group)
Updated Dec 1, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3898

Maynard Food Pantry

Walk–in Resource · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
P.O. BOX 55, Maynard, MA 01754, Maynard, MA
Phone (978) 897–8340
Contact Mary Brannelly
Email mjtbrannelly@comcast.net
Hours Mondays from 10 AM to 12 noon and by appointment
Bring We request a letter from a clergy person, social worker, etc after a client's fourth visit and regularly request updates of these letters.
Service Permanent

Serving Maynard since 1992
The purpose of the Food Pantry is to provide food assistance to any individual or family in need. We are committed to providing the greatest degree of confidentiality with the least amount of information being requested of our clients. Although the Maynard Food Pantry has been established primarily to help Maynard residents, we will not refuse assistance to residents of other towns.

Maynard Food Pantry
Most Needed Items
Canned fruit
Snack Crackers
Canned hash, beef stew, tuna fish
Pudding/Jello mixes
Coffee (instant and ground)
White rice/instant potato

Stuffing mix
Cocoa, tea bags
Canned soups
Macaroni & Cheese
Hamburger helper mixes
Pancake mix/syrup
Canned pasta meals
Sugar/Flour
Canned spaghetti sauce
Baby food/formula
Jelly/Jam
Canned corn, carrots, potato
Laundry Detergent
Tooth Paste, brushes
Paper Goods (toilet paper/paper towels)
Soap, deodorant, shampoo

Program Activities
The Maynard Food Pantry provides non–perishable items consisting of canned fruits, canned vegetables, pasta, baby food, cereals, rice, soups, canned meats, beverages and health care items to our clients.

The Maynard Food Pantry is open on Mondays, 10 AM to 12 noon for our clients to shop for food items free of charge. It is located at 12 Bancroft Street (Coolidge School) at the rear of the building. The Food Pantry is handicap accessible. We request a letter from a clergy person, social worker, etc after a client's fourth visit and regularly request updates of these letters.

Residents of Maynard are allowed to shop two times per month. Clients who living in the surrounding towns can shop once per month. If any individual or family is need of food assistance on a weekly basis, they may also shop at the local food pantries in Acton, Stow and Sudbury during the weeks they are not shopping at the Maynard Food Pantry. The Maynard Food Pantry also provides Thanksgiving and Holiday dinner baskets for clients.

Approximately 80% of our clients (including many children) live in Maynard. On a weekly basis, we will assist between 30 to 35 families. We allow them to shop for quantities of food based on the size of their household.

Help us help others
We are a non–profit 501C3 corporation, operated totally by volunteers. The Board of Directors is made up of Mary Brannelly, President, Ken Demars, Robert Gilligan, Barbara Horman, Terry Herring, and Maureen Monsen.

Approximately 40 Food Pantry volunteers assist in stocking shelves on Friday mornings, operating the Food Pantry on Mondays for our clients, picking up food donations from various locations throughout town, picking up grocery orders on a regular basis and assisting with food drives throughout the year.

Close to 100% of our funding is utilized to purchase food to keep the Food pantry well stocked for our clients. We receive funds from a variety of sources including the Maynard Community Chest, Project Bread, United Way and quite a number of individuals, local companies and local organizations.

The Maynard Food Pantry is also the recipient of many annual food drives in town. They include the Boy Scout food drive (November), Cub Scout food drive (January), Girl Scout food drive (March), Green Meadow Breakfast food drive (May) and Post Office food drive (May). Additionally, many organizations and companies will hold food drives for our benefit.

Donations are always greatly appreciated and should be sent to the address below. Anyone interested in volunteering or in need of information pertaining to needed assistance should call Mary Brannelly at (978) 897–8340. The Food Pantry is open on Fridays from 10 AM to 12 noon to receive food donations from the general public. If this time is inconvenient, other arrangements can be made by calling the same telephone number.

MAYNARD FOOD PANTRY
P.O. BOX 55
MAYNARD, MA 01754

(978) 897–8340 (contact – Mary Brannelly)
mjtbrannelly@comcast.net

HOLIDAY COLLECTIONS FOR FOOD BASKETS

Services offered: Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Food, Holiday * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers)
Campaigns: Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 1, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1537

Open Table, Maynard

Walk–in Resource · Open

Community

2014 location: Clock Tower Place; THIS MIGHT BE OLD: Union Congregational Church; 80 Main Street, Maynard, MA 01754

Phone (978) 823–0082
Web www.opentableinc.org
Hours Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30
Service Temporary

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INFO FROM 2020:

OpenTable Maynard moved to the old Aubuchon Hardware store 33 Main St, which is now a community meals and event space, but they are not serving meals til the pandemic is declared "over". See above info on operation during virus.

INFO FROM 2014:

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Clock Tower Place
Maynard, MA 01754
http://www.opentable.org
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THIS MIGHT BE OLD INFO:

Maynard Location:

Open Table Maynard serves dinner every week on Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 at the Union Congregational Church, 80 Main Street, Maynard Massachusetts.

see also, Concord MA location: https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1558

Services offered: Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Meals, Dinner; Volunteers, Youth Volunteers (This facility accomodates Youth Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Mar 19, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1559

A.R.K.S. – Aid & Relief For Katrina Survivors

Info/Hotline · Open

Coalition/Disaster Relief

459 High Street, Medford, MA 02155

Web noahsarkne.org
Checks payable to A.R.K.S.

ARKS New England is a newly formed volunteer coalition–building relief organization currently working in the Greater Boston area

and beyond to help expedite the relief efforts for those people – both hurricane survivors and volunteers – who are finding navigating the post–relief efforts across the country difficult. Many are getting lost in the shuffle. We aim to connect the generous people, churches, businesses, and individuals of the Northeast with those who need their help the most.

So many have lost everything and cannot even fathom how to relocate themselves, whether that's for short–term or long–term shelter. The states and national organizations like the Red Cross are overwhelmed, so it is up to the citizens of the country to rise up and lend a helping hand.

Finding Help
We're putting together the coalition and resources as we speak, but since so many need immediate assistance, we hit the ground running and are looking for urgent funding to help bring those still in makeshift shelters to a safe place where there is room for finding work, getting children into schools, and getting away from the stress of living for weeks or months in crowded shelters.

If you are a Katrina survivor or a group in the Gulf area working with survivors, and are experiencing difficulty with the overworked systems that might not be meeting your immediate needs, please email Katrina at: Kit159@aol.com

Becoming an ARKS Volunteer
We need volunteers with all sorts of experience, or even no experience, who want to help and don't know where to turn. Right now, all these requests are going through Katrina (Kit159@aol.com) as well, though we are looking specifically for people to coordinate the following: volunteers, donated goods, and fundraising/accounting.

Fundraising
We need cash donations! In the very near future, we will also be organizing the work of getting clothing, food, and goods donations to our new neighbors. A good way to start is to join our neighbor ring, meet everyone else, and list your skills or items you'd be willing to lend a survivor. If you or your group, church, or business want to donate, please contact Katrina at Kit159@aol.com for more details.

Services offered: Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals
Updated Sep 15, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1857

Mission of Deeds (furniture/household goods recycling)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Furniture Bank
6 Chapin Ave, Reading, MA 01867

Phone 781–944–9797
Web www.missionofdeeds.org/about_mission.html
Serves Middlesex or Essex Counties
Eligibility These items are distributed to families and individuals who are referred to us by social service agencies
Service Temporary

To inquire about individual or corporate donations, please contact
Pat Fenton at pat.fenton@missionofdeeds.org or
Bruce Murison at bruce.murison@missionofdeeds.org

All items must be in good condition. No rips or stains on any upholstered furniture. Mattresses and box springs must be in "like new" condition.

In most cases, items on the "needed" list may be dropped off at our warehouse without an appointment Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., as well as every second Saturday of the month, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.[Directions]. However, if you plan to drop off large items, such as chairs, kitchen tables, or bedroom sets, please call us to schedule an appointment for assistance in unloading the items at our warehouse.

Also, we will send a team of volunteers and our box truck to your home or business to pick up donated items. To schedule a pick up, or drop off appointment, please contact one of our volunteers at 781–944–9797.

We will pick–up donated items if your home or business is located in any of the following cities or towns:

Burlington
Lynnfield
North Reading
Reading
Stoneham
Wakefield
Wilmington
Winchester
Woburn

Their website also contains a nice list of other similar orgs.

http://www.missionofdeeds.org/donations_notneeded.html

Services offered: Appliances, Large, * Household (ANY/ALL Types); Appliances, Small * (ANY/ALL Types); Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Donations, Pickup, Pick Up Service, Large Item Donation Pickup; Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types); Furniture, Furniture Bank; Household Items (small) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Linens, Bedding, Sheets * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Warehouse, Warehouse Space
Updated Oct 16, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4700

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

Respond Inc.

Shelter · Open

Non– Profit – Battered Womens Shelter
Box 555, Somerville, MA 02143
Phone 617–623–5900
Web www.respondinc.org/main.html
Checks payable to RESPOND, Inc.

Our Mission

RESPOND's mission is to help women and their children create options for a safer life, free from domestic violence, and to further the efforts of the larger community to end domestic violence. At this time we seek to fulfill our mission by providing shelter, support, advocacy and education.

Value Statement

At RESPOND, we value the inherent human rights of all people and know domestic violence to be a violation of these rights. We respect personal dignity and the right to self–determination.

Service Area

RESPOND is headquartered in Somerville, Massachusetts and serves cities and towns throughout Greater Boston and beyond, including Somerville, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield, Winchester and Woburn, Massachusetts. RESPOND often provides services to women and their children who reside outside the Boston area, and even statewide, nationally, and internationally as needed. The agency also conducts outreach and preventative educational programs across the region and the United States.

Confidentiality

RESPOND protects the confidentiality of all current and past program participants to ensure both safety and privacy. To protect the safety of program participants, staff, and volunteers the location of the shelter is strictly confidential and is never given out to anyone other than program participants. RESPOND's office is housed in a secure building; the location is not publicized and kept semi–confidential. Please be advised RESPOND cannot confirm or acknowledge individuals participating in our programs regardless of relationship or profession.

Individual Advocacy and Support Groups

RESPOND staff offer emotional support and individualized advocacy in areas such as housing, the law, welfare and entitlements, childcare, education, and healthcare. Support groups provide a safe, confidential space for women to talk, share information, and learn about options for creating safety for themselves and their children. Advocates currently offer services in English, Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole.

24–Hour Hotline TTY 617–623–5900

RESPOND staff are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to listen, provide emotional support, and offer information about RESPOND, shelter availability, increasing safety, and advocacy. They are fluent in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole and French. The hotline is equipped with TTY for the hearing impaired.

Legal Advocacy

RESPOND advocates are present in the Somerville and Malden Courts several days a week to assist victims of domestic violence through the restraining order (209A) process, as well as to provide information, translation, safety planning, emotional support, and informed referrals.

Emergency Shelter

Through our emergency shelter program, RESPOND provides safe, confidential housing for up to eleven women and children every night of the year. Once our capital campaign is complete in June 2007, our capacity will double. Last year, RESPOND provided shelter for 38 women and 42 children. RESPOND welcomes women of all ages, income levels, and backgrounds with their children (from 0–18 years of age, including teenage boys).

Children’s Services

RESPOND is committed to helping women and their children live violence–free lives. Staff and volunteers are trained in the special needs of children who have been impacted by domestic violence. Our direct service staff provide and arrange for child care when women come for appointments or group meetings. We spend quality time with children, running arts and crafts projects, story time, and interactive play sessions. We recognize that providing therapy to children who have been witnesses or victims of violence is a specialized field. RESPOND supports

women who are healing themselves and their families by making much needed referrals for women seeking counseling services for their children, including through a partnership with the Guidance Center, Inc.

911 Emergency Cell Phones

Thanks to the Verizon HOPE Line and donations from the community, RESPOND is able to distribute emergency cell phones so women have immediate access to 911 if they are in danger. Please call our hotline at 617–623–5900 if you need an emergency cell phone.

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals, Counseling, Childrens Counseling Referrals; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Communications, Equipment, Cell Phones; Counseling, Crisis Counseling; Counseling, Domestic Abuse Support; Hotline, Crisis Hotline; Services, Domestic Violence Intervention Services; Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Family, Children, Child Care Program; Services, Family, Children, Emergency Child Care; Services, Legal Assistance; Shelter, Womens, Battered Womens Shelter; Translators, Volunteer * (ANY/ALL)
Updated May 29, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1043

Somerville Tool Library NOT FREE ($50/yr, free tool loans, fix it advice)

Open Business* · Open

Somerville, MA
Web www.somervilletoollibrary.com/faq2.html
Service Temporary

See live links at website above:

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is a tool Library

2. Where is the Tool Library Located?

3.How do I become a member?

4.What are the rules and policies?

Answers

1. A tool library is a library that loans tools. For a yearly membership fee, borrowers over 18 can borrow up to 7 tools per week from our growing collection of power and hand tools.
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2. The Somerville Tool Library is located inside Parts and Crafts, the family hackerspace located at 577 Somerville Ave. across from Conway Park outside of Union Square. Street parking is available.
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3. Membership costs $50 per year. You must be 18 years or older and sign the Membership Agreement and a Waiver. You can pay by paypal via this form or by making out a check to The Somerville Tool Library and mailing it to: The Somerville Tool Library 577 Somerville Ave. Somerville MA 02143

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4. The rules and policies of the Tool Library are laid out in the Membership Agreement

Services offered: Building Materials, Green Building Materials; Construction, Building Material Reclaim/Reuse/Recycle; Demographic Served: Artists/Artist Communities; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Unemployed; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Directories, Recycling; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; Library Services * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Library Services, Not–Just–Books Lending; LOAN ONLY, Power Tools; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling Network, Database for Trading/Re–use (NO FEE); Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Bank; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Saw Horse; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Arts & Crafts; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Sewing/Quilting/Kniting/Crochet, Knitting Circle; Social Event, Sewing/Quilting/Knitting/Crochet Circle; Social Events, Party / Festival; Tool Bank, Community; Tools * (ANY/ALL Types); Tools, Drill; Tools, Garden Tools; Tools, Hand Tools (Srewdrivers, etc.) * (ANY/ALL Types); Tools, Masonry Tools * (ANY/ALL Types); Tools, PowerTools * (ANY/ALL Types); Tools, Prybar; Tools, Saw * (ANY/ALL Types); Tools, Tape Measure; Tools, Tool Set, Electricians Tool Set; Tools, Tool Set, Plumbers Tool Set
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Transition

Towns (Transition Network); Tribal Communities
Updated Jan 6, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9902

English at Large (tutoring and classes)

School · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
MA

Phone 781 395 2374
Contact contact us for details
Email learn@englishatlarge.org
Service Temporary

Source: Acton–Boxborough United Way/211, Local Human Service Directory, www.abuw.org

Services offered: Training Classes, ESL (English as a Second Language); Training Classes, Language Skills
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; United Way
Updated Apr 17, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5788