Resource Guide

Generated November 21, 2026 · 719 open facilities · closed facilities are not listed · call before you go: details change quickly

MA

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

School · Open

Acton, MA

Web www.24W.org

Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism

Updated Oct 14, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10740

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

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Acton Boxborough Schools COVID–19 Corondavirus response, meals, etc

Walk–in Resource · Open

Acton, MA

Web docs.google.com/document/d/1vgru737–IyNYDbf46bKsL7hNVjEx–bTpNoRISr_54ZQ/edit
Service Temporary

Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19

Updated Mar 17, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10159

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 Family Network (for families with young children)

Info/Hotline · Open

Community Service

Acton, MA

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

Babysitting Co–op

Book Group

Craft Hour

Day Trips

Event Calendar

Fundraisers

Helpful Links

Meet Our Board Members

Membership

Mom's Night Out

Playgroups

Sponsors & Discounts

Story Hour

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

Acton 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

Community Alliance for Youth

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
PO Box 2323, Acton, MA 01720

Contact Tina Grosowsky
Email info@cafy.net.
Web www.cafy.net
Serves Acton/Boxboro, MA Area
Eligibility Parents of adolescents
Service Permanent

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Counseling, Support Groups, Parents; Demographic Served: Children; Directories, Youth Services & After–School Programs; Education, Communication with at–risk teens; Education, for Parents, about teens' risky behaviors; Education, Parenting at–risk teens; Information Resource, Youth Services; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts
Updated Nov 19, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3481

Danny's Place Youth Social Center

Walk–in Resource · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
Acton, MA

Phone 978 264 9754
Web www.dannys–place.org
Service Temporary

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

Doli Atamian Campership Fund

Donor · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
PO Box 693, Acton, MA 01720

Phone 978 268 0131
Eligibility Children of disadvantaged families
Service Permanent

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Camping, Camp Sites * (ANY/ALL Types of Camping Services/Sites); Facility: Camping Site (For Kids/Youth Only); Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Grants, for Disadvantaged Youth; Scholarships; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Family, Children, Recreation, Summer Camp; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth Program
Campaigns: Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts
Updated Nov 20, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3484

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

Haiti Relief (DONATION COLLECTION SITE in Massachusetts)

Walk–in Resource · Standby

Donation Collection Site
Central Street North, Acton, MA
Phone Bob Ingram: 978 263 2674
Service Temporary

3–10–2010 TF: This site not collecting currently. Waiting for a new container link to open up.

Only:

Canned Food
Tarps
CLEAN Sleeping Bags
Flashlights
Batteries
Water purification supplies
Updated Mar 11, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5066

Haiti Relief (DONATION COLLECTION SITE in Massachusetts)

Walk–in Resource · Standby

Donation Collection Site
St Matthews Church,; Central Street, Acton, MA
Service Temporary

TF Update 3/11 2010: The donations came in as requested! EVERYONE DONATED THE RIGHT STUFF! Wow. Packed up, labelled and moved to Ipswich, where it was combined with donated medical supplies and over 150 blankets (made by a group of ladies. I'll post their org when I get the name). The whole container was shipped out last week and should already be on the ground in Haiti. A new container is being filled, but the donations list is very specific to medical supplies. Contact us if you want to collect medical supplies.

Hi everyone,

The overwhelming suffering and sadness in Haiti demands our attention. If you'd like to help with a local effort, here's a good one for your consideration:

Citizen Action Team
Helping Haiti Donation Drive

ITEMS ACCEPTED:

Canned Food
Flashlights that work!
Batteries
Water Purification Tablets
Sleeping Bags (must be clean!)
Tarps (all kinds)
COLLECTION SITE:

St. Matthews Church
435 Central Street, Acton
Back Door by the Food Pantry

DROP OFF SCHEDULE:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 to 2:30
Friday and Saturday 9:30 to 12:00

DONATIONS FOR SHIPPING:
Checks payable to: United Way of Tri–County
Please write in memo: CASH Disaster fuel fund
Send to: Citizen Action Team/ PO BOX 2525/ Acton, MA 01720

For more information, call 978–808–7173
Citizen Action Team is an award–winning non–profit started by Terra Friedrichs in response to Hurricane Katrina. www.citizenactionteam.org

Thanks so much,
Beth
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake
Updated Mar 11, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5079

Household Goods Recycling Ministry

Donor · Open

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Donate Goods:

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

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

Our most needed items are the essentials for daily living:

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

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

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

Fall 2008, Action Unlimted Newspaper:

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

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

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

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

Korean Book Club

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
Acton, MA

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

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

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

Latino Family Network

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
Acton, MA

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

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

From the website:

WHAT WE ARE

non–profit
run by volunteers
network focused on connecting latino families and the wider community
resource for members
place to learn, connect, share

QUE SOMOS

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

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

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

Helpful Links
Business

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

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

* www.nshmba.org

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

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

Engineering

* www.sacnas.org

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

* www.shpe.org

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

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

Government

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

Healthcare

*www.icps.org
Interamerican College of Physicians and Surgeons: Founded in 1979; includes more than 39,000 physicians and healthcare

professionals in the US and Puerto Rico. Promotes cooperation among Hispanic/Latino physicians while advancing professional and educational needs.

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

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

Law and Criminal Justice

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

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

Media

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

Real Estate

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

Social Work

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

Technology

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

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

League of Women Voters, Acton Area

Info/Hotline · Open

Non–Profit
Acton, MA

lwv–aa–government–admin@lwv–aa.org

Know Your Town – Acton – presented by the League of Women Voters

This presentation will give an overview of the town services provided by Acton and how town government works.
Learn what are the departments in town hall and where to go with your questions. Learn all the basics about town meeting, including how to become informed on the issues and how you might participate as a town meeting member. Learn where the money comes from to provide town services and how it is spent. Learn how you might become a more informed and involved member of the community. There will be lots of opportunities for questions. Helpful handouts on town services and organization will be provided.

This program has been developed by the League of Women Voters – Acton Area, a non–partisan organization committed to encouraging active citizen particpation in government.

Services offered: Advocacy, Voters Advocacy; Training Government, Training on How it Works
Updated Sep 11, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1812

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

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

Walk–in Resource · Open

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

Service Temporary

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

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

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

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

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church

Walk–in Resource · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
472 Massachusetts Ave (Mass. Ave.), Acton, MA 01720

Phone 978 263 5156
Contact Timothy Knapp
Email pastor@mtcalvaryacton.org
Web www.mtcalvaryacton.org
Service Permanent

Services/Resources Mount Calvary is equipped to provide:

Worship Service: 8:00 and 10:45 am
Christian Education: 9:45 am
Sunday School, age 4–12 at 9:30 am
Junior High/Senior High Youth meet at 9:30 am

1. Seniors Luncheons

Nutritious, balanced meals served the 4th Thursday of every month, Sept–June. No charge. We serve about 80 seniors a month.

2. Marriage Boosters

Monthly marriage enrichment event. 10–15 couples from the community participate.

3. Thanksgiving Baskets

For those in need. Annual event. Each basket contains $65 worth of food including a $25 gift certificate to Roche Brothers. Baskets are distributed to the Acton Housing Authority, other housing agencies and individual families in need.

4. Participation in the Acton/Boxborough Clergy "Book"

Mount Calvary participates two months a year, providing food or gas cards to people in need of immediate assistance.

5. Pastor's Aid Fund

Discretionary fund available to the pastor for providing further assistance beyond gas and food.

6. Provide space for SERVE

SERVE rewards seniors who volunteer in the community with free food. We have served as the monthly distribution center for the area.

7. Junior and Senior High Youth Activities

Regular Activities promote socialization skills, citizenship, and spiritual development.

8. Preschool (3 year old to Transitional Kindergarten): Financial Aid available.

9. Job Networking Groups: We provide space for meetings.

10. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): We provide space for meetings.

11. Scouts: We provide space for meetings and activities.

12. Your group? (Other Groups!)

We are open to assisting other groups whose purposes line up with our mission.

13. Spiritual Counsel

Services offered: Events, Community Meetings; Food Distribution, Holiday, Food Boxes/Basket, Misc.; Gift Cards * (ANY/ALL Types); Gift Cards – Gas Cards (ie. Mobil, Texaco, Union 76, etc.); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals (Elders/Seniors); School, Kindergarten; School, Pre–School; Services, Church/Worship Services; Youth Program
Campaigns: Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Meetings
Updated Nov 19, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3827

Nancy Doherty

Info/Hotline · Open

Private Citizen Virtual Volunteer
Acton, MA
Service Temporary

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

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

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Acton, MA 01720
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Acton Friends Society

Ellen Neelands

Sarah Jeffries (Clergy)

Boxborough (UCC) Congregational Church

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Rotary International

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Acton, MA 01720
e–mail: gkerr@rcn.com

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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

Community Partnerships for Children (Childcare Scholarships)

Donor · Open

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

Phone 978 263 1827
Contact email for details
Email bsweet@itcacton.org
Web www.massresources.org/pages.cfm?contentID=27&pageID=8&Subpages=yes
Serves Acton / Boxboro
Eligibility Low income families – See web site for details of eligibility
Service Permanent

Community Partnerships for Children are programs that help low–income families pay for preschool programs for their children. The CPC programs have five goals:

–to help low–income families pay for preschool
–to get families, businesses, and community organizations involved in early childhood care and education
–to give support services to preschool children and their families (for example, parenting education, referrals, and health and nutrition services)
–to make sure that preschool teachers and caregivers are well–trained and licensed
–to reach out to families who might not plan to send their children to preschool

The Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) funds the CPC programs. Community organizations apply for grants to start Community Partnership programs in their communities. Depending on where you live, your CPC program may be run by your local public school department, community action council, or other community organization interested in early childhood programs.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Child Advocacy; Financial Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Scholarships; Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Family, Children, Child Care Program; Services, Family, Children, Emergency Child Care; Services, Family, General Family Assistance
Campaigns: Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts
Updated Nov 20, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3482

Community Corner of the Acton Area [mutual aid network]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Acton Area, MA
Service Temporary

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

Citizen Action Team, Donations Gathering Operation

Donor · Open

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

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

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

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

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

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

February 2008 Update:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yippee! Gotta love fundraisers!

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

Citizen Action Team
PO Box 2525
Acton, MA 01720

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

of Barrett Industries. Please give these folks a BIG round of applause.

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

978 266 2778, or terra@citizenactionteam.org

Services offered: Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Disaster Relief System Development Guidance; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Community Groups; First Responder, Gulf Region; First Responder, Mid–Atlantic Region; First Responder, MidWest Region; First Responder, NorthEast Region; First Responder, SouthEast Region; Flooring, Tile, Floor (sq ft); Puppet Stages Curriculum Guide; Recycling, Art Supplies; Recycling, Clothing; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Household Items; Recycling, Packaging Materials; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Recycling, Toiletries, Sample Sized NEW ONLY
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Gifts in Kind; United Way; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), Associate Member/Informal Affiliation
Updated May 14, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/299

Domestic Violence Victim Assistance Program, The (DVVAP)

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
Acton, Concord, Maynard, MA

Phone (978) 318–3421, 1.888.399.6111, or the National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1–800–799–SAFE
Contact for questions call, or email
Email DVVAP@Concordma.gov
Web www.concordnet.org/pages/ConcordMA_Police/dvvap/dvvapindex
Serves Region
Service Permanent

Domestic Violence Victim Assistance Program (D.V.V.A.P.)

Is a community collaboration that works to end the cycle of domestic violence by training volunteers to provide support, advocacy, and options to victims.

Co–founded in October, 1998 by the Concord Police Department and The Network for Women's Lives, DVVAP's current collaborators include the Acton, Concord and Maynard Police Departments and Domestic Violence Services of Central Middlesex, Inc., an inter–community umbrella organization dedicated to the creation, support of and collaboration with domestic violence programs to serve the unique needs of the central Middlesex area.

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:

o attempts to cause physical harm
o causes physical harm
o places another in fear of physical harm, or
o 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.

Domestic Violence in Affluent Communities:

In this article from Concord Magazine, former Director Kiersten Warning discusses the nature of domestic violence in privileged communities.

http://www.concordnet.org/pages/ConcordMA_Police/dvvap/conmag

Emerson Hospital 978.287.3690
Rape Crisis Center 1.800.542.5212
Domestic Violence Victim Assistance Program (DVVAP) 1.888.399.6111
Network for Women's Lives Referral Service 978.287.4089

Support Group for Women with Controlling Partners 978.369.0259 or 978.369.2208
Concord District Court's – District Attorney Victim Witness Advocate 978.369.0225
Department of Transitional Assistance 617.629.1400
Food Source Hotline 1.800.645.8333
The Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence – (Jane Doe) www.janedoe.org
Domestic Violence Shelter (SafeLink) 1.877.785.2020

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Counseling, Domestic Abuse Support; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Distribution, Emergency Food Program; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Domestic Violence Intervention Services; Services, Women's Services; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Shelter, Womens, Battered Womens Shelter; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Volunteer Orientation & Training
Campaigns: Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts
Updated Dec 21, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2790

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

Acton Boxborough Newcomers and Neighbors (membership fee required after first event)

Info/Hotline · Open

Civic – Community

Acton–Boxborough, MA

Phone 978–841–9944
Contact Alison
Email info@abnewcomers.org
Web www.abnewcomers.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Demographic Served: Social Peers; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types

Updated Apr 24, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4287

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

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

Shelter · Open

Allston, MA

Service Temporary

from BCN list, 2015:

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

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

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

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

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

Collective Copies (NOT FREE worker–owned, socially responsible business)

Open Business* · Open

Amherst, MA

Web collectivecopies.com/about/history.htm
Service Temporary

Campaigns: Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9760

Food for Thought Progressive Bookshop (NOT FREE, worker–owned)

Open Business* · Open

Amherst, MA

Web www.foodforthoughtbooks.com
Service Temporary

closing at end of 2013, unless funding is found, or new location

Services offered: Books * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9803

MotherWoman therapy center and advocacy center

Walk–in Resource · Open

Amherst, MA

Web www.motherwoman.org
Service Temporary

Not sure what programs they have for the "solidarity economy/community", but this place seems special.

from the site:

Our Mission

MotherWoman supports and empowers mothers to create personal and social change by building community safety nets, impacting family policy and promoting the leadership and resilience of mothers.
Our Challenges

Unrealistic Expectations: The cultural myth of the "Good Mother" sets unrealistic expectations for mothers. This unattainable ideal contributes to maternal stress, depression, and an environment of judgement among women.

Isolation: Many parents are increasingly isolated from neighborhood, friends, and extended family. We are working longer and harder to provide for our families, and have fewer places to go when we're in need.
Maternal Depression: The United States has among the highest rates of maternal depression in the world. Many mothers experience emotional difficulties in the postpartum period. Up to 1 in 4 mothers suffers from postpartum depression (PPD).
Appalling Family Policy: The United States is one of only four countries in the world without guaranteed paid maternity leave. Mothers are 44% less likely to be hired than equally qualified women without children. Women without children make 90 cents to a man's dollar, mothers make 73 cents, and single mothers make 60 cents to a man's dollar.

Our Philosophy

Mothers are powerful. Together we can change the world.
When mothers are valued and supported, we are more successful in all areas of our lives, benefiting our children, families and communities.
Creating communities of genuine respect and non–judgment for all mothers increases our collective power.
Laws and policies that support families benefit everyone.

Our Programs

Mothers' Support Groups – Led by trained facilitators, our groundbreaking support groups offer mothers a chance to talk openly about the challenges of parenting, to gain support and build community.

Facilitator Training – Comprehensive training that provides diverse community leaders and professionals with the skills needed to offer new MotherWoman Support Groups.

Professional Training – Teaches medical and social service providers about the complex mental health and socio–political factors involved in the crisis of postpartum emotional complications.

Postpartum Support Initiative – Builds comprehensive, multi–disciplinary safety nets for mothers in the four counties of Western MA by creating Perinatal Support Coalitions of professionals who serve mothers.

Policy and Advocacy – Nonpartisan advocacy program which raises awareness about social and economic justice issues, and organizes mothers, fathers and caregivers to take action on issues impacting families. Our philosophy is in alignment with the 'MOTHERS' issues of MomsRising.org.

Services offered: Advocacy, Individuals w/Mental Illness; Counseling, Emotional; Counseling, for Caregivers; Mental Health, Counselors/Psychologists; Mental Health Services
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9804

People's Market Food Co–op (NOT FREE)

Open Business* · Open

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

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

Andover, Emergency Management Director

Info/Hotline · Open

EOC
32 North Main Street, Andover, MA 01810
Phone Brian Pattullo, 978–475–0411
Service Permanent

Police Chief

Services offered: First Responder, NorthEast Region
Campaigns: Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security
Updated Nov 6, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/501

Common Ground, Massachusetts

Info/Hotline · Open

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

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

Not sure if it's an "official" outshoot of the Common Ground people in Louisiana or not. But then again, CG is so loosely organized,

perhaps it doesn't matter. Perhaps anyone can establish a CG operation anywhere. Wouldn't that be nice...
Terra

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

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

Arlington Helps [mutual aid]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Arlington, MA

Web www.arlingtonhelps.org
Service Temporary

arlingtonhelps at gmail.com.

Call or text (SMS) us at 339–707–0547

affiliated with Arlington Mutual Aid
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Apr 25, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10288

Arlington, Town of

Info/Hotline · Open

Community
Town Hall: 730 Massachusetts Ave; Local EMA HQ: 112 Mystic Street, Arlington, MA
Phone Town Hall: 781–316–3000, EMA: 781–316–3800
Web www.town.arlington.ma.us/Public_Documents/ArlingtonMA_EMS/index

Service Permanent

Allan McEwen
Emergency Management Director

Standby shelters: Regent Theater, several schools, see EM Plan. According to the Boston Globe 12/6/07: "if victims needed long–term shelter...officials might turn to hotels or a Boston University ahtletic facility"

From the website (note "the plan" is at the site, a PDF):

The Arlington Emergency Management Office is charged with the responsibility to develop and implement Comprehensive Emergency Management (CEM). The heaviest emphasis in the past was on preparedness and response to all risks: man–caused emergencies and natural disasters.
In addition to Preparedness and Response, equal emphasis is now placed on Mitigation and Recovery phases of CEM.

This plan addresses emergency situations in which the actions of many different agencies must be coordinated. This major coordination effort differs from those emergencies handled on a daily basis by local fire, law enforcement, and medical services personnel.

This Plan is structured in six parts. Part I deals with the Basic Plan. Part II deals with Emergency Response Organizations. Part III deals with Emergency Management Processes and Protective Procedures. Part IV deals with specific Hazard/Emergencies/ Disasters. Part V deals with Hazardous Materials. Part VI is the Terrorism Incident Response Plan.

Emergency response Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) for local emergency response personnel should be developed based on responsibilities assigned in their plan. These SOP's will be maintained separately from this plan as supporting documents.

Information concerning telephone contacts, equipment inventories, resources, facilities, and support forms supporting the CEM Plan and SOP's is contained in the Resource Manual. The Resource Manual is maintained as a separate support document.

Local Emergency Planning Committee Members

To better prepare for any disaster, the Town of Arlington has established a Local Emergency Planning Committee consisting of: a citizen chairman; the Director of Emergency Management; (who also serves as Chief of the Arlington Fire Department) the Deputy Chief of the Arlington Fire Department; the Director of the Arlington Board of Health; the Chairman of the Arlington Board of Selectmen; the Editor of the local newspaper; the Director of the Department of Public Works; and a Captain from the Arlington Police Department; Auxiliary Fire/Explorer Post; an Elementary School Principal. The Local Emergency Planning Committee meets on a monthly basis to review emergency plans and discuss plans for all–hazard emergencies.

Services offered: Emergency Management Director, Local; Emergency Operations Center, Local; Government, HQ (Headquarters); Services, Emergency Services
Updated Dec 27, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2791

Mutual Aid Arlington

Volunteer Camp · Open

Arlington, MA
Web mutualaidarlington.org
Service Temporary
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Apr 25, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10287

Together In Motion (Baby Carrier/Supplies Collection for Syrian Refugees c/o CarryTheFuture.org)

Supply POD · Open

1 Broadway, Arlington, MA
Web www.facebook.com/events/538774859604249
Service Temporary

This site accepts donated baby carriers for refugees. Working in cooperation with CarryTheFuture.org, which is focused on donating material supplies to refugees.

Services offered: Baby, Baby Carrier; Baby, Baby Car Seat
Updated Nov 23, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9953

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

Redgate Farm

Walk–in Resource · Open

Ashfield, MA
Web www.redgatefarm.org/program–seed–bank
Service Temporary

from the website:

Red Gate Farm Seed Bank

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our Father's Table (free meals) Four Square Church

Walk–in Resource · Open

500 Main Street,, Athol, MA 01331
Service Temporary

Meal served: 1st & 3rd Thursday, 4–5:30PM
Hot or Cold Meal served

Source: http://www.foodbank.org/PDF/agencylist.pdf Dated October 2012.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Hungry; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Meals, Soup Kitchen; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Cooked Meals; Meals, Dinner; Meals, Hot Meals
Updated Oct 23, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9380

Salvation Army Athol Kitchen (free meals)

Walk–in Resource · Open

107 Ridge Ave., Athol, MA
Phone 978–249–8111
Service Temporary

Meals served: Tuesdays, 5PM to 6PM and
4th Sunday of month, 5PM to 6PM

Source: http://www.foodbank.org/PDF/agencylist.pdf Dated October 2012.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Hungry; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Meals, Soup Kitchen; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Dinner
Campaigns: Salvation Army
Updated Oct 23, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9381

St. Joseph's Food Cellar

Supply POD · Open

Community
208 S. Main St., Attleboro, MA
Phone 508–222–8888

Distributes food packages every Friday evening.
Updated Sep 7, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1017

Stone Soup Food Pantry, Community Center

Walk–in Resource · Open

Ayer, MA

Web m.facebook.com/FeedJust1
Service Temporary

Stone Soup Kitchen Ministries

@FeedJust1

The Original Potluck

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

stonesoupkitchenministries@gmail.com

stonesoupkitchenministries@gmail.com

https://www.facebook.com/FeedJust1

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

Barnstable Schools meals for kids during virus shut down

Walk–in Resource · Open

Barnstable, MA

Web patch.com/massachusetts/barnstable–hyannis/barnstable–coronavirus–schools–provide–meals–during–shutdown
Service Temporary

BARNSTABLE, MA — Barnstable Public Schools said Monday it will expand its school meal program to offer breakfast and lunch to any child under 18, regardless of their lunch benefit status, town of residence or school attended during the three–week, state–ordered closure of all Massachusetts schools.

Meal pickups will be available "grab and go style" between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on weekdays at the following locations:

Barnstable Intermediate School
Barnstable United Elementary School
Hyannis West Elementary School
Hyannis Youth and Community Center

Services offered: Meals * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Mar 17, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10167

Constitution Decoded (Free workshop for learning about the constitution)

School · Open

Bedford, MA

Service Temporary

This group is focused on learning about the constitution, including gun rights and other "freedoms from government intervention".

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Voters Advocacy; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Services, Legal Assistance; Training, Activism; Training, Citizen Activism, Constitutional Law
Updated Dec 13, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9833

Belmont Helps [mutual aid network]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Belmont, MA

Web www.belmonthelps.org
Service Temporary

Ask for help (shopping, meals, translations, phone connection): http://tinyurl.com/bmpghelps
Find resources, Covid–19 stats & ways to help: http://Belmonthelps.org
Volunteer (shopping, meals, translations, phone outreach): http://tinyurl.com/bmpghelps
Request free homemade masks (&/or volunteer – we can provide materials)–https://tinyurl.com/bh–maskdrive
Donate for local Covid–19 needs: https://www.gofundme.com/f/belmont–helps

If you do not have internet access – please leave a message to Belmont Helps for assistance with shopping, deliveries & mask needs – 617–993–0162. Belmont Helps volunteers will get back to you shortly.

For tax–deductible donations, make checks payable to “Winn Brook School PTA” and mail to:
Amy Kirsch, 8 Jason Road, Belmont, MA 02478; write Belmont Helps in the memo line.
To make a donation online (not tax deductible), visit https://www.gofundme.com/f/belmont–helps
If you are diagnosed with or if exposed to someone with Covid–19
Quarantine yourself at home for 14 days, away from other family members if possible! Ask for help here if needed.
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Apr 25, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10289

Restoration Project, The

School · Open

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

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

The group moved to Belmont, on Pleasant Street

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

From their website:

Rehabilitation through craftsmanship

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

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

In the end, the participant has created something beautiful.

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

The ingredients of our rehabilitative success are:

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

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

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

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

Massachusetts Task Force 1, City of Beverly

Info/Hotline · Standby

First Response Services

Beverly Airport (L.P. Henderson Road); The first driveway on your right will go through a gate and into a former Army NIKE base. Go straight through the gate to the rear of the NIKE base. The training site is next to the large new building with the American Flag flying., Berverly, MA

Phone 978–922–5680, info@matf.org
Web www.matf.org
Service Temporary

Massachusetts Task Force 1 (MA–TF 1) Urban Search and Rescue Team (US&R) is located in Beverly, Massachusetts. Urban Search and Rescue teams are comprised of Police, Fire, EMS and Civilians (62 total people when deployed) and respond to major disasters under a contract with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Currently there are 150 people on the MA–TF 1 team.

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Services offered: Communications, Emergency/Disaster Telephone Notification System; First Responder, NorthEast Region; Medical, Services, Emergency Medical Services; Medical, Volunteer, First Response, Volunteer Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Response; Services, Emergency Services; Services, First Response, Emergency Rescue Services; Training Classes, Disaster Preparedness; Training Classes, Disaster Response; Warehouse, Local Disaster Relief Guidance; Warehouse, Warehouse Space
Campaigns: Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security
Updated Dec 9, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2699

Beverly Boostraps (household goods recycling)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Beverly, MA

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

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

Located at 198 Rantoul St. Beverly, MA

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

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

St Benedict Abbey (short term shelter)

Shelter · Open

Bolton/Harvard, MA
Web abbey.org/retreats-individual.php
Service Temporary

they let people and families stay for a couple of night... free or donation appreciated $25-30/night

Services offered: Demographic Served: Families, w/Young Children; Demographic Served: Homeless; Facilities: Laundry Facilities for Homeless Residents; Facilities: Restrooms; Facilities: Shower Facilities * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Transitional Housing; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Catholic Charities; Catholic Charities Community Services; Catholic Charities Social Services; Catholic Church
Updated May 27, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9883

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

Info/Hotline · Open

178 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02111
Phone 617-348-6000
Web www.bostonabcd.org
Service Temporary

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

Mattapan ABCD offers assistance for HUD foreclosure loans

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Boston Globe article:

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

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

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

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

Our Programs:

Career Development

Charitable Campaigns

Early Child Care & Education

Elder Services

Financial Futures Initiative

Food Pantries

Fuel Assistance/Energy Conservation

Health Services

Housing & Homelessness Prevention

Youth Development

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

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

Updated Sep 22, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4427

Allston Community Fridge [24x7 free food]

Walk–in Resource · Open

1 North Beacon St(Grasshopper Restaurant), Boston, MA 02134

Web www.instagram.com/allstoncommunityfridge
Service Temporary

https://cambridgecitygrowers.wordpress.com/2020/11/27/give–and–or–take–from–your–local–community–fridge/

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)

Updated Jul 12, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10461

BayWindows (LGBT oriented Newspaper)

Info/Hotline · Open

News Organization
Boston, MA
Web www.baywindows.com/index.php?ch=community&sc=community_guide
Service Temporary

Boston–based free print news and lots of other online news, community announcements, blogs, etc. oriented toward the LGBT community in New England.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Assistance, Referrals, Employment & Job Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Demographic Served: LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender); Demographic Served: Unemployed; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Online Database Resource; Events, Community Meetings; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Demographic Information; Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Media, Online News Reports; Media, Print News Outlet (newspaper, magazine, etc); News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Book/Study/ Discussion Group; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Networking Group, Employment/Professional Networking; Social Events, Party / Festival
Updated Apr 23, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7906

Beacon Hill Friends House

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston, MA
Web www.bhfh.org
Service Temporary

from a BCN email:

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

In Peace,
Ben

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

Beacon Hill Friends House promotes diversity in many forms, including but not limited to age, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex,

gender, sexual preference or orientation, gender identity, relationship status, and (dis)ability.

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

Boston [free] Food Resources Map [Covd 19 specific]

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston, MA

Web www.boston.gov/departments/food–access/map–covid19–food–resources
Service Temporary

Services offered: Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Apr 25, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10282

Boston Artist Relief Fund, virus shutdown grants $500 and $1000

Donor · Open

Boston, MA

Web www.boston.gov/news/boston–establishes–artist–relief–fund–response–coronavirus
Service Temporary
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Mar 17, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10156

Boston Bike Sharing Program

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston, MA

Service Temporary

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

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

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

By Sara Brown, Town Correspondent

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

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

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

Some new customers welcomed the new outlet to traverse Boston.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Correspondent Jamie Lutz contributed to this report.

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

Boston Cares (Volunteer/Community Center, Community Development)

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Community Development
Boston, MA
Web www.bostoncares.org
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from the website:

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

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

Boston Cares offers several specialized programs. For corporate citizenship, our Hands at Work program provides comprehensive project planning to ensure meaningful service for employees. For young people, we offered both BOOYAH! and Campus Initiative programs. BOOYAH! (Boston Young Active Hands) provides volunteer projects that school–age kids can enjoy as a group or with their families. Campus Initiative engages college students in service. For volunteers looking to delve deeper into current events and issues affecting the community, we offer Citizen Academy. We also offer a wide range of long–term and specialized volunteer opportunities through our Community Grapevine & Skills Bank.

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

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

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

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

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston, MA

Web bostoncoop.net
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to subscribe: BCN@lists.bostoncoop.net

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

Boston Collective Delivery (NOT FREE, worker owned socially responsible)

Open Business∗ · Open

Boston, MA

Web bostoncollectivedelivery.com
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Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9766

Boston Community Fridge in Jamaica Plain [24x7 free food]

Walk–in Resource · Open

672 Centre St.(City Feed and Supply), Boston, MA

Web www.instagram.com/bostoncommunityfridge
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source: https://cambridgecitygrowers.wordpress.com/2020/11/27/give–and–or–take–from–your–local–community–fridge/

COMMENT: this source says it's "coming soon", but this person who is inputting this data was there and it's totally operating, wonderful greens adn every kind of food you can imagine, packed and fresh

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food ∗ (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Jul 12, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10462

Boston COVID–10 Mutual Aid resource list, volunteers/opportunities, etc

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston, MA

Web bit.ly/bostonresources–covid19
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Mayor Walsh: Close Boston Schools, Libraries, Offices Immediately for Public Health! Advocacy http://www.clvu.org/petition_covid19_eviction_moratorium

Petition for Moratorium on Evictions during COVID–19 Advocacy

The Network/La Red – A survivor led organization working to end partner abuse/domestic violence in LGBQ/T, Poly, and SM communities. Our hotline is available 24/7 for survivors and their loved ones who are supporting them. Our housing program, phone–based support groups, and phone advocacy services all remain open and can be accessed through our hotline. Help available in English and Spanish. Advocacy http://tnlr.org/en/

Individual (college student) hoping to help with free childcare should public schools close (or any needs arise). Working from home mulitple days a week Childcare email: darbettio@gmail.com

Couple hoping to provide free childcare to children of health workers. Working from home throughout each of the coming weeks Childcare emails: will.weiss1230@gmail.com, meaganannemcgee@gmail.com

Teacher to Family Connection (A group dedicated to connecting families and teachers/care takers during school closings from covid–19) Childcare https://www.facebook.com/groups/827398907762478/

Education Companies Offering Free Subscriptions due to School Closings (Updated) : Amazing Educational Resources Education http://www.amazingeducationalresources.com/
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OVID–19 Freelance Artist Resources Employment https://covid19freelanceartistresource.wordpress.com/?fbclid=IwAR1ibm9tInNn0AuiqSET1O1ywmOBZSr92hcS0wVEld1D4Hmoc8WVS4bFVpc
COVID–19 Tips for Small Businesses Employment https://jpcentresouth.com/wp–content/uploads/2020/03/CORONAVIRUS–Tips–for–Businesses.pdf

Zephyr is offering some free business advice to help small businesses who may be struggling during this time; also offering online professional development opportunities at a large discount Employment https://www.zephyr.business/

Study Hall is removing paywalls from their daily digest and weekly opportunities newsletters to help freelancers."Freelancers operate on razor-thin margins and are going to be hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic. We've decided to making the Study Hall Digest and our weekly opportunities newsletter unpaywalled for the foreseeable future to spread news of paying gigs" Employment https://www.patreon.com/posts/34939848?fbclid=IwAR1f--SOr9LADWimUKx_QHsXMTOrwpTux6Qdo6TV3vgi5g7CvYq_HCc9Mec

Libby: Free ebooks and audiobooks with a Boston Public Library card Entertainment https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby/

Pluto TV: Free streaming service of lots of TV/movie channels Entertainment https://pluto.tv/

Drag queen storytime via livestream Tuesday 3/17 at 3pm EST Entertainment https://twitter.com/MartiGCummings/status/1239354045497778178

Boston Artist Relief Fund Financial Aid https://www.boston.gov/artistrelief?fbclid=IwAR1MIQewQJ_6j38lzgfe9zfHyi-9KA3GxHNt_frh9sEw7LcDO_udFCBVTqE

Boston Music Maker Relief Fund Financial Aid https://www.therecordco.org/relief?fbclid=IwAR2XVUzsAn9-z0KszKymbvqFsMhczC1NzB1UGJ1kVd8FcDr4ADHT4G5Jk-A
It's COVID season but it is also TAX SEASON. Don't forget to do your taxes, and don't get scammed by TurboTax. The IRS will tell you how you can file for free. Financial Aid https://apps.irs.gov/app/freeFile/

NYFA partners with Robert Rauschenberg Foundation to administer new emergency grant program that will provide one-time grants of up to $5,000 for medical emergencies. Financial Aid https://current.nyfa.org/post/6122096340323696 64/announcing-rauschenberg-emergency-grants-program?fbclid=IwAR1_ncA65rqbDJ2eYHmRakBjrGqYt8QpBR48SND8HfmjmLqsOXXDbZ3OtmQ

SBA to Provide Disaster Assistance Loans for Small Businesses Impacted by Coronavirus (COVID-19) Financial Aid https://www.sba.gov/about-sba/sba-newsroom/press-releases-media-advisories/sba-provide-disaster-assistance-loans-small-businesses-impacted-coronavirus-covid-19

Covid-19 Financial Solidarity Financial Aid https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FBEU0cdAGpScU0JrOlYFm8FrY1Bjr0_HsyW4hWOj74I/edit

4GoodVibes offering free bagged lunch with activities Food https://www.facebook.com/4GoodVibess/posts/2263792610588926

Daddy Jones Bar offering free meals, groceries, and delivery to those in need; they're coordinating with other restaurants in Magoun Square Food https://www.facebook.com/daddyjonesbar/photos/pb.139045476187154.-2207520000../2814737978617877/?type=3&theater

Trina's Starlite Lounge offering free meals and delivery to those in need. Food https://www.facebook.com/trinastarlitelounge/photos/a.10151514717759930/10157517108664930/

Brighton Allston Congregational Church (404 Washington St, Brighton) – Has free/open to all Community suppers every Wednesday at 6 PM. They also have a food pantry and thrift store (free items – see site for details). Food https://brightonucc.org/whatwedo/

Community Cooks Food https://communitycooks.org/give/

Coronavirus concerns: Jack's Abby offering free pizza to students in Framingham on Thursday, Friday after schools were closed Food https://www.masslive.com/boston/2020/03/coronavirus-concerns-jacks-abby-offering-free-pizza-to-students-in-framingham-on-thursday-friday-after-schools-were-closed.html

Food For Free Food https://foodforfree.org food pantry network, delivering to housing sites, needs volunteers

Free meals to go Wednesday nights and Saturday afternoons at First Baptist Church in JP Food https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistJP/

Oak Square YMCA: free meals for children in Brighton Food "https://www.facebook.com/OakSquareYMCA"

Online Farmers Market to support farmers Food https://shop.threeriverfa.com/Account/Register

Project Bread Food http://www.projectbread.org/

Project Soup Food www.somervillehomelesscoalition.org/food-security/

Somerville Food Security Connection Food http://somervillefoodsecurity.org/get-involved/

Info about safe food preparation, for anyone who is planning to cook food for others as part of a meals program or mutual aid. Food https://www.whca.org/files/2020/03/COVID-19-Food-Safety-Guidance.pdf

Free groceries at Makeshift Boston (Solidarity Supply Distro) Food https://www.facebook.com/SolidaritySupplyDistro/?hc_location=ufi

Mill City Grows mission is to foster food justice by improving physical health, economic independence and environmental sustainability in Lowell through increased access to land, locally–grown food and education. Food https://www.millcitygrows.org/

Food For Free will be setting up emergency food pantries at 9–10 public housing sites to address student and family needs as well as for our elder population.

If you are interested in volunteering please sign up here: Food https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSed0cSIoOc7–Fvoms3VHR1Lc44fjql–vTNknz_a–7T_sKDnrw/viewform

***FREE MEALS TO BPS STUDENTS AND ALL SCHOOL–AGE CHILDREN IN BOSTON Food https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/Page/8098

"Rescuing Leftover Cuisine

We are continuing operations in accordance with CDC suggestions
and regulations. Please email Dana@RescuingLeftoverCuisine.org
to receive food as an HSA, donate food as a business or volunteer
as an individual or team." Food www.RescuingLeftoverCuisine.org/MA

Massachusetts Food System Collaborative created following the completion of the Massachusetts Local Food Action Plan in December 2015. The goals of the Collaborative are to promote, monitor, and facilitate implementation of the Plan Food https://mafoodsystem.org/

Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) at various locations serving Boston, Everett, Malden, and Medford. ABCD offers assistance in food emergency and/or groceries on a regular basis for those who cannot afford it. Stop by your local food pantry with your ID, proof of income, and proof of address (must be from three different sources) to enroll or receive assistance immediately. They usually have at least dry and canned goods stocked for emergency packages. Food https://bostonabcd.org/service/food–pantries/

Down Dog, Yoga for Beginners, HIIT, Barre, and 7 Minute Workout – completely free until April 1st. Health https://www.downdogapp.com/

State Health Connector re–opens insurance enrollment in face of coronavirus threat Health https://www.universalhub.com/2020/state–health–connector–re–opens–insurance

Need an abortion during the COVID pandemic? Here's what to expect Health https://carafem.org/coronavirus–what–to–expect–at–carafem

CVS offers free 1–2 day delivery on most prescriptions (and you can ad non–Rx items to your order) Health https://www.cvs.com/content/delivery

AA phone/online meetings Health https://docs.google.com/document/d/1a71ccw7ihaWelksKwOp4AzAkYlVqSoKiN6Gsm38bKMU/edit?usp=sharing

City Councilor Julia Mejia offering housing support/resources for those displaced Housing https://twitter.com/juliaforboston/status/1237563021511159810

Google form for Homeless Harvard Students to find housing in order to keep area homless shelters operational (coordinated by the Phillip Brooks House) Housing https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScbbiKRh511AxXi2G1PGtaxrOSF_fhLoHCz9ndifcqUlxyxKA/viewform

Move–Out Assistance Housing https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSegRedWMV9Mbz3C–QO1wrthrOv5lgHfV9y–v3EPIBUDzyWS3g/viewform

Open Spreadsheet of Offered Housing for Harvard (and other) students (information is being coordinated through Harvard GSE and passed on to Harvard Housing to coordinate directly with students as needed) Housing https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RwDtfLFR25xUnYhCPLNF2RT7–c9LE9J–NusgZWjUJGQ/edit

Short term housing from the Aletheia church in Cambridge Housing https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Sg2lm1ecel7JhugFOFz59Yy3tW22uYQjEtAK0JwVgLA/edit?usp=sharing

College Students: U–Haul Offers 30 Days Free Self–Storage amid Coronavirus Outbreak Housing https://www.uhaul.com/Articles/About/20625/College–Students–U–Haul–Offers–30–Days–Free–Self–Storage–amid–Coronavirus–Outbreak/

#StayTheFuckHome: A Movement to Stop the COVID–19 Pandemic (translations available at the link) Information https://staythefuckhome.com/

Brandeis FAQs Information tiny.cc/2fc6kz

Caring Across Distance: Some Things to Consider Before Movement Gatherings During COVID–19 Information bit.ly/caringacrossdistance

Coronavirus: Wisdom from a Social Justice Lens Information www.healingjustice.org/podcast/corona

Half Assed Disabled Prepper Tips for Preparing for a Coronavirus Quarantine Information https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rIdpKgXeBHbmM3KpB5NfjEBue8YN1MbXhQ7zTOLmSyo/edit

Coronavirus/COVID–19 Resources from JP Centre/South Information https://jpcentresouth.com/coronavirus/

What does a State of Emergency mean in Mass? Information https://www.facebook.com/VoteMelissaSmith/photos/a.118258486221429/217494222964521/?type=3&theater

Printable handwashing sign Information https://jpcentresouth.com/wp–content/uploads/2020/03/Handwashing–Sign.pdf

People Who Use Drugs and Harm Reduction Programs Information https://harmreduction.org/miscellaneous/covid–19–guidance–for–people–who–use–drugs–and–harm–reduction–programs/

Crisis Text Line (741741) –– Isolation is HARD. Check in with your friends and neighbors, and know there are people there to listen if you need it. Mental Health https://www.crisistextline.org/

Therapy Resources and Referral Sources Mental Health http://bit.ly/getatherapist
EXPERT OFFERS PRACTICAL ADVICE TO MANAGE YOUR CORONAVIRUS ANXIETY Mental Health https://news.virginia.edu/content/expert-offers-practical-advice-manage-your-coronavirus-anxiety
How to cope with burnout if you're feeling overwhelmed by working from home Mental Health https://www.facebook.com/notes/oriana-soup/burnout/10152149241940787/?hc_location=ufi
AARW (Asian American Resource Workshop)'s Boston & MA Resource List Mutual Aid https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-x6vOZKVsla5H363mtdgcyivvLmcx7-f2s6l-O_ba8A/edit?ts=5e697f9c&
People willing to ship/deliver to immunocompromised folks Mutual Aid https://docs.google.com/document/d/1u6JQDlkjEWaYtfTxQ54gshOjOl9Fc76UCi5jVYYGn9E/edit
A Website Designed to Connect Those Who Feel At Risk Medically: Concerned-To-Go-Out Mutual Aid https://concerned-to-go-out.github.io/
Allston/Brighton Mutual Aid Mutual Aid https://docs.google.com/document/d/1elvhLVePZdLRpTWgNKNYKYacu9wI__7ILMerXPUZjSg/edit?usp=sharing
Anti-Isolation Team: Mutual Aid Against Covid-19 Mutual Aid https://www.facebook.com/groups/604931866726390/?ref=group_header
Boston College Mutual Aid Mutual Aid https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuWwbBITzpDu_6jDTB--qJlE7QrUMMx53BPPRltHcboJU88g/viewform
Boston-area Mutual Aid Google Form (coordinated by Harvard Graduate Students Union-UAW) Mutual Aid tinyurl.com/hgsuCOVID19aid
Brandeis Mutual Aid – give Mutual Aid https://forms.gle/4zPTHriP3bHTReRV6
Brandeis Mutual Aid – needs & concerns Mutual Aid https://forms.gle/gosGgTTq9LDccwMt6
Brandeis Resource Pooling Facebook Group Mutual Aid https://www.facebook.com/groups/538742673434920
Cambridge Mutual Aid Mutual Aid https://www.facebook.com/groups/140900043949824/
Cambridge Neighborhood Action Network Mutual Aid
Cambridge Neighborhood Aid Network Mutual Aid http://bit.ly/Cambridge-NAN-general
Charles River Mutual Aid Mutual Aid https://crmutualaid.com/
Harvard Low Income & First Generation Mutual Aid Google Form (information is being coordinated through Harvard Primus and passed on to Harvard Housing to coordinate directly with students as needed): Mutual Aid https://bit.ly/2IE3uF4
MIT Mutual Aid Google Form (coordinated by an alumni) Mutual Aid https://bit.ly/2IAzXw5
Mutual Aid Jamaica Plain & Roxbury Google Doc Network Mutual Aid https://bit.ly/jpmutualaid
Mutual Aid Medford & Somerville (MAMAS) Mutual Aid https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RtYZ1wc8jxcSKDl555WszWhQWlOlSkNnfjIOYV0wXRA/
Newton Mutual aid Mutual Aid https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQNTahca3LS8GkS0mht7d3JAVsAc5Apy2H_LJLiGntlwTVOw/viewform
Olin Mutual Aid Mutual Aid https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Zy1MILRhmq2qbE-Z8r10KfcWfzh-XzsF-yt7-k3ZrRs/edit
People's Coronavirus Response (National, not Boston-specific) Mutual Aid https://www.facebook.com/groups/227796518342860/
Storage for students coordinated by Acorn Pack Mutual Aid https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4-ELPJzD-gLrWzWje82K_gN-Ga6-hlcCdoJKtlHgMUyMeGA/viewform
Tufts Mutual Aid Google Form (information being coordinated through Tufts Mutual Aid facebook group and students can see the generated responses on the other end) Mutual Aid https://bit.ly/39Gw84d
Wellesley Mutual Aid Mutual Aid https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1D_CNffqdyM1evxQ9666kI7M4EC8TAI15svocW9GN2So/edit
Western Massachusetts Community Aid Slack Chat Mutual Aid https://wmacommunitymutualaid.slack.com/join/shared_invite/zt-cp461urp-CrzhhnxIhFuj_prjUmssKQ
Williams College Mutual Aid Google Form Mutual Aid https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdeS2RWIjqvFmj6QiY2ur9P1rogCjrlAtMQgDwLxeMZKR4Ytg/viewform
Boston + MA COVID19 Resources: A Limited List of Resources Compiled by the Asian American Resource Workshop Mutual Aid https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-x6vOZKVsla5H363mtdgcyivvLmcx7-f2s6l-O_ba8A/edit?usp=sharing
Northeastern University First-Gen/Low Income Assistance, open to anyone Mutual Aid https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ajX2EUI1dEd71-KnMcMw2rw7h9EnzZ670OjQalDzh_A/edit#gid=782009522
Mission-Based Massachusetts (A 15 year old online community for nonprofit, philanthropic, grassroots, educational, and other mission-based organizations in Massachusetts. Helpful if you are seeking resources or collaboration partners.) Mutual Aid https://missionbasedmassachusetts.net/lists/info/mbm
Lowell Alliance helps Lowell, MA families and neighborhoods thrive by connecting them with critical resources and empowering them to fulfill their vision for community. Mutual Aid https://www.lowellalliance.org/
Jamaica Plain & Roxbury Mutual Aid Mutual Aid https://bit.ly/jpmutualaid
endcovid.org – Connection volunteers with people those that need it. Attempting to connect with hospitals, research labs and households. Mutual Aid https://endcovid.org/
Group to distribute free toilet paper to low-income families in Roxbury on Saturday Supplies https://www.universalhub.com/2020/group-distribute-free-toilet-paper-low-income
JPs Massage Therapy is using their business account to crowd source hand sanitizer for Boston residents who need it. Sign up on their google form to express interest (does not guarantee you will recieve any) Supplies https://forms.gle/rdVnuRQu1H3P24Wc7
Enterprise Car Rental- reducing minimum age and eliminating rental fees for young drivers (18-24) Transportation https://www.

enterprise.com/en/car–rental/deals/young–driver.html
In response to emergency measures associated with Coronavirus (COVID–19), Internet Essentials will increase speeds from 15/2 Mbps to 25/3 Mbps for all customers. This speed increase will happen automatically – no action is required by customers. In addition, new customers will receive two months of free service. Utilities https://www.internetessentials.com/
Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association of Greater Lowell– Their mission is to improve the quality of life for Cambodian Americans and other minorities and economically disadvantaged persons in Lowell through educational, cultural, economic and social programs with a vision that one day they are active and engaged leaders of their communities. Mutual Aid https://www.cmaalowell.org/wp/about/
Jeremy Ornstein, I'm a 19 year old from Watertown with several references, experience in classrooms and camps. Excited to help take care of young people. childcare jeremy13swag@gmail.com
JP Centre Yoga is offering PAY WHAT YOU CAN yoga via livestream! We have temporarily closed our physical doors at JPCY and are no longer offering in–person classes at the studio through at least April 6th. We feel inspired and see this as an opportunity to broaden our reach, offering yoga to ALL who need it at this time. Our daily LIVE STREAMED classes are on a sliding scale – pay anywhere between $0 up to our regular drop–in rate of $20. It is important to us that everyone has access to yoga so all that we ask is that you pay what you can. We feel that this is our path forward to support and preserve community health. Wellness https://myemail.constantcontact.com/JPCY–is–now–online–with–donation–based–classes.html?aid=lGzo7qbzdTM&soid=1110193228356
COVID–19 Mental Health Resources Mutual Aid https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FQTOeukH3uVOKKzF–xAxtIFkmxOXjpUMQLn0voS340E/edit
Boston + MA COVID19 Resources Mutual Aid https://docs.google.com/document/d/1–x6vOZKVsla5H363mtdgcyivvLmcx7–f2s6l–O_ba8A/edit
Somerville–Cambridge Elder Services organization is looking for volunteers to help with making check–in phone calls to elder residents regarding COVID–19, especially if you speak Mandarin, Portuguese, Spanish, or Haitian. A CORI/background is required. Volunteering https://eldercare.org/join–us/volunteer–opportunities/
Massachusetts Mutual Aid Networks Mutual Aid https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QEK7LmLanrngIwIk72EjxijEerCB19348ac32YgYg0Q/edit#gid=0
I have a car and can pick up laundry, wash/dry/fold it, and drop it back off locally (East Boston/Revere/Winthrop area) laundry marylumendonca at gmail.com
Wellesley Coronavirus Community Support Program (WCCSP) is an organization to assist sick people and their families in Wellesley deal with this virus. We have an educational Facebook group as well. We are trying to organize deliveries to people who need it and provide emotional support. Volunteering, education WCCSPaction@gmail.com
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Mar 18, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10157

Boston Donation Collection for Hurricane Harvey

Donor · Open

Boston, MA

Web www.boston.gov/news/help–houston–drive–aid–those–affected–hurricane–harvey
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Campaigns: 2017 Hurricane Harvey
Updated Aug 29, 2017 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10042

Boston Family Shelter (Shelter Inc.)

Shelter · Open

Non–Profit Community Outreach
656 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, MA 02118

Phone 617–267–8081
Web www.shelterinc.org
Checks payable to Shelter Inc.

From the website:

The Boston Family Shelter provides emergency shelter, individualized case management, referrals for educational and job training programs, life–skill and child development education, 24–hour staff support and other needed services; capacity of 9 families.

It is the mission of Shelter to end homelessness in the lives of individuals and families by providing housing options and effective supportive services while promoting policy and practices necessary to change those conditions that create homelessness.

Services offered: Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Demographic Served: Homeless; Shelter, Homeless Shelter; Training Classes, Child Development (learning to teach kids); Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training, Services, Employment /JobTraining

Campaigns: United Way
Updated Apr 19, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1035

Boston Food Pantry

Walk–in Resource · Open

Red Cross
285 Columbus Ave., 2nd floor, Boston, MA
Phone 617–375–0700, ext. 210
Hours Wed. & Sat. 9–12

Provides food packages Wed. & Sat. mornings 9–12.

Services offered: Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public)
Campaigns: American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC
Updated Jan 22, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1012

Boston Food Swap

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston, MA
Web www.bostonfoodswap.com
Service Temporary

from the website:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Boston Healthcare for the Homeless

Medical Facility · Open

Medical Care
780 Albany Street, Boston, MA 02118
Phone 857–654–1000
Contact call/write for details
Email info@bhchp.org
Web www.bhchp.org
Eligibility needs based
Service Permanent

from the website:

Services and Programs Overview

Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program (BHCHP) provides top–notch, comprehensive healthcare for homeless individuals and families.

A trusting relationship between patient and provider is an important part of the care we deliver. Providers seize every opportunity to engage patients and to earn trust through consistency and patience.

Staff work in multi–disciplinary teams. Our goal is to provide well coordinated, high quality services.

Go to the website to learn more: http://www.bhchp.org/BHCHP–services.html

Shelter–based clinics
Hospital–based clinics
Medical respite care – The Barbara McInnis House
Racetrack clinic
Street outreach services
Family outreach services
Behavioral health services
Dental
HIV/AIDS services

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals, Health Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Medical Resources Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Mental Health Resources; Community Outreach Programs; Community Service Program; Counseling, Crisis Counseling; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Nutritional Counseling; Counseling, Substance Abuse ; Dental, Facility, Dental Clinic; Dental, Mobile Dental Clinic; Dental, Services * (ANY/ALL Types of Dental Services) ; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Crisis Hotline; Hotline, Health Information/Resource Hotline; Medical, Facility, Clinic ($ Fee–Based Sliding Scale); Medical, Facility, Clinic, Free Clinic; Medical, Facility, Clinic, Mobile Field Medical Clinic; Medical, Facility, Urgent Care (Non Trauma); Medical, Non–Emergency Medical Services; Medical, Services, Assessment, Disabled, Diagnostic & Evaluative (For Handicapped/Disabled); Medical, Services, Family Planning; Medical, Services, Family Planning, Diagnostic, Pregnancy Tests; Medical, Services, Family Planning, Pregnancy Prevention; Medical, Services, First Aid Medical Services; Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Services, Mobile Medical Unit/Clinic; Medical, Services, Physical Examinations; Medical, Services, Screening, Blood Pressure Screenings; Medical, Services, Screening, General Health; Medical, Services, Vaccination Program/Clinic Services; Medication, Rx, Vaccination, Hepatitis A Shots
Updated Dec 3, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3906

Boston Mutual Aid resources

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston, MA

Web docs.google.com/document/d/1–x6vOZKVsla5H363mtdgcyivvLmcx7–f2s6l–O_ba8A/edit
Service Temporary

Boston + MA COVID19 Resources Mutual Aid
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Mar 18, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10197

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

School · Open

Boston, MA

Web bpsog.drutopia.org
Service Temporary

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

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

Who We Are

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

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

Boston Rescue Mission

Shelter · Open

Faith–based
39 Kingston Street, Boston, MA
Phone 617–338–9000
Web www.brm.org

At the Boston Rescue Mission, our programs and services focus a great deal on preventing homelessness. When families of greater Boston have budgets stretched so thin that they must choose between feeding themselves and staying in their homes, our meal programs relieve pressure on caregivers and allow them to focus resources in other areas to prevent a homeless situation. As men and women in need of employment struggle to make ends meet, our vocational development programs help to prepare them for higher–paying positions in today's workplaces. On the journey through recovery from alcohol and drug addiction, our residential recovery programs strengthen and empower our clients by building and reinforcing a solid foundation of sobriety. From a state of sobriety, clients then can rebuild self–esteem in a supportive and accountable recovery environment and break the cycle of addiction that so often leads to homelessness. Our range of services also strives to meet the needs of a population of female ex–offenders. The goal of this re–entry program is to reduce recidivism, increase public safety, and help female ex–offenders to re–enter society as independent women living fulfilling and crime–free lives. By supporting our brothers and sisters in times of need, we enable them to focus on maintaining a stable housing situation for themselves and their families.

For those clients caught in the throes of street living or in the vicious cycle of addiction, detoxification, and relapse, our facilities and programs work toward ending homelessness. Our staff and community volunteers help to stabilize lives in crisis by serving hot meals to anyone who is hungry. We open our emergency shelter every night of the year to offer a warm and safe place for up to 120 people to sleep. Our volunteers meet and counsel shelter guests about leaving street life and entering recovery programs like those at the Mission. Those same recovery programs bring much more than just sobriety––they bring hope to men and women who felt their lives slipping away from them; hope that the bleak world of addiction and homelessness will finally come to an end.

Over the past several years, the Boston Rescue Mission has served over 165,000 meals each year. This includes the meals served at the food pantry, residential meals, shelter meals and the three o'clock meal. The Mission serves meals at six mealtimes on weekdays. The weekend schedule is slightly different.

Food Pantry
The food pantry program provided over 27,000 meals last year to individuals and families in the city of Boston. Program participants must present a picture I.D., rent receipt, utility bill, and be a resident of the city of Boston to be eligible for the food pantry program. Lack of affordable housing in the city of Boston has significantly increased the demand for the food pantry program over the last several years. Running the food pantry is a volunteer position.

Residential Meals
Resident clients in our recovery programs are served three meals per day. Breakfast is served at 7:00AM, lunch at 11:30AM, and dinner at 4:30PM. All meals have available shifts for those who would like to volunteer serving in the kitchen. Some of the residential clients participate in the preparing and serving of the meals as a way to contribute to their mandatory house hours.

Shelter Meals
The shelter doors open and dinner is served at 7:00PM. The lights go off at 9:00PM and the wake up call is at 5:30 AM. At 5:30AM the overnight guests are served a breakfast and leave the shelter by 6:15AM. Both the dinner and breakfast mealtimes are available shifts for those who would like to volunteer by serving meals in the kitchen.

The Three O'Clock Meal
The Three O'clock meal is open to anyone who is hungry. Typically, between fifty to one hundred people come to the Mission to enjoy this afternoon meal. This is a popular meal for our Corporate Partners, who enjoy gathering a few employees to serve a meal once per month or so. It is also a popular meal for those wishing to reach out to a homeless person and perhaps to establish a personal relationship.

Phone: 617–338–9000
Fax: 617–482–6623
Email: info@brm.org

Federal Tax ID #:
04–2104726

Services offered: Counseling, Substance Abuse ; Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Jobs, Paying; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Breakfast; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals; Meals, Dinner; Meals, For Homeless Residents; Services, Homeless, Services for the Homeless; Services, Substance Abuse Treatment (Drug/Alcohology) ; Shelter, Homeless Shelter; Training Classes, Computer Lab; Training Classes, Vocational; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Oct 11, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1527

Boston Resource Network

Info/Hotline · Open

Community Service
Boston, MA

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

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

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

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

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

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

Services offered: Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Hotline, Food Bank/Pantry Hotline (Find Emergency Food Help); Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Oct 11, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1533

Boston Solidarity

Volunteer Camp · Open

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

boston@solidarity–us.org

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

Boston University Community Service Center, Student Food Rescue

Info/Hotline · Open

University
775 Commonwealth Ave, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02215
Phone 617–353–4710 Fax: 671–353–9424
Web www.bu.edu/csc

The Community Service Center (CSC) is home to 13 student–run service programs. With a volunteer base of over 1,500 people the CSC annually contributes over 75,000 hours of service in the Greater Boston Area and around the US.

Food Runs:

Food run volunteers travel the city in groups of three salvaging food from donor sites and delivering it to area food pantries, shelters, and low income housing facilities. 22 food runs are scheduled each week at various times, ideal for any schedule. Food Runs involve a two–hour per week commitment lasting one semester.

Throughout the year SFR offers many one–time opportunities. These include two large food basket distributions occurring in November and April. Other events include a Trick–or–Can canned food drive on Halloween night and various educational events throughout the year. Student Food Rescue also coordinates field trips throughout the year, such as visiting Heifer International's Overlook Farm where volunteers enjoyed a meal while touring the farm and learning about the organization.

Services offered: Distribution, Supplies, Local Distribution of Supplies; Food, Distribution, Emergency Food Program; Services, Tutoring Services; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program
Updated Sep 11, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1011

Boston University Medical Center

Info/Hotline · Open

Student Run
Various, 43 sites, Boston, MA
Phone 617–638–8491
Web www.aamc.org/uninsured/northeast.htm

Outreach Van Project
The Outreach Van Project was founded in 1997 by Boston University medical and public health students to provide health care to the medically underserved and homeless communities in Greater Boston. The Outreach Van offers food, clothing, blankets, and medical supplies, and provides weekly outreach assistance and medical services. By working closely with the community, the project has been able to identify individuals who otherwise would not seek medical care until their illness became critical.

Healthcare for the Homeless
Since 1985, Healthcare for the Homeless has provided clinical services at 43 sites throughout Boston for more than six thousand homeless men and women.

Boston HealthNet
Focusing strongly on urban health, Boston Medical Center is a founder of Boston HealthNet, the network affiliation of the medical center, Boston University School of Medicine and 15 community health centers. Boston HealthNet is an integrated health care delivery system whose partners provide outreach, prevention, primary care and specialty care and dental services at sites located throughout Boston's neighborhoods.

Contact: Gina DiGravio, media relations, 617–638–8491
gina.digravio@bmc.org

Services offered: Medical, Facility, Clinic, Free Clinic
Updated Oct 11, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1549

Boston, City of, Haitian Support Center (Phone Calling/Family Locator Assistance)

Walk–in Resource · Open

City, Disaster Response
Boston, MA
Web www.cityofboston.gov/news/default.aspx?id=4519
Service Temporary

Mayor Menino launches assistance efforts for victims and local families impacted by earthquake in Haiti

1/13/2010 – Released by Mayor's Office
For more information contact Press Office

City to open resource center for local families and offer direct outreach to Haiti

Mayor Thomas M. Menino announced this afternoon that the City of Boston, in conjunction with a number of community partners, would begin mobilizing resources to assist the victims and families impacted by the magnitude–7.0 earthquake that struck Haiti yesterday. In an outreach effort aimed directly at victims in Haiti as well as local families with ties to the country, a number of city agencies will work with partner organizations to open a local resource center for Boston's Haitian community in addition to sending direct assistance to Haiti.

Tonight, Mayor Menino and other officials will join State Representatives Marie St. Fleur and Linda Dorcena–Forry, two leaders in Boston's Haitian community with whom the Mayor is closely coordinating, at a meeting they are hosting for Boston's Haitian community at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in the South End.

"Boston's ties to Haiti are very deep, and our thoughts and prayers go out not only to the victims of this tragedy, but also to the Haitian community in our city whose loved ones have been affected by the disaster," Mayor Menino said. "On behalf of the City of Boston, I offer my deepest condolences to those impacted by this horrible tragedy. As a city, we will come together to support the Haitian community both here in Boston and abroad in any way possible."

Mayor Menino has organized a team of public and private partners to accomplish three primary assistance objectives:

Open a resource center for local families seeking information and assistance.
Establish a relief fund to help support local families with relatives in Haiti.
Offer search and rescue resources to Haitian officials, including both equipment and personnel.

Community partners as well as staff from city agencies such as the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) are in the process of setting up the resource center for local families impacted by the earthquake. The center will be operated out of SEIU Local 1199, located at 150 Mount Vernon Street in Dorchester. It will begin operating tomorrow from 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. and remain

open throughout the weekend and possibly into next week, depending on need. Translators, crisis councilors, computers, and phone lines will be available for local families in need of assistance. Individuals looking for more information can contact the center by calling (617) 284–1199.

The relief fund for local families with ties to Haiti, named the “Fund for Boston Neighborhoods, Inc. – Haitian Family Relief,” will be administered by Bank of America. Donations to the fund can be made by visiting any local Bank of America branch.

The Mayor’s Office of Emergency Preparedness is coordinating with state and federal authorities to make disaster medical assistance teams (DMAT) available to assist Haiti with search and rescue efforts. Urban search and rescue teams from Boston are also at the ready to assist, and the city has offered to lend approximately $1 million in search and rescue equipment to emergency responders in Haiti.

Given Boston’s sizeable Haitian community, the Boston Public Schools (BPS) arranged today for crisis counselors to be present at schools and educational complexes with large populations of Haitian immigrants and Haitian–American students and faculty. Counselors were dispatched to the West Roxbury Education Complex, the Hyde Park Education Complex, Tech Boston Academy, Taylor Elementary, and Kenny Elementary. The school department also made automated calls to Haitian Creole speaking families to inform them of the community meeting and information session tonight at the Cathedral.

Under Mayor Menino’s leadership, Superintendent Carol R. Johnson will ensure that BPS students and families impacted by the tragedy can take advantage of all available resources. “During this difficult time, our first priority is the emotional and physical well–being of our students,” Superintendent Johnson said. “We have many students with ties to Haiti and we know that they and their families are waiting to connect with their loved ones. The Boston Public Schools community is ready and able to help our students cope with this crisis.”

Other resources for families impacted by the earthquake include:
The State Department’s information line: Individuals seeking information about family members living in Haiti are encouraged to call 1–888–407–4747.

Press zero (0) to speak with a customer service representative.
The White House’s official website, www.whitehouse.gov, offers general information about the earthquake and relief efforts in Haiti.

Other ways to assist victims of the tragedy include:

Visit www.interaction.org for a list of credible responding organizations that accept donations for international emergencies.

Reputable organizations include: Partners in Health (www.pih.org); International Red Cross (www.redcross.org); Catholic Relief Services (www.crs.org).

Individuals can make $10 donations to the Red Cross by texting “HAITI” to “90999.” These donations will be charged to an individual’s cell phone bill.
Information about the city’s assistance efforts can be found at: www.cityofboston.gov.
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake
Updated Jan 15, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4980

Boston, COVID–19 Coronavirus, City Upate page

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston, MA

Web www.boston.gov/news/coronavirus–disease–covid–19–boston
Service Temporary

Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Mar 17, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10155

Boston, list of Restaurant Worker relief funds to donate to

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston, MA

Web boston.eater.com/2020/3/13/21178262/boston–restaurants–coronavirus–temporary–closures–changes–updates
Service Temporary

Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Mar 17, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10161

Boston, meal PICKUP sites for kids, during virus shut down

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston, MA

Web www.boston.gov/departments/food–access/map–meal–sites–boston–students
Service Temporary

See link for map of meal sites where kids can PICK UP free hot meals during virus school shut down. [check meal times at the link]

The City of Boston, in partnership with Project Bread, YMCA of Greater Boston, Boston Centers for Youth and Families, and other community organizations, will provide free meals to all youth and teens at various locations and times across the City.
Please note the following important details:

All pick–up sites are set up to be "grab and go".
Practice social distancing (keeping six feet between yourself and others).
Stay home if you are sick.

Please note: Sites and meal times are subject to change. Please check back to confirm information before you head to the meal pickup site.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Children; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Mar 17, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10154

Carlos Henrique, State Rep Massachusetts Suffolk

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston, MA

Web voteforcarlos.com
Service Temporary

He reportedly has a background as a community organizer on the Bds of Kroc Community Center, Boston Connects and the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative. (The neighborhoods are frequently organized in street groups). Also Rock the Vote, Part of the Solution and many others.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, International Policy; Advocacy, Legislation Support; Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Advocacy, Voters Advocacy; Demographic Served: Addicts, Recovering; Demographic Served: Families; Demographic Served: Families, w/Young Children; Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Homeless, Women Only; Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: Immigrants; Demographic Served: LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender); Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks, Women Only; Demographic Served: Migrants; Demographic Served: Refugees; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Demographic Served: Social Peers; Demographic Served: Survivors, Violence; Demographic Served: Teens; Demographic Served: Teens, Troubled; Demographic Served: Veterans; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Victims of Environmental Injustice; Demographic Served: Victims of Political Crimes; Demographic Served: Victims of Sexual Exploitation; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations
Campaigns: Government, Elected Official; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Jul 4, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8729

Casa Esperanza – recovery support

Walk–in Resource · Open

302 Eustis St, Boston, MA 02119

Web www.casaesperanza.org
Service Temporary

source: https://www.greaterbostonpreventssuicide.org/communities–of–color

Services offered: Counseling ($ NOT FREE) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Crisis Counseling; Counseling, Domestic Abuse Support; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling)
Campaigns: International Community, Latino
Updated Dec 3, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10657

Casa Myrna Vazquez / SafeLink Domestic Violence Hotline

Info/Hotline · Open

Crisis Hotline
Boston, MA

Phone Debra Collins–Gousby, interim co–executive director
Serves State of Massachusetts
Eligibility women in crisis
Service Temporary

Runs three residential programs and SafeLink shelter hotline.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Advocacy, Domestic Violence; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Short–Term Housing Referrals; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); 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, Domestic Violence Intervention Services; Services, Women's Services; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter,

Emergency Shelter; Shelter, Womens, Battered Womens Shelter; Shelter, Women's Shelter
Updated Nov 12, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2874

Castle Square Tenants Organization

Info/Hotline · Open

Tremont St (see details in notes, below), Boston, MA

Web cstoboston.wordpress.com
Service Temporary

The Castle Square Tenants Organization (CSTO)
476 Tremont St
Boston, MA 02116
Phone: 617–357–8548
Fax: 617–357–8505

The Castle Square Youth, Technology, and Education Center
480 Tremont St
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Technology Center Manager
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Irene Chan
Technology Center Instructor
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ichan @ cstoboston.org

Services offered: Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Construction, Green/Energy Retrofit; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Demographic Served: Teens; Demographic Served: Teens, Troubled; Events, Community Meetings; Facilities: Recreational Facilities for Seniors/Elders; Facilities: Senior Center; Facility: Community Center; Facility: Media Production Lab; Housing, Affordable Housing, Ownership Program; Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Apartments; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Senior/Elderly Services; Services, Senior Programs; Services, Tech, Computer Access; Services, Tech, Computer Consulting Service; Services, Tech, Internet Access; Services, Tech, Internet Services; Services: Tech, Internet, Wi–Fi Access (FREE); Social Event, for Teens; Tech, Computer Networking Services; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Computer Lab; Training Classes, Computer Skills, Fixing Computers; Training Classes, Computers Skills; Training Classes, Employment, Job Training (Elders/Seniors); Training Classes, Employment, On the Job, Training; Training Classes, Trade Skills, Training; Training Classes, Vocational; Training, Employment, Job Skills, Youth; Trainining Classes: Multimedia production; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Updated Dec 7, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9054

Center for Teen Empowerment

Walk–in Resource · Open

48 Rutland St, Boston, MA

Phone 617.536.4266
Contact various people, see below
Web www.teenempowerment.org
Service Temporary

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

CONTACT INFO for Teen Empowerment:

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The Center for Teen Empowerment, Inc.
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Boston, MA 02118
Phone: 617–536–4266 x 312
Fax: 617–536–4311
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DORCHESTER SITE:
Teen Empowerment Program
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Dorchester, MA 02125
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from the website:

THE TEEN EMPOWERMENT MODEL

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

A. Beliefs
The first four in this set of beliefs have particular ramifications for youth program structure and approach, while the final two apply more broadly to both youth and adults in terms of how education and training are provided and how these constituencies work and

relate together in groups.
There is a connection between feeling powerless and increased risk of engaging in dysfunctional behaviors.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

D. Conclusion

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

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

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Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Child Advocacy; Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Employment, "At–Risk" Job Applicants; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Advocacy, Social Justice; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Business Internship Opportunities for Young Adults; Community Outreach Programs; Community, Recreation, Recreational Programs; Community Service Program; Counseling, Career Counseling; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Social Peers; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Teens; Demographic Served: Teens, Troubled; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Youth Services & After–School Programs; Documentation, Volunteer Instructions; Documentation, Volunteer Management Guidance; Education, Communication with at–risk teens; Education, for Parents, about teens' risky behaviors; Education, Parenting at–risk teens; Events, Community Meetings; Facility: Recreation Center; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Demographic Information; Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; Information Resource, Youth Services; New "Business" Models; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Employment, Internship Program; Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Family, General Family Assistance; Services, Youth Services, Crime Prevention Programs; Social Event *(any/all types) see also

category "Events"; Social Event, for Teens; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Networking Group, Employment/Professional Networking; Social Events, Party / Festival; Training, Activism; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Communication Skills; Training Classes, Computers Skills; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training Classes, Literacy Training; Training Classes, Volunteer Orientation & Training; Training, Employment, Job Skills, Youth; Training Government, Training on How it Works; Training, Job Training; Training, Micro-Economic Entrepeneurship; Training, Services, Employment /JobTraining ; Trainin, Social Awareness; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Youth, After-School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Big Brothers Big Sisters; Boy's & Girl's Club; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Head Start Program; Neighborhood Network; New "Business" Models
Updated Sep 23, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8988

CERO (composting/food recycling service NOT FREE, worker-owned)

Open Business* · Open

Boston, MA

Phone (617) 291-5855
Web www.cero.coop
Service Temporary

Campaigns: Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Worker Owned Co-Operatives
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9768

Citizens Energy (Joe Kennedy's "Joe for Oil" Fund)

Info/Hotline · Open

Non-Profit, Disaster Relief
88 Black Falcon Avenue, Suite 342, Boston, MA 02210

Phone Main Number: (617) 338-6300 Fax Number: (617) 542-4487
Contact write or call for details
Email inform@citizensenergy.com
Web www.citizensenergy.com
Service Temporary

The specifics on what the program will be for 2008/2009 winter season has not been announced yet.

General Info from their website:

The Citizens Energy/Distrigas Heat Assistance Program was created for people who are struggling to pay their natural gas heating bills in Massachusetts. The program is open to those who low income families that have exhausted their federal fuel assistance benefit or to individuals ineligible to receive federal fuel assistance but cannot afford to pay their heating bills.

Citizens Energy administers this Distrigas-funded program. Distrigas dedicates proceeds from every LNG shipment to its import terminal in Everett, Massachusetts, up to approximately $1 million a year.

Last winter, thousands of Massachusetts households received assistance from this program, which makes payments on behalf of customers directly to Bay State Gas, Berkshire Gas, Blackstone Gas, Holyoke Gas & Electric, Keyspan, Middleboro Gas & Electric, New England Gas, NStar, Unitil, Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light, and Westfield Gas & Electric.

HOW TO APPLY

Households that heat their home with natural gas and believe they may qualify for assistance through this program should call 1-866-GAS-9918. Callers to this hotline will be asked to leave a name and address on the message so that Citizens Energy can mail out an application form.

Applicants need to complete the form and mail it back to Citizens Energy, along with a copy of their gas-utility bill. If the applicant is eligible, Citizens Energy will work with their gas utility to credit $150 towards the household's gas account.

Shelter Winter Program

Keeping Families WarmThe Shelter Winter Assistance Program provides heat to thousands of homeless men, women, and children in about 160 Massachusetts and Rhode Island homeless shelters every winter. The Citizens program enables shelters to pay a portion of their heating bills. This frees up limited shelter funds to support crucial services, including health care, education, and employment services, to society's most vulnerable citizens.

Helping Shelters Save on CostsCitizens Energy has worked with other partners to provide additional energy services to shelters. For example, Citizens Energy teamed with Citizens Bank, which financed $300,000 in energy efficiency upgrades at 59 shelters in Eastern Massachusetts. These upgrades, which included new windows, doors, lighting, and heating equipment, will save an estimated $1 million in energy bills at those shelters, enabling shelters to spend more of their funds on services

Parking

At 88 Black Falcon Avenue, limited visitor parking is available in designated spots both up the ramp or around the back of the building. Enter through the Center Lobby entrance.

Directions by Public Transportation

The MBTA provides bus service (#2, #3) to the Seaport District from South Station (nearest T stop). The buses stop in front of the Boston Design Center on Drydock Ave. Joseph's Limousine operates a shuttle bus from Dorchester Ave. (behind Federal Reserve Bank), across the street from South Station. The shuttle operates from 7am to 7pm, Mon through Fri. Schedules are available at South Station.

Services offered: Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance; Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance (For Seniors/Elders); Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Social Services, General Social Services

Updated Nov 12, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3549

City Soil (urban composting, cooperative, educational youth programs)

Open Business* · Open

Boston, MA

Web www.citysoil.org
Service Temporary

City Soil cultivates and sustains agricultural projects from neighborhood gardens to commercial farms. Fresh compost cultivated by City Soil in Boston, MA.

City Soil develops projects ranging from centralized in–vessel commercial composting and anaerobic digestion facilities to decentralized compost operations serving community gardens, farms, schools and and residential backyards. Our team's breadth of experience and expertise puts us in a unique position as we move into a new era of sustainable agriculture and organic waste recycling. City Soil has pioneered the design and construction of educational outdoor classrooms, greenhouses, living roofs and growing systems with many leading nonprofits and environmental organizations. We provide soil, compost, mulch and our specialized 'grow–how' to community gardens, landscapers, agricultural startups, and homeowners.

Urban agriculture is growing rapidly in response to demand from consumers, city residents and from skilled and aspiring growers. The expansion of local and urban agriculture is supported by federal, state and municipal policies and programs. City Soil works with public agencies, nonprofit groups, and local businesses to create healthy soil and build highly productive growing systems.

Massachusetts' bold decision to ban the landfilling and incineration of commercial and institutional food waste in 2014 is setting a standard for the nation. The Commonwealth's composting and bioenergy infrastructure must be expanded to meet waste diversion goals; we need more effective composting and bioenergy systems with qualified operators in diverse settings. City Soil channels market forces, government policy, funding programs, and philanthropic initiatives to establish a more diversified network of sites to manage society's biodegradable wastes.

City Soil works with private sector and public stakeholders to develop enclosed organic recycling systems that provide completely contained management to process food residuals diverted as the food waste ban is implemented. BioEnergy Farms harvest heat and CO2 generated by the composting process and anaerobic digestion facilities to support year round greenhouse growing. BioEnergy Farms process food waste, manures, and clean yard waste into high–quality, independently–certified compost while creating local 'green collar' jobs.

City Soil is dedicated to placing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at the center of sustainable agriculture and energy innovation. Our services help grow the region's organic waste recycling infrastructure by integrating renewable energy production with healthier, more productive soils and landscapes that are resilient to the effects of climate change.

Updated May 5, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9864

City Strings (free cello/music lessons for urban youth)

School · Open

Boston, MA

Web citystrings.org/about
Service Temporary

from the site:

City Strings is a 501(c)3 stringed instrument learning program that is offered to youth in the inner city who do not have access to it, for lack of funding. The instrument and classes are offered at no charge to participants.

The goal of the City Strings program is to show youth from struggling communities that they are just as capable of accomplishing greatness as those from more affluent areas. Through City Strings, youth from underrepresented communities find that, with hard work and dedication, they can surpass even their own expectations. Children shine at their performances, amongst proud families and community members, where their dedication, practice, and determination pay off. These are lessons that can carry them through life.

At City Strings, students are taught how to play the cello, read music, collaborate with other musicians, and perform in a public setting. We focus on developing a student's tone and technique. Each student receives individual and group instruction.

Focus areas include:

* Practice regimen

* Bowing and fingering technique

* Music vocabulary

* Musician etiquette

* Ensemble performance

City Strings is a non–profit, community–based, organization governed by a volunteer Board of Directors.

Email City Strings at citystrings @ hotmail.com or Contact us by phone at 857–919–5171.

Services offered: Music Education * (ANY/ALL Types) ; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; School * (ANY/ALL Types); School, New Educational Concept; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth Program
Updated Jan 18, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9909

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

Walk–in Resource · Open

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

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

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

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

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

Donor · Open

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

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

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

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

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

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

– LV, at the Transition Living Program, Transition House

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

Consulate–General of Japan in Boston (2011 Tohoku – Pacific Ocean Earthquake – New England info)

Info/Hotline · Open

600 Atlantic Avenue, 22nd Floor, Boston, MA 02210
Phone (617) 973–9772
Web www.boston.us.emb–japan.go.jp

Service Temporary

2011 Tohoku – Pacific Ocean Earthquake

* Speeches and Statements by Prime Minister Naoto Kan
Message from Prime Minister Naoto Kan (March 25)
Regarding Assistance from Overseas (March 22)
* Countermeasures
* Donations to Earthquake and Tsunami Victims in Japan
* Charity Events in New England
* Messaging Services
* Latest Information and Useful Websites
Condolence Registry for the Earthquake (closed as of March 25)

New England's Sister Cities –
http://www.boston.us.emb–japan.go.jp/eng/Bi_Rel/sistercity.htm

Services offered: Events, Donation Drive
Campaigns: 2011 Japan Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disasters
Updated Apr 8, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7851

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

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston, MA

Web bostoncriticalmass.org
Service Temporary

Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9786

Dollars & Sense Magazine

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston, MA

Web www.dollarsandsense.org
Service Temporary

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

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

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston, MA

Web dontcallthepolice.com/boston
Service Temporary

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

Dorchester Free Food sites [food pantries, free fridges, mobile food trucks, more]

Info/Hotline · Open

see map, Boston, MA

Web www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1KwjHajrarjnlnWVgS8BmZXZ3GOai6rt–&ll=42.28480970338422%2C–71.08609591137694&z=13
Service Temporary

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Jun 17, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10441

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

Walk–in Resource · Open

9 Hamilton Place, Boston, MA

Web www.encuentro5.org/home/node/13
Service Temporary

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

Equal Exchange Cafe Boston (worker–owned NOT FREE)

Open Business* · Open

Boston, MA
Web www.equalexchangecafe.com
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9763

Equal Justice Coalition

Info/Hotline · Open

7 Winthrop Square, 2nd floor, Boston, MA 02110
Phone 617–391–5633
Web www.equaljusticecoalition.org/membership.html
Service Temporary

pcomfort @ equaljusticecoalition . org

From the website:

Equal Justice Coalition Sponsors

The EJC is a broad–based coalition of individuals and organizations committed to strengthening support and funding for civil legal services in Massachusetts.

Included in the current membership are leaders in the private bar, business, social service, health care, labor, religious and other fields. EJC members are united in the belief that adequate funding for civil legal services is needed to make the constitutional imperative of justice for all a reality. The full list is included below.

Action, Inc.

Alliance for Young Families
Allston Brighton CDC

Alternative House

American Friends Service Committee

American Immigration Lawyers Association
Arise for Social Justice

Asian American Lawyers Association of Massachusetts
Berkshire Bar Association

Big Sister Association of Greater Boston
Boston 9 to 5

Boston Bar Association
Boston Better Business Bureau

Boston College Law School
Boston College Legal Assistance Bureau

Boston Health Care for the Homeless
Boston Medical Center/BU School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics

Boston University School of Law
Boston Women's Fund

Boston YWCA
Bristol County Bar Association

Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest
Cambridge Economic Opportunity Commission

Cambridge Multi–Service Center
Cambridge Women's Commission

Cambridge YWCA
Casa Esperanza, Inc.

Center for Family Development
Center for Law and Education

Center for Public Representation
Centro Presente Child Care Resources

Children's Law Center of Massachusetts
Children's League of Massachusetts Citizens for Adequate Housing (Inn Transition)

Coalition for a Better Acre
Coalition Against Poverty

Community Action Agency of Somerville
Community Economic Development Center of Southeastern Mass.

Community Healthlink
Community Partnerships, Inc.

Community Legal Services and Counseling Center
Community Teamwork, Inc.

Crittenton Women's Union
Disability Law Center

Dorchester House Multi–Service Center
Early Childhood Centers of Greater Springfield

East Boston Community Development, Inc.
Ecumenical Social Action Committee

Elizabeth Freeman Center, Inc.
Ella J. Baker House

EMERGE, Inc.
Family Advocacy Program/Boston Medical Center

Falmouth Human Services Committee
Fitchburg Spanish Council

Franklin County Bar Association
Franklin County CDC

Franklin Hampshire Training Center
Greater Boston Legal Services

Greater Lynn Mental Health and Retardation Association
Greater New Bedford Community Health Center

Greater New Bedford Women's Center
Harvard Law School

Hampden County Bar Association
Hampshire County Bar Association

HAP, Inc.
Help for Abused Women and their Children

Health Care for All
HealthCare of Southeastern Massachusetts, Inc.

HelpLine
Highland Valley Elder Services

Hilltown Community Development Corporation
House of Hope

Independence House
Inquilinos Boricuas en Accion

International Institute of Boston, Asylum Representation Project
Irish Immigration Center

Jane Doe, Incorporated
Jewish Family and Childrens Services La Alianza Hispana

Latino Health Institute
Lawyers Clearinghouse on Affordable Housing

Legal Assistance Corporation of Central Massachusetts
Lower/Outer Cape Community Coalition

Lutheran Social Services, Refugee Services
Lynn Community Health Center

Madison Park Development Corp.
Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys

Massachusetts Advocates for Children
Massachusetts AFL–CIO

Massachusetts Association of Special Education Parent Advisory Councils
Massachusetts Bar Association

Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association
Massachusetts Black Women Attorneys

Massachusetts Career Development Institute
Massachusetts Coalition for Equal Rights & Justice

Massachusetts Correctional Legal Services
Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition

Massachusetts Judges Conference
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute

Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation
Massachusetts Lesbian & Gay Bar Association

Massachusetts Senior Action Council
Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

Massachusetts Union of Public Housing Tenants
Massachusetts Welfare Rights Union

Merrimack Valley Legal Services
Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership

MetroWest Legal Services

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys
National Consumer Law Center

National Organization for Women, Massachusetts Chapter
National Organization of Legal Services Workers/UAW local 2320 AFL–CIO

Necessities–Necesidades
Neighborhood Legal Services

Neighbor to Neighbor, Massachusetts NELCWIT
New Hope, Inc.

North American Family Institute North Quabbin Community Coalition
Northeastern University School of Law

Northern Educational Service, Inc.
Nuestra Comunidad

Organizing and Leadership Training Center

Parents United for Child Care
Perkins School for the Blind

Pine Street Inn

Quaboag Valley CDC

Real Estate Bar Association for Massachusetts
Riverside Early Intervention

Rosie’s Place
Roxbury Multi–Service Center

Safe Passage
SafePlan

Salem Harbor CDC
Salem State College School of Social Work

Shawmut Education, Inc.
Solutions at Work

Somerville–Cambridge Elder Services
South Coastal Counties Legal Services

South Middlesex Bar Association
South Middlesex Opportunity Council

Southern New England School of Law
Springfield Better Business Bureau

Springfield Day Nursery Corporation

St. Mary's Women and Infant Center
St. Patrick Asian Center

Suffolk University Law School

Ten Point Coalition
Transition House

UMASS Memorial Health Care Domestic Violence Program
Unitarian Universalist Association

Valley Community Development Corporation
Vietnamese American Initiative for Development (Viet–AID)

WATCH CDC
Wellspring House, Inc.

Western Massachusetts Legal Services
Westfield Community Development Corporation

WETAC
Women in the Building Trades

Women Express Inc./Teen Voices Magazine
Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts

Women's Crisis Center
Worcester Better Business Bureau

Worcester County Bar Association Youth on Board

YWCA of Western Massachusetts
Campaigns: Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Jul 4, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8733

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

Open Business* · Open

Boston, MA
Service Temporary

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

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

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

Thanks,
Nora
nora.berson @ gmail.com

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

Family Van (The)

Medical Facility · Open

Non–Profit Community Outreach
mobile van, street corners, Boston, MA
Phone 617–432–0443
Web www.aamc.org/uninsured/northeast.htm

The Family Van was founded by an HMS faculty member and is operated in conjunction with Harvard–affiliated Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. The vehicle–based community outreach program goes directly to its clients in their neighborhoods to educate, counsel, and connect them to appropriate and available health services. The Van parks on the street corners in some of Boston's poorest neighborhoods, and offers its free and confidential services on a walk–in basis. Most of its clients are poor, uninsured, and at high risk for bad health outcomes.

Contact: Judith Montminy, Public Information Officer, 617–432–0443
judith_montminy@hms.harvard.edu

Services offered: Medical, Facility, Clinic, Free Clinic
Updated Jul 17, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1538

Family–to–Family Health Information Center @ Federation for Children with Special Needs

Info/Hotline · Open

Social Services: Families/Children
Suite 420, Boston, MA
Phone 1–800–331–0688
Contact Beth Dworetzky, Project Director
Email massfv@cox.net
Web www.massfamilyvoices.org
Eligibility Children with Special Needs
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Special Needs Folks; Assistance, Referrals, Services for Special Needs Folks; Case Management, for Special Needs Folks; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Demographic Served: Special Needs; Directories, Special Needs, Services for Special Needs Folks; Services, Special Needs, Early Intervention for Special Needs Children; Services, Special Needs, Services for People with Special Needs
Updated Mar 23, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4132

FEMA Region 1 VAL (Voluntary Agency Liaison) – Massachusetts

Info/Hotline · Open

FEMA
99 High Street; 6th Floor, Boston, MA 02110
Phone (617) 956–7506
Web www.fema.gov/about/regions/regioni/regioni.shtm
Service Temporary
Campaigns: 2010 Massachusetts Flooding; 2010 New England Flooding; 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Aidmatrix; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; AmeriCorps; Catholic Charities; Citizen Corps; COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster); Connecticut Association For Community Action – CAFCA; EMA (Emergency Management Agency) Regional/County; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency), County; Government, Federal; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security, National Shelter System (NSS); Government, FEMA (this item ONLY for actual FEMA/HQ contacts/entries); Government, FEMA VAL contacts/orgs/entries; Government, US Government Agency (This Site IS a Gov Agency); Government, US Government Site; Habitat For Humanity; Hands On Disaster Response; LDS ~ Lutheran Disaster Services; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; LTRG, Long Term Recovery Group; Lutheran Disaster Response; Medical Reserve Corps; Mennonite Disaster Service;

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; Salvation Army; Tri–State LTRG (New England); UMCOR Relief Network; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Sep 14, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5915

Free Books of Boston

Donor · Open

Community
Boston, MA

Through Steve Iskovitz at Emergency Communities.

Services offered: Books * (ANY/ALL Types); Books, Fiction (see also: "Reading Books, Fiction")
Updated Jun 2, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1492

Free Food on Thursdays

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston, MA
Service Temporary

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

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

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

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

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

Front Door Collaborative

Info/Hotline · Open

125 Lincoln Street; 5th floor, Boston, MA 02111
Phone (617) 425–6789
Web www.frontdoorcollaborative.org
Serves Residents of Boston
Service Temporary

For Residents –

THE GREAT 8 RESOURCE GUIDE
8 Categories of Resources to Help Residents to Stay Housed

–Financial Management
–Workforce Development
–Home & Family
–Working With Landlords
–Moving
–Furniture
–Eviction Resources
–Keeping Current
–Plus One

Services offered: Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Demographic Served: Homeless; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Food Stamp Program; Housing, Online Housing Directory Resource; Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level)
Updated Dec 4, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4783

Gay Fathers of Boston

Info/Hotline · Open

Advocacy Group
Boston, MA
Web www.gayfathersboston.org/articles/jackl.shtml
Service Temporary

Services offered: Demographic Served: Caregivers; Demographic Served: LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender)
Updated Apr 23, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7900

Goodwill Industries & Morgan Memorial

Warehouse · Open

Non–Profit
1010 Harrison Ave, Boston, MA
Phone (617) 541–1270, 1–888–828–GIVE (toll free), (617) 445–1010
Contact press contact James Harder, the only email address on their website
Email jharder@goodwillmass.org
Web goodwillmass.org/donation_clothing.html
Eligibility needs based & developmentally disabled
Service Permanent

See below for "What" and "How" to donate.

Services (from the website):

Programs & Services: Job Training

Goodwill's job training programs provide training and support services developed around an individual's skill level, life situation and career aspirations. Job training programs are also designed to meet the needs of various industry sectors, including retail, hospitality and tourism and general business.

Job training program participants typically pursue one of three paths:

– Individuals with developmental and other disabilities who require structured supports to work typically are trained and work at Goodwill. Over time, many transition to work in the community.
– Individuals with limited or no work history, low educational attainment and/or language barriers typically complete a work–readiness program as the first step to entering the workforce.
– Individuals with some work experience often enroll in programs that provide them with the basic financial, literacy and computer skills needed for entry–level administrative jobs.

Once program graduates enter the workforce, Goodwill provides ongoing support to help them keep their jobs and advance in them. Job Training programs fall into four main categories:

– Rehabilitation and Vocational Services
– Workforce Development
– Skills Training
– Clothing Collaborative for Job Trainees

Programs & Services: Youth Services

Goodwill has a long tradition of working with Boston–area youth. The agency offers academic, recreational and career–oriented programs and activities throughout the year for local children with limited opportunities, but great potential.

The Goodwill Fresh Air Camp is located on 500 acres of woodlands, fields, and ponds in South Athol, Massachusetts. Founded in 1906, the Fresh Air Camp offers an overnight camp experience during the summer months for children from 8 to16 years of age. In addition to participating in traditional camping activities such as boating, swimming, and arts and crafts, young people participate in educational and technology programs and workshops on conflict resolution, violence prevention and peer leadership training. Led by a multicultural staff of caring counselors, the Fresh Air Camp experience fosters personal growth and a sense of community. Goodwill offers a sliding fee scale for payment.

Mellon Academy for Girls is an after–school academic enrichment program that is available to girls every Monday through Friday during the academic year. Mellon Academy serves girls ages 10 to17 who are from Boston neighborhoods. Funded by Mellon New England, this program receives volunteer support from various organizations in the Boston area. Mellon Academy focuses on career and leadership development and provides specific skills training in math, computers, sciences and the humanities. Through these programs, girls also participate in community service, sports, and cultural enrichment activities.

For more information about youth programs, please contact the Department of Youth Services at (617) 541–1408.

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Donation Drop Off Locations / Hours:

http://goodwillmass.org/retail_locations.html

Boston, MA
1010 Harrison Avenue
Tel: (617) 541–1270
Fax: (617) 541–1470
Hours: Mon.–Sat. 9:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
Sun. 12:00 noon–6:00 p.m.

Boston Outlet Store
1010 Harrison Avenue
Tel: 617–541–1225
Fax: 617–541–1486
Hours: Mon.–Sat. 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Boston, MA
965 Commonwealth Avenue
Brighton, MA 02135
Tel: 617–254–0112
Fax: 617–254–0117
Hours: Mon–Sat 10:00 am–8:00 pm
Sun 12 noon–6:00 pm

Cambridge, MA
520 Massachusetts Avenue
(Central Square)
Tel: (617) 868–6330
Fax: (617) 864–8936
Hours: Mon.–Sat. 10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Sun. 12:00 noon–6:00 p.m.

Hyannis, MA
141 Corporation Plaza
(behind Cape Cod Mall)
Tel: (508) 790–0046
Fax: (508) 790–2671
Hours: Mon.–Sat. 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Quincy, MA
625 Southern Artery
Tel: (617) 745–4144
Fax: (617) 745–0066
Hours: Mon.–Sat. 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Sun. 12:00 noon–6:00 p.m.
Donations Door:
Mon.–Sat. 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Sun. 12:00 noon–4:00 p.m.

Somerville, MA
Tel: (617) 628–3618
Fax: (617) 623–9080
230 Elm Street
Hours: Mon.–Sat.10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sun. 12:00 noon–6:00 p.m.

South Boston, MA
470 West Broadway
Tel: (617) 307–6367
Fax: (617) 307–6368
Hours: Mon.–Thurs. 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m
Fri.–Sat. 9:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Sun. 12:00 noon–6:00 p.m.

Worcester, MA
25 Park Avenue
Tel: (508) 752–4042
Fax: (508) 752–4291

Hours: Mon.–Sat. 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Sun. 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Donations Door:
Mon.–Sat. 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Sun. 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Instructions on the website for what to donate:

Clothing and Goods

Donations of clothing or household items are sold through the Goodwill Store, providing tremendous value to the community and helping Goodwill fulfill its mission of helping people with barriers to self–sufficiency achieve independence and dignity through work. Each year, Goodwill collects more than 20 million pounds of donations at its 32 donation centers, seven retail stores and at ZOOTS dry cleaners in eastern and central Massachusetts.

In addition:

Donations generate money through the Goodwill Stores in support of Goodwill's many job training, youth, and community programs, serving thousands of people in eastern and central Massachusetts.

Tax–deductible donations of clothing and household goods are handled, sorted, packaged, shipped and sold by hundreds of job trainees with disabilities and other barriers to self–sufficiency who earn a paycheck while being trained for other meaningful jobs.

Donations provide the Goodwill Stores with low–cost, quality clothing and merchandise that allows people in the community to stretch their dollars.

Donations of clothing, household goods, supplies, and books are distributed to dozens of community–based organizations, such as the Pine Street Inn, to help them achieve their missions.

What to donate:
http://goodwillmass.org/donation_what.html
The above link has list of what NOT to bring.

or see "needs list" below

Antiques, collectibles
Appliances (small)
Artwork
Bedspreads, blankets, curtains, tablecloths, decorative pillows
Bicycles
Books, records, tapes, CDs, DVDs
Clothing, belts, scarves, ties, pocketbooks
Cookware, dishes, pots and pans
Games and toys
House wares and decorative items
Jewelry
Sporting goods

Services offered: Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Advocacy, Special Needs Folks; Advocacy, Special Needs Folks, Seniors/Elders; Assistance, Referrals, Employment & Job Resources; Camping, Camp Sites * (ANY/ALL Types of Camping Services/Sites); Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Community, Recreation, Recreational Programs; Facility: Camping Site (For Kids/Youth Only); Facility: Job Center; Household Goods (big) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Household Items (small) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Linens, Bath, Towels, New or Clean/Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types); Linens, Bedding, Blankets * (ANY/ALL Types); Linens, Bedding, Sheets * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Services, Employment, Developmentally Delayed/Special Needs folks; Services, Employment, Job Assistance, for "at–risk" Job Applicants; Services, Employment, Paid Gigs, Paying Jobs; Services, Family, Children, Recreation, Summer Camp; Services, Special Needs, Recreational Activities, for Special Needs Folks; Services, Special Needs, Services for People with Special Needs; Services, Youth Services, Crime Prevention Programs; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Trade Skills, Training; Training Classes, Vocational
Campaigns: Goodwill; Goodwill Industries International, Inc.
Updated Dec 3, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3905

Grassroots International

Info/Hotline · Open

Foundation
Boston, MA

Phone 617 524 1400
Web www.grassrootsinternational.org
Service Temporary

from the website

Haiti Response

http://www.grassrootsinternational.org/news/press-releases/grassroots-international-establishes-earthquake-emergency-relief-fund-haiti

Grassroots International Establishes Earthquake Emergency Relief Fund for Haiti
January 13th, 2010

Click Here to Donate to the Relief Fund
Yesterday Haiti suffered a massive earthquake, which registered a 7.3 on the Richter scale, just outside the capital city of Port-au-Prince. Initial reports are beginning to pour in on the devastation to both people and property. Grassroots International has set up an "Earthquake Relief Fund for Haiti" to support our partners and meet the urgent needs of the population.

"We are in the process of reaching our partners on the ground," said Grassroots International's Executive Director Nikhil Aziz. "Clearly everyone is deeply affected, and the full extent of the loss may not be known for some time. As in the past, Grassroots and our network of supporters are poised to respond as quickly as we can to address the immediate and long-term needs of our partners."

The most impoverished country in the Western Hemisphere, Haiti has suffered tremendous challenges, including four successive hurricanes in 2008. Even so, grassroots leaders in the island nation have worked effectively to build their infrastructure and lead the way toward sustainable development—including access to land, water and food for all.

Grassroots International works with four main groups in Haiti including the Haitian Platform to Advocate Alternative Development (PAPDA) and the Platform of Haitian Human Rights Organizations (POHDH).

Both PAPDA and POHDH have offices in Port-au-Prince and networks throughout the country. Our partners on the ground in Haiti are in a key position to rebuild in the wake of these disasters. As Haitians, they are intimately connected to the individual needs of their local communities.

Since 1983, Grassroots International has supported global movements for social change. Through grant-making, education and advocacy, we support the initiatives of peasants and family farmers, women and indigenous groups to protect human rights to land, water and food.

Grassroots also has a long history of providing emergency relief in times of critical hardship. The most pressing needs right now are water, food, and shelter, and the hope to rebuild. With your help, we hope to provide our partners and their communities with real and lasting solutions to this catastrophe.

Go to the website above to donate to this effort.
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Jan 14, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4949

Greater Boston Food Bank

Info/Hotline · Open

Non-Profit – Charity
99 Atkinson Street, Boston, MA 02118
Phone 617-427-5200
Web www.gbfb.org

Under "Get Help" on their website, look for "agency locator". It's gray in the middle of the page, along with a few other gray links, under the title "Get Help", just above the organge line.

The Greater Boston Food Bank
99 Atkinson Street
Boston, MA 02118-2701
Phone: 617-427-5200
Fax: 617-427-0146
Executive Director: Catherine D'Amato
Email: ctienken@gbfb.org
Web Site: www.gbfb.org
Media Contact: Stephanie Nichols
Title: PR Manager
Phone: (617) 427-5200
Email: snichols@gbfb.org

Population served
Number of counties served: 9
Total pounds of food distributed annually: 25,341,623

Types and number of services agencies distributing food
Emergency: 285
Soup Kitchen: 63
Shelter: 122

Residence: 98
Day Care: 19
Multi-service: 0
Senior: 0
Rehabilitation: 0
Youth Programs: 18
Other Programs: 14

Basic programs being run (i.e. CK, KC, produce, job training)
Basic Food Bank, Food Prep, Produce Prog, Dir Serv, Kids Cafe, Salv, Purch, TEFAP, Nutrition Eduction, Brown Bag

Services offered: Food Distribution, Food Bank (This Site Supplies Food Pantries/Agencies); Hotline, Food Bank/Pantry Hotline (Find Emergency Food Help)
Campaigns: America's Second Harvest
Updated Jul 8, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1056

Greater Boston Interfaith Organization [GBIO]

Volunteer Camp · Open

1803 Dorchester Avenue, Boston, MA
Web www.gbio.org

Member orgs:
Azusa Christian Community
Beth El Temple Center, Belmont
Bethel AME Church, Jamaica Plain
Boston Teachers Union
Boston Workers Circle
Caring Coalition of MetroWest
Charles Street AME Church
Church of the Covenant, Boston
Congregation Dorshei Tzedek, Newton
First Church Boston, Unitarian Universalist
First Church in Cambridge, Congregational, UCC
First Parish Cambridge, Unitarian Universalist
Fourth Presbyterian Church, South Boston
Grace Episcopal Church
Hancock United Church of Christ, Lexington
Hillel B'nai Torah, West Roxbury
Hope Central Church
Hyde Park Presbyterian Church
Hyde Park Seventh-Day Adventist Church
Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action
Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston
Justice 4 Housing
Keke Financial Group
Lutheran Church of the Newtons
Masjid Al Quran, Dorchester
Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance (MAHA), Dorchester
Mosque for Praising Allah, Roxbury
Old South Church, Boston
Reservoir Church, North Cambridge
Resurrection Lutheran Church, Roxbury
Roxbury Presbyterian Church
Saint Cecilia Parish
St. James's Episcopal Church
St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Roxbury
St. Paul AME, Cambridge
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brookline
Temple B'nai Brith, Somerville
Temple Beth Elohim, Wellesley
Temple Beth Shalom, Needham
Temple Beth Zion, Brookline
Temple Emunah Social Justice Community, Lexington
Temple Isaiah, Lexington
Temple Israel, Boston
Temple Shir Tikvah, Winchester

Temple Sinai, Brookline
The Wellness Collaborative, Roxbury
Trinity Church, Boston
Union Capital Boston
Union Church of Waban
Union Combined Parish
United Church of Christ, Norwell
United Parish, Brookline
University Lutheran Association of Boston
White Men for Racial Justice

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Social Justice
Campaigns: Greater Boston Interfaith Organization [GBIO]
Updated Nov 9, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10791

Greater Boston Permaculture Meetup

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston, MA

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

from the website:

"What we're about

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

Gather with likeminded folks for fun, sharing, and learning. There is a place for you here to respond positively to these challenges through edible landscapes, gardening, food forests, farming, renewable energy, green building, local currency, rainwater harvesting, composting, soil regeneration, mushroom cultivation, local food, herbalism, simple living, food preservation, time exchanges, conservation, community–building, relocalization"
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 28, 2019 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10144

Helping Hands, Monkey Helpers for the Disabled, Inc.

Donor · Open

Non–Profit
541 Cambridge St., Boston, MA 02134
Phone 617–787–4419

Helping Hands breeds, raises, trains, and provides, free of charge, capuchin monkeys to assist severely disabled individuals –– e.g., quadriplegics (paralyzed from the neck down), whether by accident, injury, or disease –– with daily activities we take for granted such as eating and drinking, using books, computers, and audio–visual equipment, turning lights on and off, repositioning an arm or leg after a muscle spasm, even scratching an annoying itch. In many cases the monkeys make it possible for people to work from their homes. The advantages of monkeys for animal support are greater intelligence, far greater dexterity, and much longer lifespan –– 30–40 years. Helping Hands has placed over 60 monkeys nationwide, provided customized adaptive equipment, in–home training for the injured individuals, their health care attendants and family members, and behavioral and veterinary support for the monkey's lifespan. Each placement costs Helping Hands $25,000. Now that the value and viability of the program have been proven, HH is raising its productivity to a higher power by creating a full–scale, permanent, state–of–the–art Training and Respite Center in a 150–year–old abandoned Boston church. They have been awarded a $1 million challenge grant to get this project off the ground. Now they must match that, and your helping hand is needed!
Updated Jun 7, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1023

High School Students who attend funerals of people who die alone (Homeless/ Senior Care)

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston, MA

Service Temporary

https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2016/01/05/lesson-life-for-roxbury-latin-students-comes-cemetery-for-indigent/2cTeyl3cTYpGVMZi6iKEaL/story.html

Services offered: Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Services, Funeral
Updated Jan 6, 2016 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9960

HubWay Bike Sharing (it's really rental-based NOT FREE but pretty affordable)

Open Business* · Open

Boston, MA

Web www.thehubway.com
Service Temporary

Services offered: Bicycles, Bikes * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9802

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

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston, MA

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

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

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

Walk-in Resource · Open

Boston, MA

Web jamaicaplainforum.org
Service Temporary

from the site:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Contact the JP Forum at info @ jamaicaplainforum.org.

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

Jobs for Youth (JFY) Boston

Walk–in Resource · Open

Civic – Community
Boston, MA
Web www.jfyboston.org/html/jfynet.html
Service Temporary

I'm a former client and I have to say that Pat Pestana and Derek Kalchbrenner are very polite, considerate and they listened to what I had to say.

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Employment, "At–Risk" Job Applicants; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant, Legal Services; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Voters Advocacy; Advocacy, Womens Rights; Advocay, Disaster, Survivors of Disaster; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, How to, File Food Stamp Application; Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Employment & Job Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Services for Special Needs Folks; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Demographic Served: Unemployed; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Domestic Violence Hotline; Hotline, Legal Advice & Referrals; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Youth Services; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Employment, Developmentally Delayed/Special Needs folks; Services, Employment, Job Counseling, Referrals & Placement; Services, Employment, Paid Gigs, Paying Jobs; Services, Tutoring Services; Services, Youth Services, Crime Prevention Programs; Training Classes, Disaster * (Any & All Types); Training Classes, Disaster Recovery; Training, Employment, Job Skills, Youth; Training, Green Building; Training, Job Training; Training, Services, Employment /JobTraining ; Training Workshops, Disaster Ops, Disaster Rebuilding/Recovery Workshops; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Updated Feb 28, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7692

Long Island Shelter

Shelter · Open

Community
Long Island Health Campus, Boston, MA
Phone 617–534–2526

Long Island Shelter is an emergency shelter operated by Boston Public Health Commission Homeless Services Bureau located on Long Island Health Campus, Boston, MA. Long Island Shelter provides food, emergency clothing, rental lockers, health care, case management and a variety of beyond shelter services.

There are 386 beds available for adults 18 and over (333 for men and 53 for women). Transportation is provided from our intake site at 784 Rear Massachusetts Avenue (Woods Mullen Shelter) from 3:00pm to 7:00pm daily. MBTA buses transport guests from Long Island Shelter back to Boston every morning.

Schedule subject to change on weekends and holidays. Call Woods Mullen Shelter at 617–534–7101 or Long Island Shelter at 617–534–2526 for more information.

Meals
Breakfast, lunch and dinner meals are served to guest in our beautiful diningroom overlooking the City of Boston Skyline.

Other services available at the Long Island Shelter

Work Experience Program
Case Management
Health Services

Services offered: Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Meals, For Homeless Residents; Medical, Non–Emergency Medical Services; Mental Health Services; Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Shelter, Homeless Shelter
Updated Jun 24, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1026

Lucy Stone Co–Operative (Housing Co–op)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston, MA
Web www.lucystonecoop.org
Service Temporary

from BCN list, 2015:

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

We will have open houses at 7:45pm on Monday, March 2nd and 6:30pm on Sunday, March 15th,with dinner at 7pm. Come for a tour and to get your questions answered. Please RSVP if you can so we have a head count for dinner. Open houses strongly encouraged as part of the application process.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

At Lucy Stone, we welcome applications from people of all occupations; races; ethnicities; colors; national origins; religions; classes; gender

identities; family statuses; sexualities; relationship statuses, including non–monogamous; and people of all mental and physical abilities and health.

Our Mission Statement:
The Lucy Stone Cooperative is an intentional community living the values and tradition of Unitarian Universalism through cooperative home ownership. We seek to grow a diverse community centered in justice. Through shared resources and faithful action, we align our daily lives with our core values of sustainability, spiritual practice, and social change.

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

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

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

MA: Boston, PPE for the People, SouthEnd Technology Center Covid 19 Response

Volunteer Camp · Open

Boston, MA

Web www.liberationnews.org/ppe–for–the–people–campaign–to–produce–and–distribute–masks–in–boston
Service Temporary

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Media contacts: Susan Klimczak and Michael King (SETC, miguelkingone @gmail.com & klimczaksusan @gmail.com, 617–578–0597), and Joe Tache (PSL, j.b.tache @gmail.com, 617–297–8372).
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Apr 14, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10277

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

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston, MA
Web makeshiftboston.org
Service Temporary

from the site:

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

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

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

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

Mary E. Sargent House

Shelter · Open

Group Home
577 Mass. Ave., Boston, MA 02118
Phone 617–437–1319
Serves Boston, MA
Eligibility Teenage Boys Referred by DSS
Service Temporary

Transitional house for DSS–referred teenage males

Information gathered from: http://www.boston.com/lifestyle/articles/2007/11/22/where_to_help/?page=4

Long–term boys' group home
Need: Money, clothes, blankets, houseware, sports equipment, free activities (movie or theater tickets), games, toys for boys, books.
Contact: Victor Diaz, 617–437–1319

Services offered: Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Group Home, Teen, Teenage Boy's; Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services)
Updated Dec 3, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1044

Masjid Al Quran

Volunteer Camp · Open

Boston, MA
Web www.masjidalquran.org
Campaigns: Greater Boston Interfaith Organization [GBIO]
Updated Nov 9, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10792

Massachusetts Association for Community Action (MASSCAP)

Info/Hotline · Open

Non–Profit Advocacy Foundation
105 Chauncy Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02111
Phone (617) 357–6086
Web www.masscap.org
Serves Statewide
Eligibility The organization is an association of non–profits and social service agencies.
Service Temporary

Per the Massachusetts Energy Resource Guide:
http://www.mass.gov/Cago/docs/Community/energy_resource_guide_091808.pdf

Community Action Agencies or CAPs (also known as Community Action Agencies) are private, nonprofit human service and advocacy organizations that were established by an act of Congress in the 1960s. Throughout the nation, these community based agencies are helping low–income people to move beyond their circumstances toward greater participation in the economy at large. The programs below (listed alphabetically) may provide fuel assistance, heating emergency assistance repairs/ replacements, and/or weatherization services for low–income households.

Joe Diamond
Executive Director, MASSCAP
105 Chauncy Street, 3rd Floor
Boston, MA 02111
Phone: (617) 357–6086
Fax: (617) 357–6542
Email: joediamond@masscap.org

or

Beth Ann Strollo
President, MASSCAP
Executive Director,
Quincy Community Action Programs, Inc. (QCAP)
1509 Hancock Street,
Quincy, MA 02169
Phone: (617) 479–8181
Fax: (617) 479–7228
QCAP Web Site

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, For Non–Profits; Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Directories, Directory of Services, Case Management; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Financial Assistance Programs; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level); Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Services, Respite Program/Services; Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: Government, State/County; Homelessness Relief Services; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Nov 6, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3822

Massachusetts Center for Native American Awareness

School · Open

Boston, MA

Web www.mcnaa.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Energy; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Solar; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Environmental, Wildlife; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Right to Heritage; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Education, Cultural; Education, Unschooling; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance (For Seniors/Elders); Grants, Community Development; Grants, for Youth; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Local Businesses, Social Enterprises; Local Businesses, Startups; School * (ANY/ALL Types); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Alternative Societies; Arts Community / Artist Network; First Nations / Native Americans
Updated Apr 19, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9944

MASSDOT –Massachusetts Department of Transportation

Info/Hotline · Open

10 Park Plaza, Suite 3170, Boston, MA 02116

Phone 617–973–7000 | 877–MA–DOT–GOV (877–623–6846)
Web www.massdot.state.ma.us/main/main.aspx
Service Temporary

Campaigns: Government, State Government Department/Agency
Updated Aug 30, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8822

Mattapan Community Fridge [free food 24x7] take some leave some

Walk–in Resource · Open

1290 Blue Hill Avenue, Boston, MA 02126

Web linktr.ee/mattapancommunityfridge
Service Temporary

Mattapan Community Fridge

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

1290 Blue Hill Avenue, Boston, MA 02126

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Jun 17, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10446

More Than Words (youth run bookstore/art/social/performance space)

Open Business⁎ · Open

Boston, MA

Web www.citizencommandcenter.org/shelters/show/9156
Service Temporary

Services offered: Youth, Leadership Development

Updated May 29, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9157

Mutual Aid Jamaica Plain & Roxbury

Volunteer Camp · Open

Boston, MA

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

geri.medina at
gmail.com

See live links at website above.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans

Shelter · Open

Community
17 Court St, Boston, MA
Phone 617–371–1800
Web www.neshv.org/about.html

Who We Are

The Vietnam Veterans Workshop d/b/a the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans (NESHV) is a substance–free, not–for–profit organization dedicated to creating a one–stop service center to empower homeless veterans to address the issues leading to homelessness and unemployment and to gain the tools to move toward independent living. We are located at 17 Court Street in downtown Boston, Massachusetts and are open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, serving both men and women veterans. Take a photo tour of the shelter here.
In 1989, the Vietnam Veterans Workshop acquired a ten year lease on the former Veterans Administration Outpatient Clinic in downtown Boston's financial district, through Title V of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Act and with assistance from concerned friends and volunteers. The 140,000 sq. ft., ten–story building offered the space needed to expand the programs and services that the Workshop staff and volunteers had initiated and developed.

In 1990, the Workshop opened NESHV, the nation's first and largest veteran–specific homeless shelter and was recognized as the 142nd "Point of Light" by President George H.W. Bush's administration. NESHV offers a wide range of services through five distinct programs and support services: Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Single Room Occupancy Apartments, Training and Employment, and Health Care and Case Management. Each of these services assists veterans in solving the problems that led him/her to homelessness. Many of the staff and board are fellow veterans who understand and help their comrades back to recovery. Since opening our doors, we have provided aid to more than 12,000 veterans.

In 1993, the Shelter's innovative training programs were recognized and expanded. The Shelter, in collaboration with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Economic Affairs, received a $650,000 grant from the United States Department of Labor, to initiate its new Veterans Technical Training Institute, known as "Vet Tech." Retired General Colin Powell, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and current Secretary of State, delivered the commencement address for the first class of graduates from the Automated Accounting program.

Over the next several years, the Shelter continued to expand its capacity and services with help from a $4.3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In 1995, the Shelter signed a quitclaim deed with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for a 30–year lease of the facility at 17 Court Street, with acquisition at the end of the 30 years. In 1996, the Shelter established the Lt. Pamela D. Donovan Women's Residence, a ten unit women's dormitory subsequently expanded to accommodate 16 women. The dormitory provides a sleeping area complete with lockers, computer room, lounge and bathroom facilities for homeless female veterans.

In 1997, NESHV created a Dual Diagnosis Program (Project Access) through an award received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the City of Boston. The program is designed to support the needs of veterans with substance abuse dependency, mental illness, and/or severe behavioral disorders. Project Access allows us to provide a special supportive program that includes clinical case management, vocational rehabilitation services, access to psychiatric services/ psycho–pharmaceutical evaluations and supported permanent housing options.

Also in 1997, the Shelter completed a $2.5 million renovation project: the Congressman John Joseph Moakley Veterans Quarters, composed of 59 single room occupancy permanent housing units located within the Court Street facility.

In 1999, we completed the renovation of a new kitchen and dining hall, enabling us to serve more than 600 meals a day and improving the learning environment for Vet Tech culinary art and baker students.

In 2000, Irish Tenor John McDermott dedicated the Hope McDermott Day Program Center, a newly–constructed annex of the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans. Named in honor of his mother, Hope, the McDermott Day Program Center was established to reach out to veterans who are chronically homeless and who are the "hardest to service" of the homeless veterans community. The McDermott Day Program Center provides counseling and living–skills instructions to these veterans, and ensures that their basic needs (food, clothing, health care) are satisfied.

In 2001, the Chaplain Vincent R. Capodanno Veterans of Foreign Wars MOH Post 1700, the first homeless shelter VFW post in the nation, was established at NESHV in an effort to foster camaraderie between homeless veterans and the larger veteran community. Post 1700 was named after Chaplain Vincent Capodanno, of Staten Island, NY, a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. Known as the "Grunt Padre" because he ministered to the men facing the fiercest fighting, Capodanno was killed while administering last rites and tending to the wounded on a battlefield in Quang Tin Province in Vietnam on September 4, 1967. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty."

In 2002, we refurbished our Emergency Shelter to improve living conditions for our veterans as they start the reintegration process. This project also incorporated a new 30–bed post–detox stabilization program providing intensified support for veterans going through the delicate early stages of sobriety.

In 2003, NESHV received a $750,000 Life Safety Grant from the VA for updating the facility to meet VA standards. Also in 2003, an American Legion post was opened within the Shelter.

In 2004, a clinical psychologist was added to the staff to initiate a process of incorporating state–of–the–art practices into the client service programs of the Shelter. Also, a Wireless Technology was added to the curriculum of Vet Tech.

Services offered: Services, Homeless, Services for the Homeless; Shelter, Homeless Shelter
Updated Jul 8, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1530

Non–Profit Office Space: Space with a Soul

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston, MA

Web www.spacewithasoul.org/about/our–story
Service Temporary

Services offered: New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Office, Office Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Office, Office Space; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS)
Updated Mar 13, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9123

Northeastern University Mutual Aid Community Fridge [24x7 free food]

Walk–in Resource · Open

70 Saint Stephen St (Northeastern University Hillel Center), Boston, MA 02115

Web instagram.com/numutualaid
Service Temporary

source: https://cambridgecitygrowers.wordpress.com/2020/11/27/give–and–or–take–from–your–local–community–fridge/

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Jul 12, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10447

Occupy Boston (social justice advocacy)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston, MA

Web occupyboston.com
Service Temporary

Avails:
computers
and local transit to deliver
Trucks:
Sage
The guy from the Armory
Josh Bloomer (via Cailin) for Pony Express fleet of trucks

Bike delivery:
Sage

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#occupyboston
@boston_occupy
http://twitter.com/#!/Occupy_Boston

http://www.facebook.com/OccupyBoston
http://www.livestream.com/occupyboston

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pics of site:

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

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

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

Open Media Boston (progressive news)

Info/Hotline · Open

33 Harrison Ave., 5th Flr., Boston, MA 02111
Phone 617-506-9515
Web www.defendingjustice.org
Service Temporary

info @ openmediaboston . org

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O
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News Cycle

Open Media Boston runs on the equivalent of a weekly news cycle ending on Thursday. We then send out a weekly update to a large number of people every Friday. Content must be published to our Open Forum by Thursday at 5 p.m. to be considered for inclusion in any given week's update.

How OMB Works

A. People check out OMB on the web;
B. They decide to post a comment or maybe submit some original content;
C. To do so, they have to sign up for an OMB User Account;

D. Once their User Account is set up, they can post comments to any existing content on the website, or post their own new content via the Content Submission Form;
E. When new content is submitted it automatically goes to the Open Forum – which is the open posting area of OMB;
F. Selected relevant content that meets basic journalistic, editorial, and production standards is published to the OMB Front Page (other material remains in the Open Forum [see User's Guide section 2.2 for more info]);
G. Rinse. Lather. Repeat. And that's how we'll build our metro news portal.

How to List an Upcoming Event on OMB

Registered users are welcome to post events to our Upcoming Events calendar. For instructions, please see our User's Guide.

The User's Guide to Open Media Boston

Just click here to get to our User's Guide page or choose it from the navigation bar on the left of every page.

The OMB Blog

Check out our blog periodically to view content by OMB staff and friends on anything and everything that comes to their minds. You can always choose it from the navigation bar on the left of every page.

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Drop us a line at info @ openmediaboston . org and we'll chat. FYI, any prospective Open Media editors will generally need to have some significant media background; so we'll want to see a resume and samples of recent media work from anyone who'd like to start an Open Media branch in another area of the U.S. or world.
Campaigns: Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Jul 4, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8732

Outreach Van Project

Medical Facility · Open

Student Run
East Boston and the Suffolk Downs Racetrack every Thursday night.; Cambridge on Wednesday nights., Boston, MA
Phone (617) 414–1039
Web people.bu.edu/outreach
Hours Thursday & Wednesday evenings

The Outreach Van Project was founded in 1997 by Boston University medical and public health students to provide health care to the medically underserved and homeless communities in Greater Boston. The Outreach Van offers food, clothing, blankets, and medical supplies, and provides weekly outreach assistance and medical services. By working closely with the community, the project has been able to identify individuals who otherwise would not seek medical care until their illness became critical.

outreach@bu.edu

Our mission is to fulfill the unmet needs of the medically underserved populations in the Greater Boston area, particularly with regard to health care and access to services, while providing an opportunity for students to learn skills in community outreach

The History of OVP

The Boston University Medical Center (BUMC) Outreach Van Project (OVP) was founded in January 1997 by several students at the Boston University Schools of Medicine and Public Health under the guidance of an advisory board and aid from several Boston University affiliated community agencies. The mission of the Project from its inception was to have a positive impact on the health and well being of the medically underserved populations in the Greater Boston area. Our three goals are:

(1) to provide basic necessities to the underserved populations in the form of food, clothing, toiletries, dental supplies, and basic medical care supervised by a physician;
(2) to make concerted efforts to connect people that are underserved to primary care and to other community services such as shelters and detoxification programs;
(3) to give students an opportunity for hands–on involvement working with underserved populations in the Greater Boston areas.

These goals have continued to drive the Project's daily activities. During the first year of operation, the students, faculty and members of the community involved with the Outreach Van Project achieved these goals through providing reliable and consistent services to the underserved populations of East Boston and the Suffolk Downs Racetrack.

We visited both sites every Thursday night. At the Racetrack we served the migrant worker population, many of whom are from Central America and Mexico, and have traveled to the Boston area for work. The Racetrack is home to about 300–450 migrant workers who live in on–site housing. They are uninsured and work seven days per week taking care of the horses for a low wage – often no more than $100 per week. They are additionally constrained by the fact that about 60% of the workers are Spanish speaking with very little grasp on the English language, and are therefore reluctant to seek medical assistance when needed. Substance abuse and mental health issues are rampant in this population.

In East Boston we primarily serve the homeless population. Many of our patients are from Central America, including countries like El Salvador, where some have witnessed war crimes and human rights abuses. As a result of their personal experiences, a number of our patients suffer from mental illness. Many exhibit erratic behavior and are unable to care for themselves effectively. Similar to the population at the Racetrack, the majority of our patients in East Boston are Spanish speaking.

In addition to the Racetrack and East Boston, the Project has brought increased awareness to the homeless population in Cambridge/Somerville. In May 1999, the Project extended its services to include a second night to help the homeless community in Cambridge/Somerville. We went to Cambridge every Wednesday evening. The population was predominantly composed of English–speaking homeless adults who were mostly Caucasian (~90%) men (~80 %). Adolescents comprised close to 25% of our encounters who have all been Caucasian with a majority (~70%) being male. At the time when we started many Outreach agencies were prevalent in Cambridge, but the BUMC Outreach Van Project was unique by being the only active evening outreach van service that provided on–site medical care. Our site in Harvard Square was particularly interesting because the visual presence of the Van invited a majority of the homeless population to approach us.

In the Spring of 2000, however, we were notified that CASPAR, a functioning outreach agency in Cambridge, received additional funding to provide for permanent evening aid to the homeless population in Cambridge. We therefore discontinued our services to Cambridge and focused our resources on the populations at the Racetrack and East Boston. In the Summer of 2000, Boston Health Care for the Homeless received a federal grant that enabled them to set up an extensive health care delivery system to the migrant worker population in the Suffolk Downs Racetrack. The grant allowed Boston Health Care for the Homeless to purchase a medical trailer that will reside on the Racetrack, with increased services that were unavailable before. Some of the new services include expanded on–site physician hours twice a week and blood drawing. The blood drawing facility dramatically improved the accessibility to basic health care services because previously workers needed to be transported to Boston Medical Center for simple procedures. Tranportation to the medical center was a burden on most patients due to the need to leave work during the day. As a result it was many times the reason for not seeking medical care. Due to the increased level of care now received by the migrant workers, we have ceased our involvement at the Racetrack.

While we are no longer serving the underserved communities in Cambridge and the Racetrack, it is important to note that the Outreach Van Project played a crucial role in bringing about awareness of these populations. It is also noteworthy that our goal was not to arbitrarily drop communities, but rather to focus our services on those populations that are not covered by any other outreach agencies. Thus, we are committed to serving the homeless population in East Boston. Currently, we are the only outreach agency serving East Boston. It is our biggest accomplishment, and we are strongly committed to ensuring access to basic medical care to our patient population.

The Outreach Van Project is funded by a number of private and public agencies. We would like to thank the Massachusetts Medical Society, The Boston Evening Clinic Foundation, The Greater Boston Food Bank and private donors, including the BUSM graduating class of 1999, 2000 and 2001 for their generosity. Additionally, we would like to thank the staff at the Office of Student Affairs for all their help with regards to administration of the project.

Volunteering on the Van

If you are a BUMC student and are interested in volunteering on the van, you must attend one of our training sessions. Training sessions are held about once a month. Look for signs and announcements for the next one or contact the OVP. The next orientation will be scheduled after the start of the academic year. To find out more contact outreach@bu.edu.

Once you've attended a training session, in order to sign up, visit the Outreach Van's Information Board located on the wall across from the ATM machine near Chequers CafÈ. There will be a sign up sheet on the board. Please put your name and e–mail address down on the sign–up sheet. It would also help us if you could let us know whether you are fluent in Spanish. You will be receiving a confirmation email from the OVP the week that you are going out on the Van. If you are unable to make it for that particular shift, please email us back at outreach@bu.edu, by the Wednesday of that week. The typical schedule of a night on the van is described below.

A Typical Outreach Night
6:00 pm Meet shift leader at the BUSM lobby.
6:00 – 7:00 pm Load van with medical supplies, education material, clothes, snacks, drinks and food from Chequers.
7:00 pm Meet the doctor outside BMC and drive to East Boston.
7:30 – 10:00 pm Outreach work: serving food, distributing clothes, making referrals for detox programs, shelters and neighbourhood hospitals and clinics; talking to patients, conducting patient interviews and obtaining medical histories.
10:00 pm Return to school, unload and clean up Van.

Decide in what capacity you would like to volunteer your time to the OVP, i.e. lead a committee, participate in the work of a committee, volunteer on the Van, or a combination of the above. If you are interested in joining a committee, contact the OVP at outreach@bu.edu

Services offered: Medical, Facility, Clinic, Free Clinic
Updated Jul 8, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1547

Pine Street Inn Shelters (25 locations in Boston)

Shelter · Open

Emergency Homeless Shelter
444 Harrison St, Boston, MA 02118

Phone (617) 892–9100, (617) 633–0170, 617–892–7778
Contact write/call for details
Email info@pinestreetinn.org
Web www.pinestreetinn.org
Eligibility homeless or about to be homeless

Service Permanent

Daytime and Nighttime Outreach (go looking for homeless folks that need help)
Meals (roger.wellington@pinestreetinn.org)
Shelter
Referrals and Support for folks to get into Permanent Residences
Free Healthcare
Job Training
Literacy Training
Work Programs
Permanent Housing for folks in the Work Program
Free Clothing and Household items (through Morgan Memorial Goodwill)

NO LONGER ACCEPTING USED CLOTHING OR HOUSEHOLD ITEMS.
All in–kind donations of clothes/household should go to Goodwill:
http://goodwillmass.org/

FOOD DONATIONS: MUST be bulk, restaurant quantities

Services offered: Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Short–Term Housing Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Job Placement; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Medical Resources Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Shelter Referrals, Youth Focused; Case Management, Homeless; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Facility: Job Center; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Household Goods (big) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Apartments; Housing, Fairly Priced Rental Housing for Disaster Survivors; Housing, Online Housing Directory Resource; Housing Referrals, Senior, Long Term Care; Housing, Rental Listings; Housing, Residential Group Shelter Home, Housing; Housing, Subsidized/Low–Income Housing; Housing, Transitional Housing; Jobs, Paying; Linens, Bedding * (ANY/ALL Types of Bedding) New or Gently Used/CLEAN; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Breakfast; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals (Elders/Seniors); Meals, For Homeless Residents; Meals, Hot Meals; Medical, Non–Emergency Medical Services; Medical, Services, First Aid Medical Services; Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); Mental Health Services; School, Adult Education/Adult School; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Services, Emergency Services; Services, Employment, Internship Program; Services, Employment, Job Assistance, for "at–risk" Job Applicants; Services, Homeless, Services for the Homeless; Services, Homeless Services, Mobile Outreach; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Day Shelter; Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Shelter, Homeless, Mens Homeless Shelter; Shelter, Homeless Shelter; Toiletries * (ANY/ALL Types); Toiletries, Personal Hygiene Products * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Communication Skills; Training Classes, ESL (English as a Second Language); Training Classes, Financial Literacy; Training Classes, Financial, Money Management; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Literacy Training; Training Classes, Trade Skills, Training; Training Classes, Vocational; Training, Services, Employment /JobTraining
Updated Dec 3, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3904

Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra

Open Business* · Open

Boston, MA
Web www.proarte.org
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9774

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Open Business* · Open

Boston, MA
Web quilted.coop
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9775

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

Walk–in Resource · Open

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

Roslindale Community Fridge

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

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

1 Firth Rd, Boston, MA 02131

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

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

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

Volunteer Camp · Open

Mondays 5:30 pm; Makeshift Boston; 549 Columbus Ave; twitter.com/BostonDistro, Boston, MA
Web www.facebook.com/SolidaritySupplyDistro
Service Temporary

bostonsolidaritysupplydistro "at" protonmail.com

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

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

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

Volunteer Camp · Open

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

Tech center, organizing around democratic cooperative principles...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The question of wearing masks is also complicated by racism. People of color are increasingly saying that they don't feel safe wearing masks. In a Boston Globe op-ed, Aaron Thomas wrote that the practice "could lead to unintended attention, and ultimately a life-or-death situation…[and that] the fear of being mistaken for an armed robber or assailant is greater than the fear of contracting COVID-19." On the other hand, on April 11, a man in Philadelphia was dragged off of a public bus by police for not

wearing a mask. This pandemic is shaped by capitalism and racism, and the fight against racism must be at the top of the list of priorities for any COVID–19 response.

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

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

3D printed face shields with clear protective covers
sewn Olson face masks with filters inserted in pockets that can be fitted with skin–safe double–sided tape for those at higher risk for exposure
sewn face masks for everyday use by the people
and 3D printed N95–style masks that have demonstrated a potential to pass fit tests with proper filtering.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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boston, COVID–19, PPE

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

St Cecilia's Church (Haiti Response)

Donor · Open

Community Service
Boston, MA
Service Temporary

http://www.boston.com/news/world/latinamerica/articles/2010/03/26/lifting_fragile_lives_in_haiti/

School in Lexington Massachusetts helps Haiti Orphanage Rebuild

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Lifting fragile lives in Haiti
With aid from Hub, disabled children's home presses on
By Lisa Wangsness
Globe Staff / March 26, 2010

FERMATHE, Haiti — A thin blind boy squats on a narrow mattress, bits of his breakfast strewn across the sheet. A wound held together with clear tape grazes his brow. Louis's nose is running, and he has a weak cough; his hand is bound with a sweater to keep him from biting himself. The damp morning air is thick with the smell of urine and soy porridge.

Haiti's Wings of HopeNearby, a little girl named Josephine sits in a red wheelchair, clinging to a passing visitor's hand and squealing with laughter. She loves to sing, and she chirps a few reedy notes of a Christian song in Haitian Creole over the din of the staff wrestling wheelchairs down a jerry-rigged ramp.

Life has never been easy for the children at Wings of Hope, a home for youngsters with disabilities high in the hills above Port-au-Prince that has developed close ties with a Catholic parish in Boston's Back Bay neighborhood and a school for disabled children in Lexington.

The Wings children are mostly orphans, in a country where people with disabilities are ostracized and scorned. Haitians call them cocobai, which roughly translates as "worthless" or "disgrace." The local kindergarten in Fermathe would not admit Josephine, even when Wings promised to send an aide to help her through her day.

Then came the earthquake.

Though the Wings building did not fall, an architect deemed it structurally unsound. For eight days, about 70 children and staff huddled in two rooms while the leaders of the home scrambled to find a new place. Unlike other orphanages for children with disabilities that have been forced to move into camps, Wings of Hope managed to rent two adjoining houses not far from the old building.

But the conditions are difficult. The plywood ramps the staff built over the stairs are steep and narrow, and many of the children must be carried from floor to floor. The dorm rooms are crowded, the tiny bathrooms cramped and dirty. On a chilly morning, most of the children's feet were bare, and the cold tile floors were slick with muddy footprints.

"They're starting from scratch," said David Manzo, president of the Cotting School in Lexington, who has stayed in close touch with the staff in Haiti by e-mail. "I'm saddened in terms of what they lost."

Manzo became involved with Wings of Hope through his church, St. Cecilia's parish in Boston; over time Cotting teachers became involved, and now the Cotting considers Wings its sister school — Haitian staff visit for training each year; Cotting teachers volunteer time in Haiti, and one recently adopted a child from Wings. The Rev. John Unni, St. Cecilia's, pastor, began volunteering in Haiti 24 years ago, before he was a seminarian, and has led students and parishioners back ever since.

"It heightens awareness of folks in the parish of what is going on in the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation," Unni said in a recent interview. "I think it challenges people to look at who we are called to be."

Haiti's Wings of HopeWings is part of the St. Joseph's Family homes, a small charity that consists of Wings of Hope as well as two other homes for street boys and former child slaves in Port-au-Prince and nearby Jacmel. St. Joseph's founder, Michael Geilenfeld, an Iowan and former brother with Mother Teresa's Brothers of Charity, said Wings was formed after a French organization no longer wanted to care for 14 disabled children in its charge.

The three homes are supported by an informal patchwork of income from three North American charities that take donations from church groups and friends. There are also receipts from a variety of cottage industries — the boys' Resurrection Dance Theater, which tours the United States and Canada telling the stories of the boys' lives through dance; the modest hostel the boys operated at St. Joseph's, and the art and homespun calendars sold at churches like St. Cecilia.

Even before the earthquake, Wings of Hope had no running water and only intermittent electricity; the staff had to flush the toilets by pouring buckets of water down them. Mostly run by graduates of the St. Joseph's program for street boys and former child

slaves, it had only a few staff members with degrees of any kind, including one full–time nurse. Jacky Asse, whose mother died of AIDS–related fever when he was 11, graduated from St. Joseph's; at 28, he is the new Wings director. Though he has no formal training, he has earned his co–workers' trust.

"It's just a call from God, and from other people around me," he said.

Wings is considered one of the better homes for abandoned children with disabilities in Haiti, said Gail Buck of Portland, Ore., who has spent months working in Port–au–Prince with Healing Hands for Haiti, a group that sends physical therapists from the United States and Canada to provide rehabilitative care.

"In the worst of them, the children lie in bed with mosquito nets draped over their faces," Buck said. "The best you can say is they're not abandoned in a garbage dump."

At Wings, Buck said, "they treat them like family, versus furniture."

Ann Couture, a St. Cecilia's parishioner from Middleton who has visited Wings three times in recent years, recalls the old building as clean and spacious, with plenty of room for play. When she visited, she would help the children through busy days filled with activities — a handful were even taken to go horseback riding once a week for physical therapy.

"It's not an orphanage, it's a home, in every sense of the word," Couture said.

One of the reasons she and others have stayed so involved, she said, was their sense that life was steadily improving for the children.

"You don't see progress in Haiti," she said. But at the St. Joseph's homes, she said, "things were moving forward. . . . I was amazed by how much they did with so little."

The spirit of the place — and the children themselves — has kept St. Cecilia's parishioners coming back, year after year. Mark Lippolt, a St. Cecilia's parishioner from the Back Bay, said little Josephine captured his heart.

"I know who she is," he said. "I can't forget what her life would be like had she had the luck of birth that we all have had."

These emotional bonds lent the Bostonians a personal connection to the suffering in Haiti after the earthquake. Three weeks after the disaster, Unni flew to the Dominican Republic and made the long trek over the mountains to Haiti's capital in the back of a pickup truck to check on the people he considers members of an extended family.

"I wanted to get down there and see what had happened . . . and let them know they are not forgotten, that they're not alone," Unni said.

In Port–au–Prince, the St. Joseph's building and chapel had collapsed. Though the boys were not hurt, a 25–year–old visiting Lutheran seminarian was crushed to death, and the director of St. Joseph's, Bill Nathan, a former child slave and gifted drummer, barely survived a fall from the school's rooftop.

Before he wound his way up the mountain road to Fermathe, Unni saw teenaged children pulling decayed bodies out of the rubble of a church. The stench of death was everywhere. When he arrived at the temporary Wings residence, the place was a bit chaotic but cheerful. A little boy named Teddy squirmed in his wheelchair with delight at seeing his old friend, his smile revealing two big gaps where he had lost his front teeth.

Though spared the worst, life has changed for the 38 disabled children at Wings. When the Globe visited earlier this month, on a sunny afternoon and then a foggy morning a couple days later, it was difficult to imagine the clean, orderly environment that had impressed Bostonian visitors as an oasis.

School and therapy time continue four days a week, despite the crowded quarters and lack of supplies, and the staff had even managed to get the children to their horseback riding. But about eight little girls who typically use wheelchairs lay in bed in their pajamas at around 4:30 p.m., as the day staff prepared to go home for the night. The children were happily polishing off bowls of ice cream, but Asse said they would not eat again until breakfast.

On a foggy morning a couple of days later, children were eating their porridge, and several were left behind in an upstairs dorm room unsupervised when the rest of the children went next door to dance and pray. Asse had left for a monthlong tour to raise money for the homes with the dance troupe, entrusting the facility to two assistant directors and two American women who work at the home.

Some of the staff have been afraid to leave their homes, or tending to their own families' needs, so there are fewer hands to help clean and cook and to relieve the day workers at night, said Cheryl Proctor, a nurse practitioner from North Carolina who chairs the board of Hearts with Haiti, a US charity whose sole mission is to support the St. Joseph's Family homes.

"It's such a tremendous struggle in Haiti even on the best days, in a postearthquake situation it's made all the more difficult," she said.

Hearts with Haiti has raised more than $1 million to help rebuild so far. Back in Boston, the Cotting School and its extended community of friends have raised about $150,000, and seven staff members plan to spend a week volunteering at Wings in July.

St. Cecilia's has reached out to help Haiti in a variety of ways — holding a special prayer service, encouraging parishioners to donate to both Catholic Relief Services and Hearts with Haiti, and participating in a walk–a–thon for Partners in Health, a Boston–

based nonprofit that provides health care for the poor in Haiti and other countries. Many of the parishioners are also contributing to other organizations involved in helping people in Haiti and in Boston's Haitian diaspora.

In a homily after returning from Haiti, Unni spoke about the resilience he witnessed at Wings of Hope.

"That ends up being the thing that prevails," he said. "You adapt, you make the best of it and you go from there."

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Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Demographic Served: Children; Facility: Community Center; Services, Church/Worship Services; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Haiti Earthquake, Orphanages/Childrens Homes; Catholic Charities; Catholic Charities Community Services; Catholic Charities Social Services; Catholic Charities USA; Catholic Medical Mission Board; Catholic Relief Services (CRS); International Community, Creole/Kreole/Haitian
Updated Mar 27, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5691

St Francis House, Shelter

Shelter · Open

39 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

Phone 617–542–4211
Web stfrancishouse.org
Service Temporary

Doors for overnight close at 3.

Many guests come to St. Francis House initially because they need a hot, nourishing meal. We serve breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. daily, and lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 365 days a year.

Our menus feature lean protein, low–fat dairy, whole grains, and fresh fruits and vegetables, to give our guests the fuel they need and to assist them in developing healthy eating habits.

Meals are free, no questions asked. We also provide emergency sandwiches after 2:00 p.m.

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Guests who stay in a nighttime shelter must leave every morning so the facility can clean and prepare for the next night. Our Atrium, on the first floor, and the Resource Center, one flight up, provide a safe, comfortable alternative to spending the day on the street. Here, guests can escape the elements, enjoy the company of friends, and watch the local news or a movie chosen by one of our discussion groups.

The Resource Center also features a library, telephones, and computers with Internet access, vital tools for keeping in touch with loved ones and job–hunting. The Resource Center offers a variety of support groups, meetings, activities and classes: click for full list.

For guests who are new to St. Francis House, the Hospitality Desk in the Resource Center should be their first stop. There, guests get a St. Francis House ID, which will help them access many of our services, including case management or mental health counseling.

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At St. Francis House, we believe that everyone has the right to decent housing. Secure housing is essential to maintaining good mental health, sobriety, and self–sufficiency. But a lack of safe and affordable residential space in and around Boston makes the housing search incredibly difficult, particularly for those with mental health or substance abuse issues or criminal records. Our innovative strategy enables us to assist all of our homeless guests, regardless of their circumstances, so that they have a stable base from which to rebuild their lives.

Our housing staff work with homeless guests one–on–one, assisting them with filling out applications for city, state, or federal housing. Once guests find housing, we may be able to provide assistance with household essentials – sheets, silverware, pots, and pans, etc. – for guests who find housing but cannot afford the basics.

St. Francis House is also incredibly fortunate to have supportive housing right in our building. The Next Step Housing Program, on floors 7, 8, 9, and 10, provides single–occupancy rooms for 56 single, low–income men and women who have experienced homelessness, unemployment, and substance abuse. In addition, The Union across the street at 48 Boylston has 46 units of affordable housing for both people who have experienced homelessness and those with very modest incomes.

Services offered: Clothing, Adult Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types); Clothing, Adult Sizes, Winter Clothes, New or Gently Used; Clothing, Hats, Winter; Clothing, Men's, Jeans, New or Gently Used (CLEAN); Clothing, Sweaters, New/Gently Used/CLEAN; Clothing, Winter, * (ANY/ALL Types/Sizes); Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Facilities: Laundry Facilities for Homeless Residents; Facilities: Restrooms; Facilities: Shower Facilities * (ANY/ALL Types); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Brown Bag Program (for Seniors/Elders/Disabled); Meals, Cooked Meals; Meals, For Homeless Residents; Meals, Lunches (Bag); Services, Daycare, Adult / Child Daycare Services for Disabled; Services, Daycare, Adult / Senior Daycare Services; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Day Shelter; Shelter, Homeless

Shelter; Shelter, Women's Shelter; Toiletries * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Jan 3, 2022 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10510

Stone Soup Cooperative Farm and CSA delivery to Boston

Open Business* · Open

Boston, MA

Web valleyworker.org/members/stone-soup-farm
Service Temporary

Campaigns: Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9812

Stonewall Communities (Senior LGBT Advocacy/Community)

Info/Hotline · Open

Community Services
566 Columbus Avenue, Suite 1-5, Boston, MA 02118

Phone 617-375-8129
Web www.stonewallcommunities.org
Service Temporary

info at StonewallCommunities dot org

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Counseling, Support Group for Caregivers; Demographic Served: LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender); Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Demographic Served: Social Peers; Elder Support, Volunteer; Information Resource, ADA & Useful Info for Disabled Folks; 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; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Networking Group, Families; Social Events, Party / Festival
Updated Apr 23, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7895

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

Open Business* · Open

Boston, MA

Web www.valleygreenfeast.com
Service Temporary

low income qualified discount
Campaigns: Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Worker Owned Co-Operatives
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9807

Victory Programs / Revision Shelter System (Family Shelter / Jobs)

Walk-in Resource · Open

Community Service
Boston, MA

Phone (617)-541-0222
Contact Lorraine Franciose
Email development@vpi.org
Web vpi.org/about.html
Eligibility check with intake manager to see if there's space...generally low income, families, women, chemically dependent, homeless...
Service Temporary

For general intake information, please call (617) 541-0222 and ask for Lorraine Franciose.

To join the waiting list for a particular program, please call that program ask for the Intake Coordinator.

The programs can be contacted on the following numbers:

Victory House/ New Victories: 617-825-6088

Women's Hope: 617-442-0048

Shepherd House: 617-288-3906

ReVision House: 617-825-8642

Portis Family House: 617-522-3089

Joelyn's Family Home: 617-456-1201

Supportive Housing programs: 617-282-1984

LARC: 617–522–2936

Technical Assistance Program: 617–927–0088

For any other inquiries, please call our administrative offices at (617)–541–0222

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Advocacy, Domestic Violence; Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Employment, "At–Risk" Job Applicants; Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Womens Rights; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Employment & Job Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Short–Term Housing Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Job Placement; Case Management, Battered, Abused Women; Case Management, Homeless; Case Management, Long–Term Case Management; Case Management, Low Income (Individuals/Families); Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Community Garden Program; Community Outreach Programs; Community Service Program; Counseling, Career Counseling; Counseling, Domestic Abuse Support; Counseling, Mentors; Counseling, Substance Abuse ; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Counseling, Support Group, Survivors, Violence; Demographic Served: Addicts, Recovering; Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Homeless, Women Only; Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks, Women Only; Demographic Served: Survivors, Violence; Facilities: Farm ("available" = this site is a farm); Facilities: Farm, Urban (this site is a farm); Facility: Food, Emergency Food Center; Facility: Job Center; Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Food, Organic ($ NOT FREE); Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Group Home, Special Needs/Mental Illness; Housing, Recovery House (For Substance Abuse Treatment); Housing, Residential Group Shelter Home, Housing; Housing, Subsidized/Low–Income Housing; Housing, Transitional Housing; Housing, Transitional Housing (For Battered Women/Children); Jobs, Paying; Medical, Services, Rehabilitation Program; Mental Health, Rehabilitation; Mental Health Services; Services, Employment, Job Assistance, for "at–risk" Job Applicants; Services, Employment, Paid Gigs, Paying Jobs; Services, Homeless, Services for the Homeless; Services, Substance Abuse, Outpatient Program (Drug/Alcohol); Services, Substance Abuse, Residential Program (Drug/Alcohol); Services, Substance Abuse Treatment (Drug/Alcohology) ; Services, Women's Services; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Shelter, Homeless, Mens Homeless Shelter; Shelter, Homeless Shelter; Shelter, Womens, Battered Womens Shelter; Shelter, Women's Shelter; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Employment, On the Job, Training; Training Classes, Gardening Instruction; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Trade Skills, Training; Training Classes, Vocational; Training, Farming, Organic Farming; Training, Medical, Education, Health Education for Survivors * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Government, US Deptartment of Housing & Urban Development (HUD); Northeast Organic Farming Association
Updated Jun 12, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5932

Women's Lunch Place/Advocacy and Legal Assistance Program (aid for low income and homeless women)

Info/Hotline · Standby

Legal Services – ProBono
67 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116

Phone	617–267–1722, 617–267–6803 (fax)
Contact	Joanna Hooper, Advocay Manager
Email	joanna@womenslunchplace.org
Web	www.womenslunchplace.org
Serves	Statewide
Eligibility	Women who are poor and homeless
Service	Temporary

Categories:

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES
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FAMILY LAW (DIVORCE & CUSTODY)
EMPLOYMENT
ELDERLY
DISABILITY LAW
CRIMINAL LAW
CRIME VICTIMS
CONSUMER
CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES
CHILDREN AND YOUTH
BENEFITS
BANKRUPTCY

AIDS
PRISONERS
PROBATE
SMALL CLAIMS
TAXES

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Court Advocacy, Volunteer; Advocacy, Domestic Violence; Advocacy, Employment, "At-Risk" Job Applicants; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Legislation Support; Assistance, Referrals, Counseling, Disaster Survivor Counseling Referrals; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Mental Health Resources; Case Management, Mental Health; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Homeless, Women Only; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks, Women Only; Hotline, Legal Advice & Counsel (Disaster Survivors); Hotline, Legal Advice & Referrals; Services, Legal Assistance; Services: Legal Assistance for Disaster Survivors; Services, Legal Assistance (For Low-Income Families); Services, Legal Assistance for Seniors/Elderly

Updated Apr 14, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4278

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

Shelter · Open

Asticou Rd, Boston – Forest Hills, MA

Web tinyurl.com/amoryapplication
Service Temporary

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

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

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

The house: Circle Amory

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The room that is open is the largest of the house's single bedrooms, and has two large windows and two closets. One of the closets is a standard

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

*We are looking for someone who is interested in being an active house member, who wants to challenge oppression and privilege in themselves and the world around them. We strongly encourage people of color, women, queers, and transfolks to apply. We like pro-active people who take initiative on house projects! *

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

Diana Mai

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

Fort, The (The Fort) (housing collective, housing co-op)

Shelter · Open

Boston – Jamaica Plain, MA

Contact private
Email private, please write us if you want it, we got it from the BCN list
Web boston.craigslist.org/gbs/roo/4933019800.html
Service Temporary

The Residents:
We are a bunch of peeps from all walks of life, cultural identities, queerness, and loving, who try to live an active and engaged life while doing lots of fun, community things. We live in a big family-style house with one large, gentle dog. Some of us enjoy things like cooking, gardening, reading books, music-playing, activism, organizing events, bike riding, house projects, and playing outside. Although our individual values vary, we hold a collective politic of radical anti-oppression. Maintaining our home as a safer space is one of the most important things we do together.

The Cooperative:
We all share weekly household responsibilities of cooking, food shopping, and cleaning. In pairs, we cook dinner (and clean up) for the house one night per week. We have house meetings the first and third Sundays of the month where we check-in, communicate about things in constructive ways, and make decisions by consensus. Sometimes we use the common spaces in the house for fun events. We also really love working together to invest in our shared home by doing projects and improvements. Some examples include maintaining our flower and vegetable gardens to grow our own food, revamping our compost system, winterizing our windows, maintaining our lawn and property, and holding the occasional spring or fall cleaning day.

The House:
The house is a large single family home with three stories and a basement. We have a yard with a garden, picnic tables, lawn chairs and large trees. In the basement we have a bike shop, laundry, storage space and plenty of room for new projects. We also have porches, two large common spaces, a sunroom, lots of books, working fireplaces, and lots of windows. Our kitchen is pretty large and equipped with two ovens, two refrigerators, two sinks, a fridge for beer, and a pantry and storeroom full of food! There are 3 full bathrooms, and 1 half bathroom. We have wireless high speed internet and a projector set up to watch movies on a big screen.

The Location:
We're nearest to the Stony Brook T stop on the Orange Line, which is about a 10 minute walk. We are also 500 feet from both the #39 and #41 bus stops. Jamaica Pond is a hop skip and a jump away. You can walk to lots of great places easily from our home. It's great because even though we're so close to all this wonderful stuff, we're pretty tucked away on a quiet, low-traffic street.

The Cost:
We try to keep our living costs as low and possible and make our space accessible. Our rooms vary in size, and thus range in monthly rent prices from the mid 300's to the mid 700's. Everyone in the house equally splits the monthly cost of food and utilities, which can vary from $130 to $160 per person. We have a house bank account that we use to pool our money and purchase food every week. Before people move in, we request that they pay first month's rent plus a security deposit equal to one month's rent.

The Available Rooms:
June 1st, 2015 room for $387/month.
This second–floor room measures about 8.5 square with a 4 foot square entrance way. It has large floor to ceiling windows on the south–facing side. Personal access to a cozy balcony that seats two chairs. There is no closet in the room, but drawers and cabinets in the hallway. Beautiful high ceilings. Rent is $375. We haven't had two people share this room before, but we ask that if two people share it, they pay rent totaling $50 more. (Pics 4–5)

June 1st, 2015 room for $367/month
This cozy and quiet third floor room measures about 8' square. It has two west–facing windows and a small closet with some storage space. There is room for a small bed and a dresser or small desk. Across the hall there is also a large walk–in closet for more storage. (Pics 6–7)

August 1st, 2015 room for $504/month
This first–floor room measures about 14 feet by 12 feet and has large windows on the west–facing and north–facing walls. It has several built–in floor to ceiling bookshelves. It also has a fireplace that can accommodate a small fire (although it can get a little smokey because the chimney doesn't work very well). The room has a one small closet that will fit a dresser well. We have had two people share this room before, and we ask that if two people share it again, they pay rent totaling $50 more.

The Logistics:
Two room open on June 1st, 2015, it's application will be closed April 4, 2015. One room opens on August 1st, 2015, it application closes mid May, unless we find an awesome housemate in the first round. Interviews will begin in mid April for all rooms.

***APPLY HERE: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1PQ–rlrtQjtepVXm4yuYf8DYseOEk4s7EULNoMwTDtu8/viewform?usp=send_form

write us if you need the email address

Services offered: Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Arts Community / Artist Network; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Mar 16, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9933

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

Volunteer Camp · Open

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

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

Interfaith Co–Op House

Shelter · Open

Boston – JP, MA
Service Temporary

One room is available April 1, and one room June 1, in our interfaith coop in Jamaica Plain!

Our house is a warm and diverse community. We are rooted in Jewish rhythms with room for pluralism and diversity. We strive to live out consensus, ecological awareness, and faith values in every part of our house. We follow transparent financial practices. Our house is kosher–by–ingredient/vegetarian. We are open to members of all faith backgrounds, ages, genders, sexualities, ethnicities, and professions.

House activities include rotated weekly cook–nights, monthly movie nights, monthly dinner discussions, monthly Shabbat dinners/lunches, gardening, and

household maintenance. Dinner guests and weekend guests are common. Monthly house meetings are mandatory.

We are teachers, healthcare professionals, food justice workers, peace workers, vegan cooks, and aspiring doulas. We range in age from 23 to 55. We are Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist, agnostic, and interspiritual. We are omnivores, vegans, vegetarians, and fruitarians. Common interests include environmental protection, food justice, gardening, bicycling, veg*n cooking, bread baking, spiritual community, Bob Dylan, Wallace and Gromit, leopard print onesies, cross country skiing, and enjoying the company of friends.

Our space:

A six–bedroom, 2–bathroom Philadelphia style house in Jamaica Plain (between Jackson and Stonybrook T–stops) in a very cool and tranquil JP micro–neighborhood with kind neighbors and lovely views. We have a small front porch with beautiful sunset views. There is ample storage space in the basement.

Laundry/dryer available (for free) onsite. Seven minute walk to Stonybrook or Jackson Square T stops, 4 minutes down the street to catch the 39 or 41 bus on Centre St, 12 minute walk to Jamaica Pond. Stop and Shop and Whole Foods are nearby. Plentiful onstreet parking (but beware of alternate side parking!!!). For those interested in Jewish community, we are a 20 minute walk from Nehar Shalom.

April 1 Room:

This room, on the first floor, is extremely spacious and well–lit, with three large windows, high ceilings, and two large closets. Suitable for an individual or couple. The room is one of three bedrooms on the first floor with a shared bathroom. Rent is in the $700 range plus $175 in house dues (utilities and shared groceries). First and last due on signing.

June 1 Room:

This room, on the third floor, is spacious and gets good morning light. Suitable for an individual. The room is one of three bedrooms on the third floor with a shared bathroom. Rent is in the $700 range plus $175 in house dues (utilities and shared groceries). First and last due on signing.

No pets, unfortunately, due to landlord policy.

If interested, please email 49cranston @ gmail. com and tell us a little bit about you, why you're interested in our house, your prior communal living experience, and any logistical details we should know.

Services offered: Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Mar 24, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9941

NATIVE AMERICAN LIFELINES: GENERAL COUNSELING SERVICES

Walk–in Resource · Open

2077 Centre St, Boston – West Roxbury, MA 02132

Web nativeamericanlifelines.org/general–counseling–services
Service Temporary

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals, Mental Health Resources; Counseling ($ NOT FREE) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Domestic Abuse Support; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling)
Campaigns: First Nations / Native Americans
Updated Dec 3, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10656

Mutual Aid Eastie

Volunteer Camp · Open

434 Chelsea St, Boston / East Boston, MA

Web mutualaideastie.org
Service Temporary

At Mutual Aid Eastie, we believe in the power of community and collective support to meet each other's needs and build a community where everyone thrives. We are a network of neighbors creating community spaces that build unity, trust, solidarity,

and community care. We promote solidarity through mutual support – and in the belief that everyone has abundances and needs.
Connect with us at Office Hours

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

Location: 434 Chelsea St, East Boston, MA 02128

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

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

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

Seed Pod Housing Cooperative

Shelter · Open

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

from the site:

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

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

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

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

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

Red Cross, Boston / Massachusetts

Info/Hotline · Open

American Red Cross
25 Stuart St, Boston; 139 Main Street, Cambridge, Boston and Cambridge, MA
Phone Boston: (617) 556–2200, Cambridge: 617.274.5200
Web www.bostonredcross.org
Service Temporary

To find a shelter: http://www.redcross.org/find–help/shelter

January 2015 Blizzard Shelters up and running!
Campaigns: 2010 Massachusetts Flooding; 2015 January Northeast Blizzard; American Red Cross
Updated Jan 26, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5916

Catie's Closet [collects/distributes clothes/toiletries]

Walk–in Resource · Open

63 Sprague Street • Boston, MA 02136; 19 School Street • Dracut, MA 01826, Boston and Dracut, MA
Web www.catiescloset.org/help–the–kids
Service Temporary

Catie's Closet – Boston
63 Sprague Street • Boston, MA 02136
tel. 617–272–3621

Hours: 10am – 4pm Monday–Friday

Catie's Closet – Merrimack Valley
19 School Street • Dracut, MA 01826
tel. 978–957–2200

Hours: 10am – 5pm Monday–Friday

See site for sizes of clothes and items sought

"Our students' futures are at stake.
The fact is simple. Students NEED help, and they need it NOW.
Children in poverty already have a difficult time seeing beyond their current circumstances and into a brighter future. The challenges presented by remote learning, physical distancing, loss of connection and deepened poverty make it nearly impossible for students to imagine a future past this "new normal".
We need your help brightening the futures of more children across the country. Let them adjust their appearance to connect with who they are on the inside"

Services offered: Clothing, Adult Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types); Clothing, Children, New or Gently Used/CLEAN * (ANY/ALL Types); Clothing, Women's, Plus Size, New/Gently Used/CLEAN; Distribution, Clothing Closet; Distribution, Clothing Distribution (To the Public); * KITS, HYGIENE KITS; * KITS, TOILETRY/COMFORT KIT, NEW Items ONLY; * KITS, TOILETRY KIT w/Towel; Shoes, * New or Gently Used/CLEAN * (ANY/ALL Types); Toiletries * (ANY/ALL Types); Toiletries, Personal Hygiene Products * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Underwear, All Sizes, NEW Only, * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated May 12, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10430

Boston area community fridge (map/list)

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston area, MA

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

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

Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC)

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston Area, MA

Web barcc.org
Service Temporary

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

Restaurant Worker Mutual Aid of Greater Boston

Volunteer Camp · Open

Boston area, MA

Web rwma617.org
Service Temporary

from the website, 12–3–24

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

What can you do in support?

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

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

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

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

Info/Hotline · Open

online, Boston Region, MA

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

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

Free and Fun Stuff to Do

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston Region, MA

Service Temporary

Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Ave, Boston: Wed after 4, always free to children under 17. Also, free midweek events, including drawing/sketching sessions to specialized gallery talks. See schedule: www.mfa.org, 617 267 9300

Institute of Contemporary Art, 100 Northern Ave, Boston 617 478 3100, www.icaboston.org. Free Thursday nights. Kids/family playdates 10 am to 4 pm the last Saturday of each month. Teen nights a few nights/year.

Decordova Sculpture Park and museum. On first Wednesday of the month, Outdoor exhibits on 35 acres is free, nice hike, too. Bicyclists always get in free. 51 Sandy Pond Rd Lincoln MA. www.decordova.org, 781 259 8355

Harvard University Art Museums/Arthur M Sackler Museum. free before noon on Saturdays for Massachusetts redients (be sure to have gov't issued ID). Free events/lectures/recitals. 485 Broadway, Cambridge MA, Tue-Sat 10 am to 5 pm. 617 495 9400 www.harvard.edu/arts-museums

People Essex Museum. Salem residents, museum members and youth under 16 always get in free. Free programs/lectures available for all. See schedule at www.pem.org, 978 745 9500, downtown Salem

Worcester Art Museum. Always free to children 17 and under. Free for all 10 am to noon, first Saturday of each month. Veterans free on/near veteran holidays...check with the museum for specifics. 55 SalisburySt, Worcester. 508 799 4406

Davis Mseum at Wellesley Collage. Always free. See events calendar for lectures/artist talks. 106 Central St Wellesley. 781 283 2052, www.davismuseum.wellesley.edu

McMullen Museum of Art at Boston College. always free, with docent tours available every Sunday at 1 pm. 140 Commonwealth Ave, Chestnut Hill (Devlin Hall 108). www.bc.edu/gn-artmuseum

Source: Boston Globe

Services offered: Entertainment, Arts; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, for Teens
Updated Oct 23, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9379

Roslindale Cares Mutual Aid Network

Volunteer Camp · Open

Boston Roslindale, MA
Web www.roslindalecares.com
Service Temporary
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID-19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Apr 25, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10284

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

Walk-in Resource · Open

1471 Dorchester Ave in Dorchester, Boston, Dorchester, MA
Web linktr.ee/DotCommunityFridge
Service Temporary

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

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

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

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

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

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

Earthy Boston Fenway Fridge [24x7 free food]

Walk-in Resource · Open

506 Park Drive, Boston, Fenway, MA 02215
Web www.instagram.com/earthy.boston
Service Temporary

source: https://cambridgecitygrowers.wordpress.com/2020/11/27/give-and-or-take-from-your-local-community-fridge/

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Jul 12, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10452

Community Fridge, Free Food, Jamaica Plain

Walk-in Resource · Open

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

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

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

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

Jamaica Plain "Time Exchange" [barter network]

Info/Hotline · Open

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

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

from the website:

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

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

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

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

Restoring Roots Cooperative (Edible Landscaping and Design)

Open Business* · Open

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

posted 4/21 on the WorkerOwned list WORCN:

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

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

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

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

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

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston, Roxbury, MA

Service Temporary

Dear all,

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

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

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

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

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

South End Fridge [24x7 free food]

Walk–in Resource · Open

549 Columbus Avenue(Makeshift Boston), Boston, South End, MA 02118

Web www.instagram.com/southbostoncommunityfridge
Service Temporary

source: https://cambridgecitygrowers.wordpress.com/2020/11/27/give–and–or–take–from–your–local–community–fridge/

https://linktr.ee/BostonSouthEndCommunityFridge

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Jul 12, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10453

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

Donor · Open

Boston–area, MA

Web www.bostonareagleaners.org/recipient–agencies.html
Service Temporary

from the website:

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

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

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

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

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

Open Business* · Open

Boston/Cambridge, MA

Web www.agaric.coop
Service Temporary

[see WAY more at the website above]

What are Agaric's initiatives, you ask?

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

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

Building Materials Resource Center

Walk–in Resource · Open

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

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

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

from the website:

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

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

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

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

Boston Building Resources is also focused on benefiting the environment. The organization is a source for energy–efficient, water–saving, and environmentally friendly items such as rain barrels, home compost bins, weather stripping, and materials made from recycled components. Further, needless waste is reduced when reusable materials are donated to the Reuse Center at BBR instead of being sent to landfills.

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

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

Higher Ground / Warren Gardens Residents Association / Neighborhood Improvement Team

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston/Dorchester–Mattapan–Roxbury, MA
Service Temporary

This group operates in cooperation with:
WARREN GARDENS SITE:
Teen Empowerment Program
130 Warren Street
Roxbury, MA 02119
617-652-8014
craig @ teenempowerment . org

There's no info (Sept 2011) on the web about "Higher Ground", except newspaper articles (no contact info). Perhaps contact the folks at Teen Empowerment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The reason?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“This community really works together.”

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Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice; After–School Program, Volunteer; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Cleanup, Disaster Debris Removal, Volunteer Services; Cleanup, * Volunteer Services (ANY/ALL Types); Cleanup, Yard Cleanup, Volunteer Services; Community Garden Program; Community Garden, Volunteer; Community Outreach Programs; Community Outreach Programs, Rural; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Community, Recreation, Recreational Programs; Community Service Program; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Social Peers; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Disaster Mitigation, Economic, Community; Distribution, Cleaning/ Clean Up Supplies (Post Disaster); Events, Community Meetings; Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Herbal, Seeds, Perennial Starts, Medicinal Plants (Community Garden Project); Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Crime Alerts, Neighborhood; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Watchdog, Transparency & Accountability; Information Resource, Youth Services; Management, Community Coordinator, Volunteer; Service, Bartering; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Disaster, Furniture Mover, Free; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Response, Recovery, Preparedness & Mitigation; Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Family, General Family Assistance; Services, Social Services, General Social Services; Services, Youth Services, Crime Prevention Programs; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Training Classes, Gardening Instruction; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: Neighborhood Network
Updated Sep 23, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8987

Third Sector (Office Space for Startup Non–Profits)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston/Financial District, MA

Web www.nonprofitcenterboston.org/site/c.ddKGIQNuEmG/b.1363307/k.6C9F/The_NonProfit_Center.htm
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, For Non–Profits; Assistance, for non–profits, Collaboration Tool; Assistance, for non–profits (In General); New "Business" Models; Office, Office Space; Office Space, Conference Room; Office Space, Workspace/Desktop
Updated Nov 2, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9029

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

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston/Jamaica Plain, MA

Web lucyparsons.org
Service Temporary

Books about new economic and governance models, anarchy, marxism, co–operatives, sustainable economics, no–currency models of solidarity–based communities.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Advocacy, Voters Advocacy; Advocacy, Womens Rights; Books * (ANY/ALL Types); Business Internship Opportunities for Young Adults; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Documentation, Standards, Health & Human Rights; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Potluck Meals; Events, Protest Actions; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Booklets, Resource Materials for Volunteers; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Management Advice; Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; Meals, Vegan; Media, Print News Outlet (newspaper, magazine, etc); New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Occupy Working Groups, Occupy the Economy; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS)
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Food Not

Bombs; Lucy Parsons Center; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9772

Red Sun Press (NOT FREE, co–op printing biz)

Open Business*

Boston/Jamaica Plain, MA

Web redsunpress.com
Service Temporary

Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9779

Haley House (food pantry, co–operative cafe: meals, live–in community/ housing collective, meeting space) Covid 19 mutual aid

Walk–in Resource · Standby

Live–in Center:; 23 Dartmouth StreetBakery:; 12 Dade St; Dudley Square, Boston/Roxbury, MA

Phone 617.236.8132, 617.445.0900
Web www.haleyhouse.org
Service Temporary

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3D printed face shields with clear protective covers
sewn Olson face masks with filters inserted in pockets that can be fitted with skin–safe double–sided tape for those at higher risk for exposure
sewn face masks for everyday use by the people
and 3D printed N95–style masks that have demonstrated a potential to pass fit tests with proper filtering.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[mailto:bakery@haleyhouse.org bakery]
[mailto:info@haleyhouse.org main office]

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

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

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Employment, "At–Risk" Job Applicants; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Housing, Fair Housing; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Community Garden Program; Counseling, Career Counseling; Demographic Served: Artists/Artist Communities; Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender); Demographic Served: Low

Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Violence; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Teens; Demographic Served: Teens, Troubled; Demographic Served: Undocumented Individuals; Demographic Served: Unemployed; Demographic Served: Uninsured; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Demographohic Served: Previously/CurrentlyIncarcerated/Prisoners/Ex–Cons; Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Facilities: Farm ("available" = this site is a farm); Facilities: Farm, Urban (this site is a farm); Facility: Meeting space; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Food Bank (Public Distribution Available); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Housing, Fairly Priced Rental Housing for Disaster Survivors; Housing, Residential Group Shelter Home, Housing; Housing, Transitional Housing; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Mutual Aid; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; School, Adult Education/Adult School; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS); Support for "All Local" Disasters; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Homelessness Relief Services; Neighborhood Network; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Oct 15, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9047

Tecschange (computer recycling/reuse)

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston/Roxbury, MA

Web www.tecschange.org/donations/donation–faq.html
Service Temporary

Look at website for details about what this group will accept.

Services offered: Computer, Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Ending Pollution
Updated Nov 9, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9045

MA: Allston/Brighton Mutual Aid list of offers by specific people w/contact info

Volunteer Camp · Open

Boston: Allston Brighton, MA

Web docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12R306OX1NU8AUfcZvLgpoHxlEWb3Z6UeX–WPjxzzfa8/edit
Service Temporary

See spreadsheet at link above to get help. Has specific offers by specific people w/contact info

Source [where the need list is] https://docs.google.com/document/d/1elvhLVePZdLRpTWgNKNYKYacu9wI__7ILMerXPUZjSg/edit?fbclid=IwAR3–SuJl0vthhJfsHhhwhqwE0GPVYak6gl1o6TwfZuZF6QhfkWk5DhxSAi4
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Apr 7, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10257

MA: Allston/Brighton Mutual Aid Network [list of needs w/specific people/needs]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Boston: Allston Brighton, MA

Web docs.google.com/document/d/1elvhLVePZdLRpTWgNKNYKYacu9wI__7ILMerXPUZjSg/edit?fbclid=IwAR3–SuJl0vthhJfsHhhwhqwE0GPVYak6gl1o6TwfZuZF6QhfkWk5DhxSAi4
Service Temporary

See spreadsheet at link above to help people. Has specific needs by specific people w/contact info

Source [where the need list is] https://docs.google.com/document/d/1elvhLVePZdLRpTWgNKNYKYacu9wI__7ILMerXPUZjSg/edit?fbclid=IwAR3–SuJl0vthhJfsHhhwhqwE0GPVYak6gl1o6TwfZuZF6QhfkWk5DhxSAi4
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Apr 7, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10258

MA: Allston/Brighton Mutual Aid Network MAIN PAGE

Volunteer Camp · Open

Boston: Allston Brighton, MA

Web docs.google.com/document/d/1elvhLVePZdLRpTWgNKNYKYacu9wI__7ILMerXPUZjSg/edit?fbclid=IwAR3–SuJl0vthhJfsHhhwhqwE0GPVYak6gl1o6TwfZuZF6QhfkWk5DhxSAi4
Service Temporary

See link above for:
– offers
– needs
– organizing resources
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Apr 7, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10259

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

Boxborough Free Bee free market/food rescue

Supply POD · Open

Rt 111, Boxborough / Acton, MA

Web sites.google.com/abuw.org/freebeemarket/home

Services offered: Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Free Store; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Environmental Sustainability
Updated Oct 14, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10741

Brighton Allston Congregational Church United Church of Christ

Walk–in Resource · Open

Church
404 Washington Street, Brighton, MA 02135

Phone 617–254–4046
Contact write or call for details
Email brightonucc@verizon.net
Web www.brightonucc.org
Eligibility all are welcome, for free dinner, income eligibility applies
Service Permanent

from the website:

We are an open and diverse congregation of gentle folks representing many lifestyles and at least ten nationalities located in the Allston Brighton section of Boston. Together with word and action, worship and service, we seek to nourish heart, mind, body, and spirit in our ministry together. Our Wednesday Community Supper (soup kitchen) and Saturday Food Pantry welcome all in the community.

Staff:
Rev. Karen Fritz – Pastor
Fernando Michelin – Musician
Lois Corman – Administrator

Come bring your happy and hurting hearts,
your searching and supple spirits,

your wise and whimsical beings,
so God may embrace and empower us for good.

The Brighton–Allston UCC is an "Open and Affirming" Congregation

We have a community supper every Wednesday evening at 6 PM. There is no cost and all are welcome to attend!

Worship
10:30 Sunday Service

Handicap accessible
Large print bulletins

Information about the Nearly New Thrift Shop can be found at www.baccthriftshop.blogspot.com

"Open and Affirming": http://www.ucc.org/lgbt/ona.htm
Lesbian/Gay/Bi/Transexual Supportive Community

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Advocacy, Domestic Violence; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, How to, File Food Stamp Application; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Clothing, Women's, Maternity Clothing, New or Gently Used/CLEAN * (ANY/ALL Types); Community Outreach Programs; Community Service Program; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Clothing Distribution (To the Public); Donations, In–Kind Donation, Services; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Donation Drive; Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Facilities: Restrooms; Facility: Community Center; Facility: Food, Emergency Food Center; Food Distribution, Emergency/ Disaster Food Distribution; Food, Distribution, Emergency Food Program; Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Food Distribution, Meals, Soup Kitchen; Hotline, Food Bank/Pantry Hotline (Find Emergency Food Help); Household Items (small) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals (Elders/ Seniors); Meals, Dinner; Meals, Hot Meals; Recycling, Art Supplies; Recycling, Clothing; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Food; Recycling, Furniture; Recycling, Household Items; Recycling, Kid Stuff; Recycling, Packaging Materials; Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Recycling, Toiletries, Sample Sized NEW ONLY; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Church/Worship Services; Services, Emergency Services; Services, Social Services, General Social Services; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Thrift Store
Campaigns: Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Meetings; Churches of Christ Disaster Response Team; Church of Christ Disaster Relief Effort; Congregational Church; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; UCC ~ United Church of Christ
Updated Nov 21, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3894

Cradles to Crayons

Warehouse · Open

155 N. Beacon St., Brighton, MA
Web boston.cradlestocrayons.org/move
Service Temporary

from website:

With 37,000 square feet of space, we will be able to double the number of packages we distribute from 45,000 to 90,000 in the next three to five years.

We try to make it easy and convenient for you to donate children's goods. Our permanent drop–off sites are listed below. For a list of our Summer Community Drives, please visit our drives page.

We are no longer collecting donations at our warehouse in Quincy. Our New Giving Factory in Brighton is open for donations and our hours are:
Please note that we will be closed July 1st through the 4th for the holiday weekend and will be unable to accept donations at our warehouse in Brighton.
Tuesdays–Fridays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
1st, 2nd, & 4th Saturday between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
3rd Sunday between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
155 North Beacon Street, Brighton, MA 02135

Arlington
Donate new and gently–used clothing, books and baby items.
Drop–off by appointment. Email aj914 @ hotmail . com.

Arlington
Donate new and gently–used clothing, book, and baby items. Address: 72 Dickson Ave, Arlington, MA. Please leave donations on the driveway on the side of the house. If you have any questions email Kimberly Leib at unjudgeme @ yahoo . com. For individual donations only.

If you are a group or hosting a drive, please contact info @ cradlestocrayons . org. Thank you.

Avon, B.C. Tent & Awning
Donate new and gently used children's clothing (newborn sizes up to size 20). For individual donations only. If you are a group or hosting a drive, please contact info @ cradlestocrayons . org . Thank you.
25 Bodwell Street, Avon, MA 02322
Drop–off during regular business hours
M–F from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Duxbury, William Raveis Real Estate
Donate new and gently used children's clothing (newborn to size 20), books and baby items. Please drop off items between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm daily. Closed major holidays. Please do not leave items outside. For individual donations only. If you are a group or hosting a drive, please contact info @ cradlestocrayons . org . Thank you.
53 Railroad Avenue, Duxbury, MA
781.934.2104

Foxborough
Donate new and gently used clothing, books, and baby items at 1–800–Packrat.
Address: 10 Panas Road, Foxborough, MA 02035
Combination: 1984

Gloucester
Donate new and gently used clothing, books, and baby items. Address: 37 Langsford Street, Gloucester (Lanesville section), MA. Please leave drop–off items by the back door. For questions, please contact Susan at (978) 281–4370 or at esusanonly @ yahoo . com. For individual donations only. If you are a group or hosting a drive, please contact info @ cradlestocrayons . org. Thank you.

Lexington, Sweet Beads
Donate new and gently used clothing and books at: 1792 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington, MA 02420 Check the website for hours.

Milton, Bent's Cookie Factory
Donate new and gently used clothing and books.
Address: 7 Pleasant St. Milton, MA 02186
http://bentscookiefactory.com/

Newton, Young America Shops
Donate new and gently used children's clothing (newborn sizes up to size 20). For individual donations only. If you are a group or hosting a drive, please contact info @ cradlestocrayons . org. Thank you.
Cannot accept baby equipment.
M, T, Th, F from 10 a.m – 6 p.m.
W from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Sat from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sun from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Address: 241 Needham St, Newton, MA 02464
617.332.2600
www.youngamericaboston.com

Norwell, Tummies 2 Teens Consignment Shop
6 Grove Street, Norwell, MA, 02061 (Easily accessible from Rt. 3 South either exit 14 or 15. About 1.5 miles from the Derby Street Shoppes.)
Hours: Tues–Sat: 10–6 and Sun 12–4
Accepting clothing, footwear, books, baby items, and baby equipment (NO CRIBS! And please see our donation guidelines for specifications on equipment). If you are a group or hosting a drive, please contact info@cradlestocrayons.org. Thank you.

Peabody
Donate new and gently used clothing. Address: 10 Eileen Road, Peabody, MA 01960. Please leave drop–off items by the garage. For questions, please contact Suzy at (978) 979–8353 or at suzyblyer @ aol . com. For individual donations only. If you are a group or hosting a drive, please contact info@cradlestocrayons.org. Thank you.

Quincy, Hannaford Supermarket
Address: 475 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA 02171

Wayland
The Wayland Drop–Off location is temporarily unavailable

Wellesley, Wellesley Dental Group
Donate new and gently used children's clothing.
Due to space limitations, we ask that you only donate clothing at this location.
5 Seaward Rd. Wellesley Hills, MA 02481

During normal business hours
781.237.9071
www.wellesleydentalgroup.com

Wellesley, Babson College
Babson College Drop–Off is Temporarily Unavailable

Winchester, Liena's
Donate new and gently used clothing, books, and baby items
Address: 45 Church Street, Winchester, MA 01890
781.721.2210
shoplienas @ gmail . com
Visit our facebook page

Woburn, Store to Door
Donate new and gently used clothing, books, and baby items
Address: 76 Holton Street, Woburn, MA 01801

http://boston.cradlestocrayons.org/donationlocations

Services offered: Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Warehouse, Warehouse Space
Updated Aug 3, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8758

First Congregational Church of Brimfield

Walk–in Resource · Open

Church – Disaster Response/Recovery
20 Main St, Brimfield, MA

Phone (413) 245–7162, Pastor's cell: (508) 317–6568
Contact Reverend Mr. Ian Lynch
Email BrimfieldUCC @ gmail . com
Web www.brimfieldfcc.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Canned ** (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food Distribution, Food Bank (Public Distribution Available); 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 Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Food, Non–Perishable Food * (ANY/ALL Types of Canned, Dry, Drinks, Snacks)
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; Congregational Church
Updated Jun 27, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8678

Family Community Resources, Counseling for traumatized people/communities (South Shore, Cape Cod, Islands)

Medical Facility · Open

Brockton, MA

Web www.fcr–ma.org
Service Temporary

from their site:

Crisis line: 508–583–6498
TTY: 508–583–6498
Toll Free: 1–800–281–6498

Outpatient Treatment for Victims of Trauma
Outpatient Mental Health Services for Victims
The Visitation Center(s)
Child Witness To Violence Project
Adult Offender Services
Responsible Fatherhood Program
Cape Verdean/Portuguese Program
SafeHome Emergency Shelter Program
Civilian Police Advocacy Project

Outpatient Treatment for Victims of Trauma

Free, confidential services include:

* Intake and referral program
* Individual supportive counseling
* Advocacy for DTA, DCF, and other community resources
* Battered Women's Support Groups, day & evening
* Evaluation & assessment for duel diagnosed battered women

* Individual and group treatment for duel diagnosed battered women
* Community Advocacy
* D.C.F. Liaison
* Individual, group and family treatment (non–offending parent)
* Psychiatric evaluations and medication management
* Trauma Evaluations
* Individual and group treatment for GLBTQ victims
* Supervised Visitation Programs
* Civilian Police Advocates
* Cape Verdean/Portuguese Project
* Volunteer and Intern Program
* Community Presentations and Training
* Safe Home Emergency Shelter Program
* Specialized services for elder victims of family violence over the age of 50

Outpatient Mental Health Services for Victims

The following services are available for children, adolescents, and adults whose lives are impacted by a traumatic event.:

* Home, school or clinic–based individual, group & family treatment
* Psychiatric evaluations & medication management
* Trauma evaluations

Family and Community Resources, Inc. accepts most major health insurances, including; Medicare, MBHP, Mass Health, BC/BS, Harvard/Pilgrim, Tufts, Neighborhood Health Plan (NHP), Boston Medical Center (BMC), HealthNet Plan, and most major commercial plans.

The Visitation Centers

The Visitation Centers provide monitored exchange of children for offsite visitation or supervised onsite visitation. Services are available in Plymouth, Norfolk, Bristol, and Barnstable Counties.
Brockton 508–584–2185
Hyannis 508–778–1980
Quincy 508–584–2185
Taunton 508–824–1342

Child Witness To Violence Project - Violence Intervention Project

The Violence Intervention Project is a program for children aged 3–17 who have witnessed violence at home, school, or in their community. Services include:

* Assessments, Evaluations
* Individual Therapy
* Group Treatment

Our staff, which consists of licensed social workers and master's level child therapists, is committed to providing the best and most appropriate care for each child referred for services. Individualized plans are developed and implemented in conjunction with the child's family, school, physician and other social service agencies that may be involved.

As part of a larger private, non–profit agency, we are committed to providing services to all children regardless of their ability to pay. We recognize that these children, often the "silent victims" of abuse, are themselves VIP's in need of individualized attention and care.

The Clinic Director and her staff of Masters Levels Clinicians come with a great deal of experience working with both adult and child victims, collaterals, police departments and the community at large.

We welcome referrals from parents, police, department of social services, schools, physicians/health centers and courts.

Please feel free to call 508–583–6498 for more information or to make a referral.

Adult Offender Services

Certified by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, FCR's Adult Male Program provides group services for offenders of family violence in the greater Brockton area as well as Cape Cod and the islands. Services are provided in English, Spanish, Portuguese, & Cape Verdean Creole. Groups are held evenings in a safe community setting.

Responsible Fatherhood Program

Helps Dads and Step–Dads develop nurturing parent–child relationships whether they reside with the child(ren), have visitation or are involved in a relationship with the child's mother.

Fees for adults are based on income and a sliding fee scale is available.

For more information or to make a referral, please call 508–584–2185.

Cape Verdean/Portuguese Program

Trained bi–lingual battered women's advocates provide specific services to members of the Portuguese and Cape Verdean community who are victims of domestic violence. Services include: community outreach and education, individual and group therapy and supportive counseling and case management.

For more information, please call 508–583–6498.

SafeHome Emergency Shelter Program

Trained staff and volunteers assist victims of domestic violence and their children escape from abusive homes and find the resources necessary to start a life free of abusive and controlling behaviors. Through FCR's collaboration with community partners, the faith–based community, and volunteers, FCR can, when space is available, provide short–term emergency SafeHome shelter, food, and transportation to victims.

Civilian Police Advocacy Project

Working closely with the individual departments of Brockton, East Bridgewater, Bridgewater, West Bridgewater, Rockland, Whitman, Avon, Stoughton, and Abington, trained, experienced advocates reach out to victims who have been assisted by the criminal justice system and provide ongoing community based advocacy and supportive counseling.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Advocacy, Disaster Survivors; Advocacy, Police Abuse Victims; Assistance, Housing, Relocation Assistance for Disaster Survivors; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Counseling, Childrens Counseling Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Counseling, Disaster Survivor Counseling Referrals; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Health Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Mental Health Resources; Case Management, Battered, Abused Women; Case Management, Disaster Survivors; Case Management, Mental Health; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Counseling ($ NOT FREE) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Childrens Counseling ; Counseling, Crisis Counseling; Counseling, Crisis, Disaster Crisis Counseling; Counseling, Crisis Intervention Counseling; Counseling, Disabled/Handicapped; Counseling, Domestic Abuse Support; Counseling, Emotional; Counseling, for Caregivers; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Mental Health, Sliding Scale; Counseling, Post Disaster Counseling; Demographic Served: Caregivers; Demographic Served: LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender); Demographic Served: Survivors, Violence; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Documentation, Volunteer Instructions; Documentation, Volunteer Management Guidance; Educational, Pamphlets, Post Disaster Psychological Pamphlets; Events, Community Meetings; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Domestic Violence Hotline; Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Listings for Disaster Survivors; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Booklets, Resource Materials for Volunteers; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Residents; Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Medical, Services, Assessment, Medical Needs Assessment; Mental Health, Counselors/Psychologists; Mental Health, Rehabilitation; Mental Health Services; Pamphlets, Educational Pamphlets; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Disaster, Post Disaster Needs Assessment; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Response, Recovery, Preparedness & Mitigation; Services, Emergency Services; Services, Emergency Services, Senior/Elder; Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Caregiver Training; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Disaster Relief/Recovery, Online; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Emergency Response; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Training for Case Managers; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Volunteer Training; Training Classes, Disaster Preparedness; Training Classes, Disaster Recovery; Training Classes, Disaster Response; Training Classes, Disaster Volunteer Management; Training Classes, Disaster Volunteer Orientation; Training Classes, First Response, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types); Training Classes, Safety Training; Training, Medical, Education *(ANY/ALL Types); Training, Medical, Education, Health Education for Survivors * (ANY/ALL Types); Training, Volunteer Management
Campaigns: Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency), County; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency) State; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government, FEMA, DRC (Disaster Recovery Center); Government, State/County; Government, State Government Department/Agency; Government, State, OEM (Office of Emergency Management); LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee
Updated Jul 27, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9888

Father Bill's & Mainspring Coalition for the Homeless

Shelter · Open

Non–Profit Community
54 N. Main St., Brockton, MA 02301

Phone Admin. Office: 617–376–2255
Web www.fatherbillsmainspring.org
Hours 24/7
Service Temporary

MainSpring Coalition for the Homeless is passionately committed to the ending of homelessness of families and single adults in southeastern Massachusetts.

Compelled by the growing number of homeless families and individuals in the greater Brockton area in the late 70's and early 80's, Marie Sheehan, Director of Community Services for Catholic Charities, marshaled the efforts and enthusiasm of fifty community leaders to make a difference. Incorporated in 1982 as a non–profit, 501 (c)(3), charitable, educational venture, MainSpring remains, in fact, the only organization in southeastern Massachusetts that provides emergency shelter and support services to both homeless families and single adults. MainSpring accomplishes its work with a dedicated staff of 50 employees and over 500 compassionate volunteers. While never wavering from its commitment to ensure that homeless men, women and children are given safe refuge and life sustaining food, MainSpring has discovered that ending homelessness requires establishing and maintaining a more comprehensive "continuum of care" for homeless people. This philosophical shift has resulted in the development of innovative programs and services including, homelessness prevention, enhanced emergency services, adult education and life skills training, case management, substance abuse intervention and referral, mental health evaluation and referral, health education, screening and referral, and housing search assistance. MainSpring Coalition for the Homeless receives an increasing amount of its revenue from private sources, including the local United Way, Project Bread, grant awards from private foundations like the Harold Brooks Foundation, churches, small businesses and individual contributions. Two annual mail solicitations, a major special event and an annual golf tournament also generate additional financial resources for MainSpring. With these vital financial and human resources, MainSpring Coalition for the Homeless operates MainSpring House in Brockton serving 90 homeless single adults each night and Conway House in Middleboro serving 13 homeless families. Both of these facilities are staffed 24 hours per day and 365 days per year. MainSpring also rents "scattered site" apartments throughout the greater Brockton area that serve 15 additional homeless families. Each year, MainSpring Coalition serves more than 1,500 homeless men, women and children in southeastern Massachusetts. For twenty years the Coalition has not veered from its mission " to provide temporary shelter, social services and advocacy services to homeless individuals and families. . . to provide services that stabilize, strengthen and build support services for homeless families and individuals. . . (and) work toward the provision of stable housing alternatives to homeless individuals and families.

Administrative Office
422 Washington Street
Quincy, MA 02169
617–376–2255

Quincy
Development Office/Shelter
38 Broad Street
Quincy, MA 02169
617–770–3314

Housing Services
617–770–9706

Brockton
Development Office/Shelter
54 N. Main Street
Brockton, MA 02301
508–587–5441

Family Programs
135 Pleasant Street
Brockton, MA 02301
508–427–6448

Shelter and support services for homeless people.

MainSpring House, 54 N. Main St., Brockton – 5 families, 100 adults;
Conway House, 14 E. Grove St., Middleborough – 13 families;
Evelyn House, 90 Prospect St., Stoughton – 16 families.

Services offered: Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Housing, Apartments; Jobs, Paying; Services, Homeless, Services for the Homeless; Services, Social Services, General Social Services; Services, Substance Abuse, Intervention Services; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter, Youth Focused; Shelter, Homeless Shelter; Shelter, Womens, Battered Womens Shelter; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Employment, On the Job, Training; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; 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: United Way
Updated May 14, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1028

Louison Family Center

Shelter · Open

Shelter, Community Outreach, Family Programs
137 Newbury St., Brockton, MA
Phone 508–584–4315, ext. 209
Service Temporary

Capacity: 15 Families

David Jon Louison was the 5–year–old son of one of Brockton's prominent attorneys who was kidnapped in 1974. The Greater Brockton community united, raising reward money for use to secure the child's safe return. Unfortunately, that did not happen, and the family made the decision to use reward funds to open a shelter.

The David Jon Louison (DJL) Center was founded in 1982 as a non–profit, charitable, educational foundation created to serve families with infants and toddlers who were homeless or living in cars, abandoned buildings, and overcrowded apartments. The original center has expanded to encompass three adjoining properties located in a residential neighborhood in the Greater Brockton.

After a quarter of a century of successful service delivery to homeless families, the David Jon Louison Center's Board of Directors voted to merge with the Old Colony YMCA, thereby adding value and significantly enhancing the mission of both organizations. The David Jon Louison Center was chartered with YMCA of the USA as an Old Colony Y division in July 2006.

The Old Colony YMCA DJL Center's mission is to assist families through the crisis of homelessness, while providing services that promote a successful transition towards self–sufficiency. The Center was founded on the principle that every human being has dignity. Homeless individuals often lose their own sense of dignity, therefore, the Center strives to recognize, reinforce, and respect the dignity of all people who come to us for assistance.

The Center offers temporary shelter as well as educational opportunities for the personal, social, and economic growth of all members of the homeless families. Once housed and self–sufficient, it is hoped that these individuals and their families will continue to recognize their own unique dignity, value, and self worth as they work towards the fulfillment of their goals and their own personal potential.

Services offered to families in DJL Center care include:

Emergency shelter
24–hour staff coverage
Food pantry as necessary
Clothing when necessary
Access to medical care
Transportation for housing appointments
Handicap accessibility

Intensive Case Management
Family Care Planning (individualized strength–based treatment plans)
Weekly Meetings with Case Manager
Communal House Meetings
Subsidized Child Care
Job Search
Career Choice Assistance
Educational Counseling/Support
After–Care Case Management and Support
Support Groups (Parenting, Women's Issues, Self–Esteem, Girls Empowerment...)
Mental Health Services through referral to our Mental Health Clinic
Individual and Family Therapy
Mediation and Family Support
Life and Pro–Social Skill Building Activities
Budgeting classes conducted through partnership with Harbor One
Individual financial management and credit counseling
Family Memberships to the Y (includes fitness center and all fitness classes, youth programming, swimming lessons, karate lessons, youth sports leagues, etc.)
Big Sister Big Brother Mentoring Services
Children attend YMCA Summer Camp
Arts and Crafts classes for children
Toddler group – child witness to violence project for 2–4 yr olds
Homework Club and tutoring
Volunteer led "Fun Friday's" and "Family Fun Nights"
BBQ's, game nights, swimming parties, etc.

The Old Colony Y David Jon Louison Center offers services based upon a vision of unifying and fortifying families in crisis by surrounding them with all the strengths the YMCA and our community–based partners have to offer. This vital program provides housing plus intensive wrap around services designed to shorten homelessness and meet individual needs, enabling parents and children to stabilize, work on goals, and eventually flourish independently in the community.

Services offered: Case Management, Homeless; Case Management, Low Income (Individuals/Families); Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Support Groups, Parents; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Clothing Distribution (To the Public); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); Mental Health Services; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Family, Children, Child Care Program; Services, Family, Children, Recreation, Summer Camp; Services, Tutoring Services; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Shelter, Homeless Shelter; Social Event, Arts & Crafts; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Education, Parenting; Training Classes, Financial, Money Management; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training, Services, Employment /JobTraining ; Transportation * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Big Brothers Big Sisters; Homelessness Relief Services; YMCA/YWCA
Updated Dec 28, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1037

Self Help Inc

Walk–in Resource · Open

Social Services
142 Crescent St, Brockton, MA 02302
Phone 508–588–4049
Web selfhelpinc.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Information & Referral (For Seniors/Elders); Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Community Outreach Programs; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Demographic Served: Children; Demographic Served: Critically Ill; Demographic Served: Families, w/Young Children; Demographic Served: Homebound; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Financial Assistance, Heating Fuel; Fuel, * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Youth Outreach
Campaigns: 2010 Massachusetts Flooding; Head Start Program
Updated Jun 10, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5928

Burlington Food Pantry, pickup/drop off food pantry

Walk–in Resource · Open

Burlington, MA
Web peoplehelpingpeopleinc.org/contact–us
Service Temporary

781–270–6625 or email them at burlingtonpantry@gmail.com

Services offered: Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID-19
Updated Mar 17, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10162

Minuteman Senior Services

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
24 Third Ave, Burlington, MA 01803, Burlington, MA 01803

Phone Toll Free (888) 222-6171
Contact Information and Referral
Email elderinfo@minutemansenior.org
Web www.minutemansenior.org
Hours Monday-Friday 9AM-5PM
Serves Regional, MetroWest, Suburban
Eligibility Senior Residents 60 and over or diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease
Fee Yes
Service Permanent

Resources Provided by Organization:

- Information and Referrals
- Home Care Services
- Protective Services
- Meals On Wheels
- Volunteer Services
- Money Management
- Care Management
- Caregiver Support
- SHINE Health Benefits Counseling
- Nursing Home Screening for MassHealth clients
- Senior Dining at 12 locations

Also, the folks at 211/United Way (in their May 2008 directory) tells us that this group provides Healthcare support and support for Care Givers.

info@minutemansenior.org

Services offered: Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals, Information & Referral (For Seniors/Elders); Medical, Services, Home Health Care Services; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Daycare, Adult / Senior Daycare Services; Services, Insurance Counseling (Seniors/Elders) ; Services, Respite Program/Services; Services, Senior/Disabled, Homemaker Services (For Elders/Seniors/Disabled); Services, Senior/Elderly Services; Services, Seniors, Shopping Assistance (For Elders/Seniors/Disabled); Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Caregiver Training; Training Classes, Financial, Money Management; Transportation, For Seniors/Elders; Visitation, Emotional Care, For Seniors, Volunteer ; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers)
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Meals on Wheels
Updated Nov 20, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3831

SAHELI: domestic violence support for South Asian and Middle Eastern communities

Walk-in Resource · Open

Burlington, MA

Phone 1-866-472-4354
Web saheliboston.org
Service Temporary

support for:
South Asian, Middle Eastern, legal services, helpline, therapy, sexual abuse, domestic abuse

Services offered: Advocacy, Domestic Violence; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant, Legal Services; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Counseling, Domestic Abuse Support
Campaigns: International Community, Asian
Updated Dec 3, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10655

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Quaker Social Justice Action, Cambridge

Info/Hotline · Open

Cambridge, MA

Web www.afsc.org/office/cambridge-ma
Service Temporary

from the site:

Cambridge, MA is home to four of AFSC's Northeast Programs:

The Healing and Transformative Justice Program works with survivors of crime, those convicted of crime, and their families and communities.

The Material Assistance Program (MAP) gives clothing and basic house goods to people in need in the Greater Boston area.

The Peace and Economic Security Program (PES) works for nuclear abolition, coordinates international peace building efforts, and advocates for peace here at home.

Project Voice advocates for better immigration policies, educates immigrants and low wage workers about their rights, and organizes a host of related community campaigns.

In addition, our Cambridge–based New England Regional Office coordinates the efforts of our New Hampshire, Western Massachusetts and South East New England programs, all of which engage their regions in a variety of peace and justice efforts, and our Wabanaki program, which works for justice and healing in Maine's Native communities.

Film lending library, must–see documentaries about war, racism, and other ills:
http://tools.afsc.org/bigcat/mustsee.php

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Community Outreach Programs; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Community Service Program; Distribution, Clothing Closet; Distribution, Clothing Distribution (To the Public); Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; Household Items (small) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Library Services * (ANY/ALL Types) ; LIbrary Services, Film lending; Linens, Bedding * (ANY/ALL Types of Bedding) New or Gently Used/CLEAN; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster, Repository (For Lost Articles/Artifacts Found Post Disaster); Services, Humanitarian Aid ; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Films/Cinema/Movies/Lectures; Support for "All Local" Disasters; Toiletries * (ANY/ALL Types); Toiletries, Personal Hygiene Products * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Warehouse, Warehouse Space
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; American Friends Service; Big Brothers Big Sisters; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Quakers; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 14, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9837

BADHouse Cooperative Living Space

Walk–in Resource · Open

Cambridge, MA
Web badcoop.weebly.com
Service Temporary

from the site:

The BADHouse is a 9–person cooperative in Cambridge, MA. We've been renting the second and third floors of an awesome old house in Central Square for over a decade now. Some of our values include: sharing dinner, laughing really hard, interesting conversations around the kitchen table, fun pets, and friendship.

You've probably found this site because you're interested in living here, or you already know us, or one of us has recently become wildly famous. Either way, have a look around, and hit us up at badhause @ gmail.com with any questions!

from the last time they were looking:

The BADHouse Cooperative is looking for one more member starting March 1st!

We are a 9 person house close to the T in the Central Square area and are full of grad students & post–docs, musicians/artists, chefs, sciencey types, and other fun people / pets.

We have a communal veggie food system, a CSA, a roof deck & garden,
at–least–monthly meetings, a projector, a guest room, and spend a lot of unstructured time together outside of the house as well.
More info here:
badcoop.weebly.com .

We have one rooms available starting March 1 which is approx $380 per month. Please keep in mind that our veggie–food system and utilities come to be about $250 extra per month, depending on the time of year.

Services offered: Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; New "business models", housing
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Arts Community / Artist Network; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Feb 23, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9920

Broadway Bike School / Store / Service Shop (NOT FREE, worker–owned socially responsible)

Open Business* · Open

Cambridge, MA

Web www.broadwaybicycleschool.com
Service Temporary

broadway@broadwaybicycleschool.com
351 Broadway
Cambridge, MA 02139
(617) 868–3392

Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Worker Owned Co–Operatives

Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9767

Cambridge Co–Op (Housing Co–op)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Cambridge, MA

Web cambridgecoop.wordpress.com
Service Temporary

from BCN, March 2015:

The room is available March 1st–May 1st with possibility of extending. Rent is $700 including utilities and food! You will live in a great coop with 10 other people The house is all three levels of a traditional Bostonian (everyone has their own room)with an amazing kitchen, hardwood floors, and wonderful roommates. We have weekly Wednesday night dinners with the entire house and friends. It is located between Porter and Harvard Square, right next to Harvard Law and the Divinity School. Laundry is in unit as well! You can't beat this! If you are interested email me and let me know about yourself and why you are interested in the coop. Here is a little more about the coop: https://cambridgecoop.wordpress.com/

Thanks!
Mary
hanse20m @ gmail.com

Services offered: Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative

Updated Mar 1, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9927

Cambridge Cooperative Club (Housing Co–Op)

Shelter · Open

Cambridge, MA

Web cambridgecoop.wordpress.com
Service Temporary

from BCN list, March 2015

Room Available in Cooperative Living House

(Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA)

The Cambridge Cooperative Club (http://cambridgecoop.wordpress.com), an eleven person housing cooperative located between Harvard and Porter Squares in Cambridge, is seeking a friendly, cooperative–minded person of any age or background to join the house starting May 1st.

Founded 50 years ago, The Cambridge Coop is comprised of eleven, lively and mature housemates spanning in age range from mid–20s to early–80s. Housemates have included teachers, musicians, writers, meditators, researchers, students, farmers, dancers, photographers, and organizational leaders. The house seeks to create a safe space where all feel welcomed, and house members are committed to recognizing and working to transform deeply–rooted discrimination of all kinds in ourselves, our community, and our society so that we may more fully contribute to building communities of peace and cooperation in the world.

Housemates all share a common interest in living purposely within a communal setting. There is a communal dinner once a week as well as a house meeting every two weeks that housemates are expected to attend. Housemates

are also expected to complete weekly chores related to cleaning & organizing the house, and/or cooking & shopping for the household. Also, each member takes on a role in one of three committees related to maintenance, finances and community development which work monthly to manage broader issues for the household*. *In addition, housemates spend additional time together socially while also balancing their other life priorities and have held potlucks, gatherings, and workshops to educate and entertain themselves and to build community.

The house itself is spacious, well–kept and well–suited to cooperative living. Among a number of great features, there is a large kitchen, a sizable back deck and a small food garden.

Services offered: Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Mar 4, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9929

Cambridge Mutual Aid

Volunteer Camp · Open

Cambridge, MA

Web docs.google.com/document/d/1x_gLUobYEodWYI4VBAC1hhjv0imZvQiM–uEEDxyZ3oE/edit
Service Temporary
Updated Mar 21, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10226

Cambridge Womens Center

Walk–in Resource · Open

Cambridge, MA

Web www.cambridgewomenscenter.org/supportus/inkind.html
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Advocacy, Domestic Violence; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Womens Rights; Community Outreach Programs; Community, Recreation, Recreational Programs; Community Service Program; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Women; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Services, Respite Program/Services; Services, Support, Caregiver Support Services; Services, Tech, Computer Access; Services, Tech, Internet Access; Services, Tech, Internet Services; Services, Women's Services; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Computers Skills; Training Classes, Cooking/Nutrition Education Classes; Training Classes, Exercise, Health Classes; Training Classes, Financial Literacy; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Sewing / Needle Arts ; Training, Medical, Education *(ANY/ALL Types); Training, Medical, Education, General Health; Training Workshops, Art Workshops
Campaigns: Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Apr 19, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9945

Cambridge, List of Places to get Free Meals

Info/Hotline · Open

Free Meals
Cambridge, MA

Service Temporary

From the Project Bread website:http://www.projectbread.org/site/DocServer/2008_Project_Bread_Funded_Programs.pdf?docID=3281

Bread and Jams, Inc, Drop–In Center
Cambridge Cares About AIDS – Youth on Fire
Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee – CEOC Food Pantry
Cambridgeport Baptist Church – Harvest Food Pantry
City of Cambridge Council on Aging – Senior Center Food Pantry
CommonCare
East End House, Inc. – Emergency Food Program
First Church Shelter
Food for Free Committee
Harvard Square Churches Meal Program, Inc.
Loaves & Fishes Meal Program – First Korean Congregational Church
Margaret Fuller Neighborhood House – MFNH Emergency Food Pantry
Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers
– Cambridge Senior Center

Massachusetts Avenue Baptist Church – Project Manna
Pentecostal Tabernacle Food Pantry
Salvation Army / Cambridge Corps
Shelter Inc. – Cambridge Shelter
St. James Episcopal Church – Helping Hands Food Pantry
St. Paul AME Church Food Pantry
Union Baptist Church – Project Uplift

Services offered: Demographic Served: Hungry; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Food, Holiday * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Breakfast; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals (Elders/Seniors); Meals, Dinner; Meals, For Homeless Residents; Meals, Hot Meals
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Homelessness Relief Services
Updated May 3, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4316

Cambridge, The Bridge Fridge [24x7 free food]

Walk–in Resource · Open

157 Windsor St.(Goree Freedom House), Cambridge, MA 02139
Web www.instagram.com/communityforusbyus
Service Temporary

source; https://www.instagram.com/cambridgefridge/
https://cambridgecitygrowers.wordpress.com/2020/11/27/give–and–or–take–from–your–local–community–fridge/

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Jul 12, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10451

Cambridge/Somerville Flood Plan

Info/Hotline · Standby

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

Casper Emergency Service Center

Walk–in Resource · Open

Community
240 Albany St., Cambridge, MA
Phone 617–661–0600

Serving the homeless.
Updated Mar 27, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1014

Citizen Activist, Laura Hammond

Info/Hotline · Open

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

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

ClutterClarity

Donor · Open

Private Citizen Volunteers
Cambridge, MA
Phone 617–349–1661
Web www.clutterclarity.com
Updated Oct 5, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/944

Coast Community Fridge, Cambridge, Callendar St [24x7 free food]

Walk–in Resource · Open

5 Callendar St (Run by us @ Cambridge Community Center!), Cambridge, MA 02139
Web instagram.com/cambridgecitygrowers
Service Temporary

source: https://cambridgecitygrowers.wordpress.com/2020/11/27/give–and–or–take–from–your–local–community–fridge/

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Jul 12, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10465

Community Builders Co-operative (NOT FREE, worker-owned)

Open Business* · Open

Cambridge, MA

Web www.communitybuilders.coop
Service Temporary

Campaigns: Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Worker Owned Co-Operatives
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9769

Community House rooms for rent [to MIT students] + low cost meal plan/events for non-residents [MIT & non-MIT community]

Shelter · Open

69 Chestnut; [off Brookline St, parallel to Putnum], Cambridge, MA

Web pika.mit.edu/mealplan.html
Service Temporary

All invited! meals at 6:15. Other various events on-going

the following is from 1-11-2024
[for updates, live links, application... go to the link above]
seems like a magical place!

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About the Meal Plan [see more about the house below or at the link above]

Signups

Signups for mealplan happen at the beginning of each quarter. If you're on our social mailing list, pika-social@mit.edu, the signup form will be sent to you then. If you are not on the list and/or want to join mid-quarter; email yfnkm@mit.edu to sign up.
Who can join?

Short answer: anybody! pika's mealplan is open to residents and non-residents alike. Non-resident membership is not at all unusual; the mealplan is often only half residents! Non-MIT students and even non-students can also join--we usually have a few of them around as well.
Pricing and Kitchen Duties

Mealplan is typically around $100 per quarter, which comes out to just a couple dollars per meal.
Half vs. Full Plans

pika offers two mealplan options:

- Full mealplan: Kitchen duty every week, come to dinner pretty much every day.
- Half mealplan: Kitchen duty every two weeks, come to dinner pretty much half the days.

Both plans are the same price; the only difference is frequency of kitchen duty. All residents have full mealplan included in rent. Non-residents typically choose half mealplan.

Kitchen Duties

Mealplan members can either cook or clean. Kitchen duties are done in pairs or triples and usually accompanied by music through our kitchen stereo system, but we pretend it's work anyway.

Other Details [see website at above link]
Dietary Restrictions and Balanced Meals [see website at above link]

Part of cooking for pika is making sure other pikans are healthy. All our meals have vegetables and protein. We always have gluten-free and vegan options, including vegan protein. Also, we post a spreadsheet of mealplanners' favorite and least favorite foods; it's previously been standard to offer cilantro-free and mushroom-free options as a courtesy to mealplanners with strong preferences.
Fancy Dinners

Once a week, we have a fancy supper that we advertise to our social mailing list.

Lates

If you're going to be late for dinner, put in a request to lates.pikans.org and the cooks will save you a take-home box!

Baking

Sometimes, pikans and mealplanners use pika's kitchen and house groceries to make extra things, usually baked goods. As long as the results are shared with the house, and the dishes are cleaned afterwards, this is totally OK!
Baking Parties

Sometimes, pikans get together and bake. We don't actively advertise this, but if you hang around after dinner on the right nights and ask the right questions, you might be lucky enough to find yourself in the midst of one of these spectacular events.

About the house:
[see housetoor at above link]

Basement/Laundry

Free laundry! 2 washers, 2 driers.

Reuse

"Reuse" is MIT jargon for stuff that, rather than having been thrown away, was put in a designated place for other people to pick over. We keep our own, which contains mostly clothing but occasionally tech/tools/outdoor supplies/random other stuff.

Cave

Study room that's good for quiet work in isolation from the usual buzz of activity.

Textbooks/Printers

We have printers. We also have a "textbook library", where pikans put their used textbooks for others to access.

Pantry

We store surplus non-perishable food in this walk-in pantry. Once, many years ago, we had an issue with people leaving the door to the rice/pasta/cereal storage open, and some rodents got in. To fix this, a system was installed such that if you leave the door open for too long, a red light flashed and a casette player starts telling you to close the door in a strange, half-pleading half-irritated tone.

Burrow

Tiny study room with a desk and a chair, and not much else.

TV Room

Sometimes we gather to watch movies and TV here. It also stores most of our board game collection, and several shelves of books.

Label Your Shit

This is the storage room where residents can put their stuff. There's one rule--can you guess what it is?

Shop

We have a nicely-stocked machine shop, suitable for smallish projects or bike repair.

First (Ground) Floor

Murph

The heart of pika, where everyone gathers for house meetings, casual hangouts, and jam sessions.

Dining Room

The second heart of pika, where everyone gathers to eat and talk.

Kitchen

Our massive industrial kitchen, complete with all the spices one could ever want.

Sex Dungeon

Not actually a sex dungeon--this is just our kitchen counter. There are a few stories about the name. One goes that we put up a camera so people could see a live feed of what was being served for dinner, and thought it would be hilarious to put this feed at a URL with "sex dungeon" in it, so that if people were for some reason looking for an MIT sex dungeon, they would just find us serving each other food. We still find it pretty hilarious to send out emails like "Vegan chocolate-chip cookies on the sex dungeon! Come and get them!"

Jazz Lounge

A bunch of couches next to the dining room that's often a nice place for socializing. There are a bunch of abstract paintings on the walls, but no one is really sure how they got there.

Octopus

One of the first floor bathrooms. Has an octopus mural.

Pineapple

One of the first floor bathrooms. Used to be called the Champion, but then an old RA painted pineapples on it.

The Veggie Patch

Name: When this was the RA room, our RA painted a bunch of vegetables on it.

Features: Loft, windows on both sides.

Noise: Quiet (unless your neighbor in the Electric Bluegaloo is loud).

Typical Capacity: Single.
Electric Bluegaloo
Name: A resident painted the whole thing electric blue, and the name stuck. The room was previously called the Sink.

Features: The Electric Bluegaloo is the only room in pika with a sink. It also has a double loft and built–in shelving.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single or double.
The Drug

Name: Some summer residents left a bunch of unusually sketchy drug paraphernelia here once.

Features: Sleeping closet (not in use in the pictures above; if in use, there is much more floor space.)

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Double.
The Fractal

Name: Cool fractal–y murals!

Features: Aforementioned cool murals.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single.
The Neptune

Name: Used to be called "The End", because it was at the end of the hall.

Features: Right next to a bathroom and a door out to the deck. View of back yard. Loft.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single.
Second Floor
The Rush

Name: There are two rumored stories; first, that this was the room interested freshmen would crash in during rush, and second, that this was the room antisocial pikans would hide in during rush. Take your pick.

Features: Corner room (windows on two sides). Cool leopard mural. Window to the second floor balcony.

Noise: Not quiet; above the Murph. Light sleepers should be wary.

Typical Capacity: Double.
The Flower

Name: There's a beautiful flowery mural on the door.

Features: Corner room (windows on two sides). Window to the second floor balcony.

Noise: Not quiet; above the dining room. Typically not as loud as the Rush or the Knot.

Typical Capacity: Double.
The Knot

Name: Many people initially assume the name is related to the net hanging from the ceiling. Actually, it's from the intricate Celtic knot on the door.

Features: Net hanging from ceiling (has been tested up to supporting 2 medium–sized humans). Corner room (windows on two sides). Sleeping closet. Door sawed in half for more extensive door configuration possibilities. Sleeping closet.

Noise: Not quiet; above the dining room, and sleeping closet borders the Party Shower.

Typical Capacity: Double.
The Rainbow

Name: Used to have a big rainbow flag and a rainbow painted radiator. Then it had a Dark Side of The Moon Resistor Color Chart mural. Now it's just an unassuming double.

Features: Door to the second–floor back deck. Brick wall. Loft. Door sawed in half for more extensive door configuration possibilities.

Noise: Not quiet; above the kitchen. Lilah also sometimes mewls to be let in at the deck door.

Typical Capacity: Single or double.
The Wood

Name: Used to have ugly retro fake wood paneling. Then it had a mural of the woods. Neither of these remain, but the name does.

Features: Elegant stork mural. Large closet. Loft.

Noise: Moderate to quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single or double.
The Closet

Name: It's a pretty small room.

Features: Loft.

Noise: Moderate to quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single.
The Coke

Name: Originally, the door of the Coke was the front of an old–fashioned Coca–Cola vending machine. Due to fire code, we had to replace it with a real door, which we of course painted to resemble a Pepsi vending machine.

Features: One of the largest rooms. Lofts. Corner room (windows on two sides).

Noise: Moderate to quiet.

Typical Capacity: Double or triple.
The Toastie

Name: Once had a mural of a toasted sandwich ("toastie" in the UK) on the door.

Features: Door to the back deck. Loft. Ample shelving.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single or double.
The T

A bathroom on the second floor, themed around the Boston T system.
Max Occ

A small bathroom named after the sign on the door, which reads "MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY 8000 PERSONS".
Party Shower

The fanciest bathroom in pika, equipped with two showerheads, an extra–large shower, a Bluetooth speaker, and LED party lights.
Third Floor
The Darkness

Name: Once known as "the most hardcore room in pika", painted mostly black. Now it's a little more unassuming.

Features: Skylight. Window to the back deck. Vertical space. Loft. Access to the "void", which is essentially the crawl space between ceiling and roof.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single.
The Loeb

Name: Comes from the Loeb measure in mathematics; all of the walls are kind of at funny angles.

Features: Door to back deck. Corner room; windows on two sides. Loft; bottom of loft lights up.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single or double.
The Maze

Name: Once had a maze mural on one of the walls. Then it was painted over, and then another maze mural was painted. Then that was painted over too.

Features: Corner room; windows on two sides.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Double.
The Dragon

Name: Unknown.

Features: Funky slanted ceiling with stars on it. Nice view over front yard.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single.
The Compass

Name: Comes from the spinner on the wall. You spin once, and land on an adjective from one of the circles of words. Spin again to get a noun from the other circle. Then explain what this combination would be like as a sex position. Oscillating centaur, anyone?

Features: Compass game. Corner room; windows on two sides. Loft. Roof access through a window. Interesting door with what appears to be a porthole.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single or double.
The Skylight

Name:A tiny single originally named "the coffin" for the coffin–like cubby where residents often put their bed. Most of this room used to be wasted space under the roof. Then one day, a pikan who had scored low in the singles lottery asked the house if he were to create a new single, could he live in it? When they agreed, he knocked down the walls of a small third floor closet and recovered the lost space into a really cool room. More recently, a pikan installed a skylight during work week, and got everyone to call it "the skylight".

Features: Skylight. Interesting shape.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Double or triple.
The Pirate Ship

Name: Once had a big projector and screen, and some took to calling it the screening room. Then they started calling it the pirate ship. Guess why.

Features: Very large room. Nice pirate–themed murals. Corner room; windows on two sides.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Double or triple.
Murphlet

A small common area with couches and a workbench alternately used for arts and crafts, sewing projects, and electrical engineering projects.
The Operating Room

We got the door for the third–floor bathroom when a bio lab was being demolished––it used to go on one of the big specimen freezers. So the bathroom has an old–school–sanitorium aesthetic.

Deck

Our wooden deck spans all three stories of the house!

FAQ:

How do I apply to live at pika?
Our rush process is described here.
How do I get on the mealplan?
Email yfnkm at mit.edu to sign up! Feel free to come over and try it out a few times first.
Whom do I contact with questions?
pika–questions at mit.edu
How do I hear about events at pika?
Sign up for pika–social, our low–volume announcement list! We keep a sign–up sheet in the dining room, or you can email pika–questions at mit.edu. This mailing list will only inform you about big events, not the smaller, more private ones––for that you'll need to get to know people a little.
What if I don't know anyone?
Come over anyway! All of our best friends used to be strangers, and it's not unusual to have a couple new people at dinners (especially during rush, or on Fridays).
What is an ILG?
An ILG is an Independent Living Group, which is MIT's category for living groups that are not dorms and not greek. We live in a house in a residential neighborhood, which we own, and are entirely self–managed. We answer to neither a national organization nor MIT–installed officials.
How much does it cost to live at pika?

Definitely less than a dorm would cost you. We're a pretty thrifty bunch, and we have complete control over how our money is spent. Rent is decided by house consensus each semester, and is typically in the $3000–$3500 range.

Note: this does not apply to summer pricing, which is fixed each semester before summer begins and based on number of roommates.
Do I need to wear clothes at pika?
Nope! pika is clothing–optional. This doesn't mean everyone is naked all the time, but it does mean that occasional non–sexual nudity is something residents are expected to be okay with.
Does pika allow smoking?
Yes, as long as it's not so public and/or excessive that it bothers other people. We call this rule "keep it ignorable".
Does pika allow drinking?
Same as our smoking policy above.
Does pika have/allow pets?
We have communally owned house animals (in the past we've had cats, chickens, turtles, and bees), but currently do not own any. However, as of 2023, we have residents with cat allergies, so we can't keep cats that would roam freely around the house. If you are the human to cats and would be okay with keeping them strictly in your room, then email us about it and we can discuss. However, reptiles, small rodents, and fish are fine.
Can I live at pika if I'm not an MIT student?
Unfortunately, no. We're supported by MIT as an Independent Living Group, and part of that designation is that we can only house MIT students. However, non–MIT folks can live at pika over the summer!
Can I come for dinner if I'm not on mealplan?
Yep! We welcome everybody! If you want extra brownie points, you could even come early and help cook. ;)
Can I come for dinner if I'm not an MIT student?
Absolutely!
Can I be on mealplan if I'm not an MIT student?
Yep! We pretty consistently have a few non–MIT mealplanners and we always welcome more.

Services offered: Art Project; Community Service Program; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Facility: Community Center; Facility: Meeting space; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals; Meals, Cooked Meals; New "business models", housing; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Volunteers, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Arts Community / Artist Network; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; New "Business" Models; Social Change Initiative
Updated Aug 10, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10631

Cornerstone Co–Housing (housing co–op)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Cambridge, MA

Web www.cornerstonecohousing.org
Service Temporary

from a BCN mailing:

We share a lovely living room, dining room, modern kitchen and two full baths in a large, sunny, modern two–story condo in Cornerstone Cohousing (www.cornerstonecohousing.org). North Cambridge

The apartment faces south and, with plenty of window space and double sliding glass doors out to a small balcony, is light and bright. It has hardwood floors, high ceilings, skylight, gas stove, washer/dryer on the same floor as the apartment, some basement storage, and relatively easy bike and on–street parking. The available bedroom, on the second floor, is large and has carpeted floors and a huge walk–in closet. The community is on the bike path and is a 5 min walk to Alewife, 10 min to Davis Square, and 20 min to Porter Square.

As part of the community you will have access to common spaces including a common dining room and kitchen, den, arts and crafts room, large sundeck off the building, kids' playroom, exercise room and gardens. You will be welcomed to participate in community activities – for example, shared dinners and parties.

http://boston.craigslist.org/gbs/roo/4885011259.html

–– Let your thoughts be positive for they will become your words. Let your words be positive for they will become your actions. Let your actions be positive for they will become your values. Let your values be positive for they will become your destiny. – Mahatma Gandi

Services offered: Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; New "business models", housing
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Feb 26, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9922

Democracy Center, The (meeting spaces and small dance hall)

Walk–in Resource · Standby

45 Mt Auburn, Cambridge, MA
Web www.democracycenter.org
Service Temporary

from the website:

WHAT IS THE DEMOCRACY CENTER?

Headquarters For 7 Non Profit Organizations
Host To Over 100 National & Local Organizations
Home To Over 500 Events Per Year & growing

MISSION

The Democracy Center works to foster a more vibrant local and global democracy by supporting more sustainable, united and stronger communities of action. We do this by providing non–profits and other groups, which directly promote our mission, affordable space for meetings, events, fundraisers, etc. and by connecting student organizers to local campaigns.
HISTORY

Since its founding in 2001, the Democracy Center has gone through many changes. The Center is a vibrant activist and progressive community space located in the heart of Harvard Square. In a city where independent non–commercial space is rare, the Center provides an exciting alternative space for a variety of student and community groups in and around the Boston area.

The Center has become a true progressive community hub. From 60 families who pick up their farm shares every week in the summer, to local youth after–school programs, to author and Obama's transition team strategist Mike Lux presenting his new book, the Center offers the progressive community a place to meet, network, collaborate and participate in other cultural and educational activities. In addition to providing space for events, movie showings, meetings, workshops, and classes, we are taking the first steps to develop our student–community organizing initiative. Our work lies in providing both student and community groups with the necessary information, training, and tools to work together in order to achieve our common goals for justice and peace.

To book a room go to the site and look for the button to book a room

Services offered: Events, Community Meetings; Events, Potluck Meals; Facility: Library; Facility: Meeting space; Facility: Recreation Center; Information Resource, Booklets, Resource Materials for Volunteers; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights, First Amendment; New "Business" Models, Education; Pamphlets, Educational Pamphlets; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Films/Cinema/Movies/Lectures; Social Event, for Teens; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Party, Anniversary Event; Training, Activism; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Oct 15, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9847

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

Harvard Square Homeless Shelter, University Lutheran Church (The)

Shelter · Open

Faith–based Non–Profit

66 Winthrop Street, Cambridge, MA

Phone 617 876 3256 office, 617 547–2841 to reserve a bed
Web www.unilu.org/programs/shelter
Service Temporary

In February of 1983, Harvard Divinity School student Stewart Guernsey worked with University Lutheran Church leaders to open a student–run emergency homeless shelter in the basement of the church building. Each winter since then, the Shelter has provided dinner, breakfast, and a place to sleep for 23 homeless men and women each night. It has also provided thousands of Harvard students and others with opportunities to learn about and serve the community around them.

The Shelter is directed entirely by students from Phillips Brooks House Association, Harvard's student–run public service organization. In addition to these volunteer directors, students from many Boston–area colleges and universities, members of the UniLu congregation, and others from the community help with meal preparation, cleanup, etc. each evening. Because it is staffed entirely by volunteers, it is the most inexpensively–run shelter in the state.

The Shelter is funded by government and private contributions as well as donations from individuals. In 1997, the Harvard Square Homeless Shelter Corporation, an independent 501(c)3 organization, was formed to join University Lutheran in a campaign to improve the Shelter facilities.

The Shelter is typically open from November 15 to April 15. Some Shelter beds are available on an emergency basis. To reserve a bed in the Shelter, call (617) 547–2841 at 7:30 A.M.

University Lutheran members are welcome to volunteer at the Shelter, particularly during school break and exam periods. University Lutheran's Shelter Advisory Committee organizes other efforts to help the shelter, including opportunities to provide and prepare meals. See the Shelter Volunteer page for more information.

News articles about the shelter are available on the Harvard Square Homeless Shelter Corporation web site.

Services offered: Meals, Breakfast; Meals, Dinner; Meals, For Homeless Residents; Services, Homeless, Services for the Homeless; Shelter, Emergency Shelter
Updated Jan 26, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1523

Hildebrand Family Self–Help Center

Shelter · Open

614 Massachusetts Ave., 3rd fl., Cambridge, MA

34 families

Services offered: Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Homeless Shelter
Updated Jan 23, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1034

Just Crust Pizza (NOT FREE...but worker–owned co–operative principled)

Open Business* · Open

Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA

Web thejustcrust.com/menu/specialty–pizzas
Service Temporary

Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9759

MA: Cambridge Covid–19 local gov't sponsored relief fund [low income families, workers, non–profits] [donate or get help]

Info/Hotline · Open

Cambridge, MA

Web www.cambridgema.gov/news/2020/03/mayorsdisasterrelieffundforcovid19
Service Temporary

to get help, see link above, to give, see link below

CAMBRIDGE MA~ has established a relief fund w/trustees to administer grant giving, with dedicated municipal employees to help people fill out applications

I love this because the funds become public, I believe, as opposed to being shared with large charities for their overhead.

Basically, any household making the area median income or less is eligible for up to $4000 in direct payments for rent, (some) mortgage, utilities, and/or household needs due to Covid–related income loss...

“We are extremely grateful to the City Manager, the Mayor and their staff, who have guided and supported all of this work,” said Ellen Semonoff, Assistant City Manager for Human Services. “Over 50 City staff will be engaged in trainings so that they can support applicants and participate in the application review and approval process. The work has been led by a dedicated group of staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure that the funds will be distributed in a fair and equitable manner.”

https://www.cambridgema.gov/covid19/News/2020/04/mayorsfundlaunch

It's already raised over $3 million

Another fund for people who work in Cambridge and for non–profits that help low income people
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Apr 11, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10269

New Economy @ MIT (education & coordination)

Info/Hotline · Open

Cambridge, MA

Contact coordinator
Email NewEconomy–Exec at MIT dot edu
Web neweconomy.scripts.mit.edu/home
Service Temporary

Subscribe to our listserv: http://mailman.mit.edu/mailman/listinfo/neweconomy/

Join our Facebook Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/neweconomyMIT/

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Documentation, Economic; Documentation, Environmental Education; Events, Community Meetings; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Management Advice; Information Resource, Responsible Buying Guides; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business"

Models, Education; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services, Disaster Mitigation; Services, Disaster Preparedness; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Training, Micro–Economic Entrepeneurship
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Solidarities lnternational
Updated Mar 19, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9859

On the Rise

Shelter · Open

Womens Day Shelter
341 Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02139
Phone 617–497–7968
Web www.ontherise.org
Service Temporary

Day help for homeless women. Immediate and long–term support for women who are homeless or in crisis whose needs cannot be met by traditional social services.

Who We Serve

On The Rise serves women who:

–Are homeless by a broad definition of lacking a permanent, safe, secure place to live
–Are in crisis
–Have experienced traumatic physical and/or emotional abuse by people and/or systems
–Are falling through the cracks of our human service system because of the multiple and complex issues they face, and
–Are poor

These women may be straight, lesbian, bisexual or transgender. They struggle with complicated internal and external challenges that might include:

–physical medical problems
–chronic diseases
–mental health conditions
–substance use or abuse
–beginning recovery/maintaining sobriety
–legal issues (civil and/or criminal as plaintiffs or defendants)
–immigration
–few, if any, familial supports
–fear of systems
–guarded behavior
–violent behavior
–contradictory verbal and non–verbal communication
–bad luck, and experiences of discrimination, racism, sexism

WHAT WE DO

A LIFESAVING RESOURCE

On The Rise is a unique and effective day–time program that is a lifesaving resource for nearly 300 women each year who are homeless or in crisis in the Greater Boston area. Each year, approximately 90 women come to On The Rise for the first time. We serve 25–35 women daily and 80–95 women each month.
A woman's participation is always voluntary. There is no set 'graduation' from On The Rise based on program outcomes; instead there are supportive relationships that stick with women through whatever it takes for her to move to new levels of self–efficacy, health, and stability.

All aspects of On The Rise's work with women is carried out day–to–day by a team of five Community Advocates. Community Advocates are not assigned to work with a particular woman, but collaborate as a team to provide the most caring, motivational, and individualized support. The team includes both licensed social workers and staff who have come through their own experiences of homelessness, addiction, and violence.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Counseling, Domestic Abuse Support; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; 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, Day Shelter
Campaigns: Homelessness Relief Services
Updated Dec 28, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1007

Reservoir Church

Volunteer Camp · Open

Church
Cambridge, MA
Phone 617.252.0005

Email mail@reservoirchurch.org
Web www.reservoirchurch.org/about/reservoir-in-the-city

from the "justice" page of their website:

Christian/Muslim Interfaith neighboring: In a world where Christians and Muslims often misunderstand and fear one another, we're dedicated to bridge building and mutual love and understanding. Together with Muslim community members, Reservoir has helped host women's teas and an annual interfaith Iftar dinner, and organized refugee support. Reservoir also regularly invites Muslim community leader to speak at Reservoir. Contact us with questions about this neighboring.

We'd love for you to help us neighbor. Keep an eye on our events calendar for opportunities to neighbor with us.
Justice Work

From our preaching on justice and inclusion: Salvation and Liberation (a Juneteenth sermon) and The Healing of Nations (from our Pride service).

Fair Trade: We support fair trade, and love providing free fair trade coffee and tea to all our guests at Sunday services. We also serve granola made by refugees in Providence. Right now, we're in the process of becoming a Fair Trade Congregation through Fair Trade Campaigns. You can contact Lydia Shiu if you're interested in supporting that by joining a Sunday Welcome Team.
Greater Boston Interfaith Organization: GBIO works to organize Boston-area communities to fight for social justice while transcending religion, race, class, and other divisions. GBIO is one of our closest partners, and we give to GBIO at our highest level.
Through partnership with GBIO, we've facilitated opportunities for Reservoir community members to get involved in citywide action, helped lobby for criminal justice reform, and provided opportunities for training in organizing, story-telling, and relational meetings.
In Spring and Summer 2018, Reservoir is participating in GBIO's House Campaign, with our own "Listening Campaign". Our community will host house meetings where folks will have the chance to share personal stories of why we're troubled by public issues of justice. This is an opportunity for our congregation to discover the stories we most want to tell people in power.

Asha: Asha is an NGO that is transforming lives of the residents of Delhi's slups. Asha is also one of our closest and favorite partners. Reservoir is the home for U.S. Friends of Asha who are supporting and advocating for Asha's work. Reservoir gives to Asha at our highest level. Teams of Reservoir members make annual visits to Delhi to learn about and encourage Asha's work there.
We regularly host and send volunteers to service opportunities in our city: from distributing Christmas presents to lonely elders in Cambridge, to co-sponsoring gun buyback programs, to supporting the work of our local schools and more. Let us know if you'd like to help.

Reservoir's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (REDI) Team

In addition to moving our faith into action in areas of neighboring and justice, we are committed as a church to growing in being a community where all who wish to do so, may find belonging. To that end, we have had a team in place since 2018 - Brian Kang, Michaiah Healy, Ian Jackson, Cara Foster Karim, Tara Deonauth, Michelle Phillips, Sue Rosenkranz, Alex Coston, and Lydia Shiu - to listen and advise our church Board and Staff as well as volunteer leaders. After an all-church survey in March 2020, the Reservoir Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (REDI) team shared its findings from approximately 130 survey respondents in October 2020. This report set forth three goals for Reservoir Church to pursue which go hand-in-hand with the church's ongoing vision. You can read these goals and more here in the REDI Survey Report 2020, with Steve's introduction.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Events, Social, Holiday Event, Volunteer; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Events, Party / Festival
Campaigns: Greater Boston Interfaith Organization [GBIO]
Updated Nov 9, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10793

Sheba Green Cleaning (Free advice, PAID cleaning service)

Info/Hotline · Open

Cambridge, MA

Web shebagreencleaning.org
Service Temporary

Campaigns: Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9780

Shelter Inc. (Cambridge Shelter)

Shelter · Open

109 School St., Cambridge, MA 02139

Phone 617-864-8140
Web www.shelterinc.org
Hours 24x7
Checks payable to Shelter, Inc.
Service Temporary

From the website:

It is the mission of Shelter to end homelessness in the lives of individuals and families by providing housing options and effective supportive services while promoting policy and practices necessary to change those conditions that create homelessness.

The Cambridge Shelter provides emergency shelter, food, clothing and case management services to homeless individuals. Following an initial 3–day period, clients may apply for an extended stay to concentrate on setting and achieving individual goals leading to next–step appropriate housing and, if needed, continuing supportive services; capacity of 21 – 15 men and 6 women each night.

Women's Drop–In is a daytime program offering a safe haven, nutritious meals, clothing, counseling, skills development, referrals and a community of support to homeless women. Located in the Cambridge Shelter, Women's Drop–In serves almost 2,500 meals per year and has empowered many women to make positive changes in their lives.

Program Coordinator: Charlene Tierney
Tele: 617–547–1885
Address: 103–109 School Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

If you'd like to mail a donation, please use the following address:

Shelter, Inc.
PO. Box 390516
Cambridge, MA 02139

NOTIFY Veronica Moore
OF DELIVER OF ITEMS.BEFORE DELIVER

Services offered: Advocacy, Volunteer, Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Meals, For Homeless Residents; Shelter, Homeless Shelter; Training, Services, Employment /JobTraining
Campaigns: United Way
Updated May 19, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1049

Solutions At Work

Walk–in Resource

Community
1151 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA

Includes clothing program located at 391 Everetze Way, Cambridge. Contact: Sonya Darcy 617–576–0039.
Updated Mar 27, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1022

Stone Soup Cooperative Farm and CSA delivery to Cambridge

Open Business* · Open

Cambridge, MA
Web valleyworker.org/members/stone–soup–farm
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9811

The Algebra Project [financial literacy]

School · Open

Cambridge, MA
Service Temporary

the website didn't have much info on what the group does. so we went to wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Algebra_Project

"The Algebra Project is a national U.S. mathematics literacy program aimed at helping low–income students and students of color achieve the mathematical skills in high school that are a prerequisite for a college preparatory mathematics sequence.[1] Founded by Civil Rights activist and Math educator Bob Moses in the 1980s, the Algebra Project provides curricular materials,

teacher training, and professional development support and community involvement activities for schools to improve mathematics education.[2]

By 2001, the Algebra Project had trained approximately 300 teachers and was reaching 10,000 students in 28 locations in 10 states."

"The Algebra Project was founded in 1982 by Bob Moses in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Moses worked with his daughter's eighth–grade teacher, Mary Lou Mehrling, to provide extra tutoring for several students in her class in algebra. Moses, who had taught secondary school mathematics in New York City and Tanzania, wanted to ensure that those students had sufficient algebra skills to qualify for honors math and science courses in high school. Through his tutorage, students from the Open Program of the Martin Luther King School passed the citywide algebra examination and qualified for ninth grade honors geometry, the first students from the program to do so. The Algebra Project grew out of attempts to recreate this on a wider community level, to provide similar students with a higher level of mathematical literacy.

The Algebra Project now focuses on the southern states of the United States, where the Southern Initiative of the Algebra Project is directed by Dave Dennis."

"Founded in 1996, the Young People's Project (YPP) is a spin–off of the Algebra Project, which recruits and trains high school and college age "Math Literacy Workers" to tutor younger students in mathematics, and is directed by Omowale Moses. YPP has established sites in Jackson, Mississippi, Chicago, and the Greater Boston area of Massachusetts, and is developing programs in Miami, Petersburg, Virginia, Los Angeles, Ann Arbor, and Mansfield, Ohio. Each site employs between 30 and 100 high school and college age students part–time, and serves up to 1,000 elementary and middle–school students through on and off site programs.

In 2005, the Algebra Project initiated Quality Education as a Civil Right (QECR), a national organizing effort to establish a federal constitutional guarantee of quality public education for all. Throughout 2005, YPP worked with students from Baltimore, New Orleans, Los Angeles, Oakland, Miami, Jackson, Chicago and Virginia to raise awareness about QECR. The Algebra Project and YPP students from Jackson and New Orleans hosted conferences, organized a Spring Break Community Education Tour to Miami and participated in QECR planning meetings at Howard University, the University of Michigan, and Jackson State University."

Services offered: Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity
Updated Jun 23, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10543

Transition House

Shelter · Open

Womens/Family Shelter
649 Mass. Ave., Suite 6, Cambridge, MA
Phone 617–661–7203

In 1975, Transition House opened the second battered women's shelter in the United States, and the first on the east coast. Two survivors of intimate partner violence opened their tiny apartment to homeless battered women. Within weeks, the floors of the apartment were covered with sleeping bags and mattresses. Understanding the enormous need for refuge for homeless battered women and children, these two women joined with other community activists in Cambridge to purchase a site for Transition House. Over the years, Transition House has sheltered over 5,000 battered women and children.

Services offered: Shelter, Womens, Battered Womens Shelter
Updated Sep 12, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1042

Vida Verde (NOT FREE, worker–owned co–operative "green" cleaning service)

Open Business* · Open

Cambridge, MA
Web www.vidaverdecoop.org
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9781

Cambridge–Somerville elder care phone/check–in services, volunteers needed, translation services

Walk–in Resource · Open

Cambridge / Somerville, MA
Web eldercare.org/join–us/volunteer–opportunities
Service Temporary

Somerville–Cambridge Elder Services organization is looking for volunteers to help with making check–in phone calls to elder residents regarding COVID–19, especially if you speak Mandarin, Portuguese, Spanish, or Haitian. A CORI/background is required. Volunteering

Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID-19
Updated Mar 18, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10196

Food For Free [mutual aid]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Cambridge / Somerville, MA
Web foodforfree.org/about-us
Service Temporary

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSed0cSIoOc7-Fvoms3VHR1Lc44fjql-vTNknz_a-7T_sKDnrw/viewform

Have their own farm at Lindentree, Lincoln MA
Deliver food
Food rescue
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID-19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Apr 25, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10225

City of Cambridge Social Service Resources (focused on houseless)

Info/Hotline · Open

Cambridge and region, MA
Web www.cambridgema.gov/~/media/files/dhsp/msc/resdirectory.pdf
Service Temporary

Shelter for Homeless Individuals

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

Always call first when possible

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Patrick's Women's Shelter
270 Washington Street
, Somerville

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

Y2Y Shelter
1 Church Street;
Harvard
617-864-0795
http://www.y2yharvardsquare.org
Short-term beds for youthaged 18-24 (no gender restriction) only.
Open from October 15 to April 15 only
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Beds are available for lengths of 30 nights or of 1 night, distributed by a lottery process. To enter the lottery for a 30-night bed, call the phone number above between 8:00am and 8:45am in the morning. To enter the lottery for a 1-night bed, call the number above between 9:00pm and 9:30pm.To connect to shelter for unaccompanied/runaway youth under age 18, see

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

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

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

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

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

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

Drop-in Programs
Salvation Army
402 Massachusetts Avenue;
Central

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

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

Drop–in for homeless and at–risk youth aged 14 to 24, open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11am to 5:45pm; meals served from 1:30 to 3pm, and snacks available at all drop–in times. Services available by appointment only on Tuesday and Thursday; call the telephone number above to schedule.
Hot meals are served from 2:30 to 5:30pm on days when the program is open, and showers, lockers, food, counseling, case management, housing assistance, health care, clothes, laundry, computers, books, and games are also offered.

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

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

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

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

Citywide Senior Center
806 Massachusetts Avenue;
Central
617–349–6060
https://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP/programsforfamilies/seniorscouncilonaging/citywideseniorcenter.aspx
For people 60 and older. Open Monday from 8:30am to 8pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; Friday from 8:30am to 3pm; and Saturday and holidays from 8:30am to 1pm. Offers social and recreational activities, ESL, computer access, and fitness classes. Breakfast and lunch served daily.
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Access: Drug User Health Program
359 Green Street;
Central
617–661–3040
http://www.aac.org/programs–services/needle–exchange/

Provides a range of services including services include HIV/HCV/STI testing, health education and navigation, risk–reduction counseling, overdose education, Narcan distribution, street and community outreach, behavioral health services, support groups, drop–in services, safer sex and drug use supplies, and nursing. Open on a drop–in basis from 9am to 4pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and from 9am to 2pm on Thursdays. Additional services are available to members after drop–in hours end (except on Thursdays). To become a member, walk in and complete a risk reduction assessment with a Health Educator; Anyone who has used illicit opioids, misused prescription opioids, and/or injected any non–prescription substance within the past 12 months is eligible for Access membership.

Friday Café at First Church
11 Garden Street;
Harvard
617–851–5074
http://www.thefriday.cafe
New drop–in program open on Friday from 1 to 5pm, from
September to June
only
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Boston GLASS Community Center
93 Massachusetts Avenue,
Boston; #1 bus from
Central
or
Harvard
, or
Hynes
617–266–3349
https://jri.org/services/health–and–housing/health/boston–glass
Drop–in for LGBTQ young people, aged 13 to 25. Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3 to 8pm; and Friday from 3 to 5pm (or earlier, by appointment). Has board games, TV, computers, library, kitchen; offers assistance with counseling, testing, referrals, housing/job search, GED, college/financial aid.

Transitional Housing Programs
Please note
: each transitional housing program has its own eligibility guidelines and participation requirements. Please check with a specific program to find out more information. See also shelters (see page 9) that have extended–stay beds, and residential treatment programs listed under Addiction Services (see page 44).

C
arey Program at the YMCA
• 15 •
820 Massachusetts Avenue;
Central
617–349–6349
NOTE: The Carey program now accepts referrals only through Cambridge CAN
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See page 6 for information on how to complete a C–CAN intake
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For
men
with
6+ months’ sobriety
only. Call the phone number above for more information.

Umoja Program at Salvation Army
402 Massachusetts Avenue;
Central
617–547–3400
http://massachusetts.salvationarmy.org/ma/camcontinuum
For
men

only. Contact Jack Marani at the phone number above for more information.
CASPAR's GROW House
617–661–6020
For women in substance abuse recovery with 6+ months' sobriety only.
H eading Home Transitional Program at the YWCA
7 Temple Street; Central
617–491–6050, extension 229
http://www.headinghomeinc.org/programs/new–draft–transitional–housing
For women only. Contact the phone number above for more information.
Transition House's Transitional Living Program
617–868–1650, extension 1002
For women with or without young children who have experienced domestic violence. Contact Ronit Barkai at the phone number above for more information.
Harvard Square Summer Shelter
66 Winthrop Street; Harvard
617–495–5526
http://pbha.org/programs/harvard–square–summer–shelter/
Program has no gender restriction and is located at the Harvard Square Homeless Shelter, running from mid–June to mid–August. Call the phone number above, or email summerHSHS@pbha.org, for more information.
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Wayside/ShortStop
1323 Broadway, Somerville; # 87 or # 88 bus, both from either Davis or Lechmere
617–776–3377
http://www.waysideyouth.org/OurServices/WaysideYoungAdultServices/ShortStopTransitionalHousing.aspx
Transitional housing program for homeless youth aged 18 to 22, offering a range of social, educational, and pre–vocational services.

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

Fridge in the Square [24x7 free food]

Walk–in Resource · Open

52 Church St, Cambridge, Harvard Square, MA 02139

Web www.instagram.com/cambridgefridge
Service Temporary

https://cambridgecitygrowers.wordpress.com/2020/11/27/give–and–or–take–from–your–local–community–fridge/

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)

Updated Jul 12, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10454

Computer Care and Learning (free training)

School · Open

Cambridge/Harvard Square, MA

Phone 617–325–9526
Web www.computercareandlearning.com
Service Temporary

Once a week, this group offers free training to people in need.

Services offered: Computer Instruction, Volunteer; Tech, IT, Volunteer; Training Classes, Computer Lab; Training Classes, Computers Skills; Training Classes, Computer, Word Processing

Updated Nov 9, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9046

Cambridge/Somerville Food for Free, food pantry network delivering, also needs drivers/volunteers

Volunteer Camp · Open

Cambridge/Somerville, MA

Web foodforfree.org/march–16–update–on–covid–reponse–food–distribution
Service Temporary

This week, Food For Free is working with the cities of Cambridge and Somerville to distribute groceries at 7–8 housing sites that are home to many of our most high–need families.

Beginning Thursday, we will make deliveries to two central locations (a senior center and a youth center), and begin to switch to a different model for these deliveries. To facilitate access across the city, and to prioritize those with the greatest need, we will be working with the City of Cambridge, the Cambridge Housing Authority, and the Cambridge Food Pantry Network to offer food deliveries on an opt–in basis.

The City of Cambridge will create a number where residents in–need can call to opt–in to these deliveries. We will publicize that number when it goes live, which we expect to be later this week.

to volunteer: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSed0cSIoOc7–Fvoms3VHR1Lc44fjql–vTNknz_a–7T_sKDnrw/viewform
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19

Updated Mar 18, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10202

Neponset River Watershed Association

Walk–in Resource · Open

Environmental Advocacy
2173 Washington St, Canton, MA

Phone 781 575 0354
Web www.neponset.org
Service Temporary

Boston Globe article, December 24, 2009
Ami Albernaz

If you always wanted to be a biologist – or you just enjoy spending time oudoors – linking up with this Canton–based organization might be the right call. Starting in the spring, volunteers will be needed to collect water samples for testing (commitment is one morning every six weeks) and – perhaps good for kids – to help raise beetles as part of a wetlands restoration project. Find more details at the website below. For now, the association needs office volunteers to manage water quality data, organize files, and mail materials. In interested, contact Ian Cook at 781 575 0354 x305

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Environmental, Wildlife; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; Information Resource: Wildlife Management; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities

Updated Apr 17, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5790

All Hands Volunteers (HQ)

Info/Hotline · Open

HQ:; PO Box 546, Carlisle, MA 01741

Web hands.org

Service Temporary

10/27/12– After sweeping across the Caribbean, causing at least 40 deaths in Cuba and Haiti, Hurricane Sandy is on a path toward the U.S. eastern coast. Currently projected to make landfall near Delaware early Tuesday, its 75–mph winds are already threatening the coast of North Carolina.
Because it is expected to collide with two winter weather systems as it progresses inland, meteorologists are predicting that it will bring torrential rain, high winds and up to two feet of snow. After landfall, it could advance throughout New England and the mid–Atlantic states.
Though it is impossible to be sure what will happen next, those who live on the Eastern seaboard should prepare for days without electricity. Extra food and water, plus emergency radios and spare batteries, should be on hand.
All Hands Volunteers is continuously monitoring this storm system and is engaged in conversations with emergency preparedness partner agencies throughout the Eastern coastal states.
Please check here for updates as we continue to investigate the full scope of the storm and plan our course of action.

Services offered: Cleanup, Debris Removal, Volunteer Services; Cleanup, House Gutting, Volunteer Services; Management, Support, Disaster Response Coordination & Guidance; Services, Disaster, Post Disaster Needs Assessment; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2012 Hurricane Isaac; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; All Hands Volunteers; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member)
Updated Oct 27, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8873

Carlisle Council on Aging

Info/Hotline · Open

Social Services
Carlisle, MA
Service Temporary

Services offered: Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance; Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance (For Seniors/Elders); Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services)
Updated Aug 30, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3557

First Religious Society in Carlisle (UU)

Info/Hotline · Open

27 School Street; PO Box 817, Carlisle, MA 01741
Phone Office: 978–369–5180, Minister cell: 617 851 8222
Contact Church Office
Email frs @ uucarlisle . org
Service Temporary

From a different website: http://cbd–mbd–uua.org/congregations/first–religious–society–carlisle

Welcome! We are a Unitarian Universalist Church, a Welcoming Congregation, located across from the Common in the center of Carlisle, Massachusetts. The First Religious Society is a place of worship and fellowship dedicated to serving the spiritual and religious needs of all who choose to walk with us. We are active in serving the community and reaching out globally to those in need.

The First Religious Society in Carlisle is an inclusive community bound together in the Unitarian Universalist tradition of friendship, free inquiry and service to humanity. We recognize our commonality as spiritual seekers, and welcome and celebrate the participation of all people, without regard to age, race, religious heritage, political opinion, gender identity, sexual or affectional orientation, socio–economic status, disability or ethnicity. We are committed to continual learning and growth toward affirmation of the enriching diversity of humankind, and to working to create a more just, sustainable and loving world.

The congregation of the FRS values its beautiful and historic church. The main structure was built in 1811. The 1994 addition provides wheelchair accessible restrooms and elevator entrance to the three levels of the church.

Services are held each Sunday at 10 a.m. Religious Education classes and childcare are available during the service. Coffee Hour follows.

Minister: Rev. Diane Miller
Director of Music: Marguerite A. Shaw

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Social Justice; Demographic Served: LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender); Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Clothing Distribution (To the Public); Distribution, Supplies, Local Distribution of Supplies; Donations * (ANY/ALL Types); Events, Community Meetings; Facility: Community Center; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Events, Party / Festival
Campaigns: Rainbow Community; Social Activists/Organizers; Unitarian Universalist (UU) Church
Updated Jul 4, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8720

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

Laughton's Garden Center & Nursery

Open Business* · Open

"Green" Resource
Princeton St, Chelmsford, MA
Phone 978 251 4001
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 Nursery ("available" = this site is a tree/shrub Nursery); Landscaping, Organic Lawn Care Products ($ NOT FREE); Plants * (ANY/ALL Types); Plants, Trees, Tree, Sapplings
Updated Dec 30, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4042

Parlee's Pine Hill Nursery

Open Business* · Open

"Green" Resource
160 Pine Hill Rd, Chelmsford, MA

Phone 978 250 5960
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 Nursery ("available" = this site is a tree/shrub Nursery); Landscaping, Organic Lawn Care Products ($ NOT FREE); Plants * (ANY/ALL Types); Plants, Trees, Tree, Sapplings
Updated Dec 30, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4044

Chelsea Mutual Aid network

Volunteer Camp · Open

Chelsea, MA
Service Temporary

Vecinos at greenrootschelsea.org
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID-19
Updated Apr 25, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10290

WHEAT Community Café (free meals)

Walk-in Resource · Open

242 High Street, Clinton, MA 01510
Phone Café 978-368-8547
Service Temporary

Meals served: Sunday through Friday, 4:30 to 6 PM

Source: http://www.foodbank.org/PDF/agencylist.pdf Dated October 2012.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Hungry; Facility: Food, Emergency Food Center; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Meals, Soup Kitchen; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Cooked Meals; Meals, Dinner
Updated Oct 23, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9382

Bridge to Biloxi (Gulf Coast Works)

Open

Disaster Relief
P.O. Box 1101, Concord, MA 01742
Web www.gulfcoastworks.org
Hours variable outreach schedule
Checks payable to First Parish of Concord

This group has expanded their scope to include New Orleans, under the new name "Gulf Coast Works", but we've combined the info under Bridge to Biloxi because that's the name that most people know them by.

Their new website: www.gulfcoastworks.org

From: Bridge To Biloxi (now Gulf Coast Works) [mailto:info@bridgetobiloxi.org]
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2008 6:59 PM
To: Deb Dormitzer
Subject: we're building a home in New Orleans!

Dear Deb,

Hi there...it's been too long since our last email, but your friends at Bridge To Biloxi have been very busy. Among many other things, we've committed to building a house from the ground up in New Orleans starting next month, and we're letting all our friends know of this great new opportunity to join us in our continuing dedication to the Katrina recovery efforts. We will need a steady stream of volunteers from late February thru May, so if you hanker to experience the great satisfaction that comes from helping good people rebuilding their lives and community, this is it. More detail is available on our website, including a helpful tasking timeline under the Homebuilding Projects tab that may help you plan the timing of your adventure.

And, if you don't already, you should also know that we've changed our name to Gulf Coast Works. Because the need is greater elsewhere, we've migrated away from Biloxi over the last year and this new name better reflects our current goals...but we're still the same tight-knit group of volunteers that you've come to trust and be a part of, so rest assured. You can find us on the web at both our old BridgeToBiloxi dot org URL and our new GulfCoastWorks dot org URL. There is much, much more information available on our new site, so check it out when you can.

And finally, if your schedule doesn't allow you to join our current project, we are always willing to help you find great opportunities to volunteer, either in New Orleans or in coastal Mississippi, where we have many friends and great partner organizations to introduce you to. So, consider putting together a small group of family, friends, classmates, or whatever and picking a week in the not too distant future to go have the time of your life helping others...we're here to help make that happen as simple as 1-2-3.

Best,

Richard Pasley
Gulf Coast Works
PO Box 1101
Concord, MA 01742
rpasley@gulfcoastworks.org
617–571–7829<

Their original website: www.bridgetobiloxi.org

We are an grassroots group that organizes volunteer work trips to the Biloxi area. Our basic mission is to facilitate and expedite the process of getting to and finding mean–ingful, productive work for volunteers from throughout the U.S....more details available at our website.

We have strong relationships with a number of well managed, high effective ground operations from Biloxi west to the Slidell area. We will provide direction (but no money) so travel, housing and food needs are met by our host organizations... volunteers need only get themselves to airports in Gulfport or New Orleans and arrange for ground transportion. Through our resources, we will supply project management and logistical support.

As of Spring 2007, most work is focused on home building or rebuilding, and anyone with trade skills is highly desireable.

We do also seek donations of money and/or supplies of building materials. Please see website for details.

Please contact us at info@bridgetobiloxi.org with any questions.

Make your check out to:

First Parish Church

Memo: Bridge to Biloxi

Mail your check to:

First Parish in Concord
20 Lexington Road
Concord, MA 01742

Services offered: Housing, Volunteer Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals, Volunteers, Meals for Volunteers; Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; Hands On Network
Updated Nov 19, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/797

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 Seed Lending Library

Walk–in Resource · Open

Concord, MA
Web www.concordseedlendinglibrary.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Resource Bank; Seeds, Gardening
Campaigns: Seed Bank / Seed Exchange / Seed Library / Seed Preservation
Updated Nov 17, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9898

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

Mahoney's Garden Center

Open Business* · Open

"Green" Resource
1625 Sudbury Rd, Concord, MA
Phone 978 371 1214
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 Nursery ("available" = this site is a tree/shrub Nursery); Landscaping, Organic Lawn Care Products ($ NOT FREE)
Updated Dec 30, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4045

Millbrook Farms

Open Business* · Open

Farm
215 Cambridge Tpke; 874 Barrett's Mill Rd, Concord, MA
Phone Cambridge Tpke: 978 369 8075, Barrett's Mill: 978 287 0246
Service Temporary

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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/4046

Minuteman ARC Human Services

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
1269 Main Street, Concord, MA
Phone PH 978.287.7900, FX 978.287.7979
Contact email for details
Email see extensive list of emails at their website: http://www.minutemanarc.org/contact.html
Web www.minutemanarc.org
Serves See services areas below.
Eligibility People of all ages with developmental disabilities (and their families)
Service Temporary

From their website:

Our programs focus on integrating service delivery into local communities, organizations, and employment sources. We are committed to "valued inclusion in the community" and make this happen by creating and nurturing a diverse array of partnerships with community groups, neighbors, state agencies and other funding sources.

* Damon Family Resource Center for trainings and workshops for families and others interested in issues related to disabilities.
* Recreational Opportunities for children and adults, including Special Olympics.

Children–specific Programs:
* Early Intervention for infants and toddlers who are at risk for or experiencing developmental delays.
* Family Support services, including case management.
* After School Programs for children ages 6 – 22.

Adult–specific Programs:
* After Work Programs for adults.
* Adult Vocational services.
* Adult Residential services.
* Adult Day Habilitation services.

See their website: http://www.minutemanarc.org
for incredible details on these programs and lists of resources for parents of kids with challenges.

SERVICE AREAS:

Services and supports are available for individuals in a nine–town suburban area west of Boston, as well as an expanding number of other towns around Rte. 128, including:

– Acton
– Bedford
– Boxborough
– Concord
– Carlisle
– Lincoln
– Littleton
– Maynard
– Stow

Services offered: Advocacy, Special Needs Folks; Animals, Rescue, Transportation, Transporting Rescues, Volunteer; Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Services for Special Needs Folks; Case Management, for Special Needs Folks; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Counseling, Support Groups, Parents; Directories, Special Needs, Services for Special Needs Folks; Directories, Youth Services & After–School Programs; School, Adult Education/Adult School; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Daycare, Adult / Senior Daycare Services; Services, Social Services, General Social Services; Services, Special Needs, After–Work Program for Special Needs Folks; Services, Special Needs, Early Intervention for Special Needs Children; Services, Special Needs, Recreational Activities, for Special Needs Folks; Services, Special Needs, Services for People with Special Needs; Services, Support, Caregiver Support Services; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Caregiver Training; Training Classes, Computers Skills; Training Classes, Life Skills (Special Needs); Training Classes, Literacy Training; Training Classes, Trade Skills, Training; Training Classes, Vocational; Training, Medical, Education, Special Needs, Coping w/Special Needs; Training, Services, Employment /JobTraining ; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts
Updated Nov 20, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3493

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!

As of Tuesday, March 17th, Open Table will be implementing “drive–thru” pantry service. Guests arriving by other means of transportation (walking, biking, etc) will, of course, also be served. Guests should keep their regular appointments during these times.

Our pantry will be open during regular operating hours (we will be open rain or shine!):

Tuesday 1:00–6:30 pm
Thursday 3:00–6:30 pm

Drive–Thru Plan

Pantry distribution will be available in the Maynard Municipal Parking Lot located between Summer Street and Main Street. Please enter from Summer Street (across from the Fine Arts Theater). Guests will remain in their cars; volunteers will load pre–packed bags into the cars. Please do your best to arrive at your standard time; if you arrive early you may be asked to park in an area municipal lot and return at your appointment time.

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

Open Table was founded in 1989 to provide weekly nutritious meals and a food pantry to anyone who wanted them ? no questions asked. Our purpose is to address the hunger that exists in our area and to do this in a manner that respects the privacy and dignity of our guests and provides them with a few moments of respite from their daily challenges. The Open Table is a way to open arms and hearts in the community, share success and gifts, practice 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

Pete Messina

Standby

Private Citizen Volunteers
Concord, MA
Service Temporary

Services offered: Firefighter, Paramedic, EMT, Volunteers; First Responder, NorthEast Region
Campaigns: American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC
Updated Nov 19, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1110

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

Dedham Community Fridge [24x7 free food]

Walk–in Resource · Open

42 Needham St.(at the back of Calvary Baptist Church), Dedham, MA 02026
Web dedhamfridge
Service Temporary

source: https://cambridgecitygrowers.wordpress.com/2020/11/27/give–and–or–take–from–your–local–community–fridge/

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Jul 12, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10455

Loaves & Fishes (Devens Food Pantry)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Devens, MA
Web www.loavesfishespantry.org/need–services/faq–services
Service Temporary

BRING YOUR OWN CLOTH BAG and get special items!

FAQ – Services

Who is eligible to receive food and assistance at the Pantry?
Anyone who lives in Ayer, Devens, Groton, Harvard, Littleton or Shirley.

What do I need to bring with me when I visit the Pantry?
You must bring a Proof of Residency (POR) each time you visit the Pantry. Once a year you must provide a POR for each member of your household. A POR is an official piece of mail such as a utility bill, rental payment receipt, etc. which lists your name, street address and a recent date. For minors, a POR is either a school or medical paper.

Can I come to the Pantry if I am homeless?
Yes.

If I don’t live in Ayer, Devens, Groton, Harvard, Littleton or Shirley, may I receive food from the Pantry?
We never turn anyone away. You will receive pre–packed groceries one time only as well as a list of other resources in your area.

When is the Pantry open for shopping?
Clients may shop during any open session. Doors open 15 minutes prior to the session start time. You will be entered in a lottery to determine shopping order.

How often may I visit the Pantry?
You may visit the Pantry twice each month.

How long should I expect to be at the Pantry when I visit for food?
Your wait time may be considerable, so please plan accordingly. Don’t worry. We never run out of food.

Can my children come with me?
Yes, children may come to the Pantry with a parent. Parents must supervise and keep children with them at all times.

What is the “green shelf?”
Clients who bring four reusable bags are eligible to select one item from the green shelf which is stocked with special items such as coffee and laundry detergent.

What do I need to do to qualify for the non–food related programs including Campership/Enrichment Program, Backpack Program, Shop for Your Kids Program and

Shop for Your Parents Program?
Returning families must visit the Pantry for food a minimum of four times each year. You may register for participation in the non–food related programs on your fourth visit to the Pantry. Your proof of residency must be up to date. *All new families in August may participate in the Backpack program. All new families in November/December may participate in the Holiday shopping events.

I noticed that some of the food I have received is out of date. Is it safe to eat?
Yes, every item is inspected to ensure that they are still safe and wholesome to eat. We follow the Greater Boston Food Bank guidelines.

Services offered: Food * (ANY/ALL Types); 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)
Updated Apr 7, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9943

Brookview House

Info/Hotline · Open

2 Brookview St., Dorchester, MA 02124

Web www.brookviewhouse.org/index.html
Checks payable to Go to: http://www.brookviewhouse.org/donate.html

When Brookview House opened its doors in 1990 two bedroom apartments rented for less than $600, most jobs that paid a living wage did not require a degree and families were the smallest portion of the homeless population. Since then, much has changed. Rents in Boston are more costly than New York City, few opportunities exist for low–skilled workers and families now represent more than one–third of the homeless.

Brookview House has faced these changes head–on growing into one of the largest and most successful transitional housing centers in Massachusetts. The agency has moved close to 500 families into permanent housing, developed productive skills and interests for thousands of children during out–of–school time programs, and supported homeless parents as they worked to develop careers with which they are sustaining their families. Simply put, the Brookview House model works.

Rather than merely providing housing, Brookview House uses an award–winning model to address the myriad of obstacles families face in maintaining housing. The organization serves more than 400 homeless children and their families annually providing them with strategically aligned support services that foster independence. Families who complete our program have achieved a 91% success rate in remaining housed.
Updated Mar 26, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1039

Dorchester Community Care [mutual aid]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Dorchester, MA

Web docs.google.com/document/d/1–16k_AKPNkVQXjMGogl913LSAPL7RBF9WL11–ANkXBU/edit
Service Temporary

Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Mar 21, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10222

Dorchester, Places to get Free Meals

Info/Hotline · Open

Project Bread
Dorchester, MA

Service Temporary

From Project Bread's website:http://www.projectbread.org/site/DocServer/2008_Project_Bread_Funded_Programs.pdf?docID=3281

Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church – Bethel Food Pantry
Catholic Charities – Yawkey Center Food Pantry
Codman Square Health Center
Dorchester House Multi–Service Center
Earthen Vessels, Inc. – Tutoring Program/Summer Camp
Emmanuel Temple Food Pantry
Faith Pentecostal Church Food Pantry
Full Life Gospel Center Food Pantry
Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. – HSNHC Food Pantry
Kit Clark Senior Services
Mt. Calvary Holy Church
Neponset Health Center – Harbor Health Services
Project Care and Concern
Refuge and Relief Ministry, Inc.
St. Mary's Episcopal Church Food Pantry
Veterans Benefit Clearinghouse, Inc. – Food Pantry

Dear all,

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

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

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

Thank you!
Tanya Nguyen
Women of Color AIDS Council, Inc.
Updated Oct 2, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4319

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

Warehouse · Open

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

This group recycles building materials and provides foodbank services.

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

Food Source Hotline
(800) 645–8333

"Dollar–a–Bag" sites from Fair Foods, Inc.
Fair Foods, Inc. and its partners run over 50 "Dollar–a–Bag" sites through Boston and eastern Massachusetts. Each week, participants enjoy a wide selection of fresh fruits, vegetables and breads for a donation of $2 a bag.
http://www.fairfoods.org/index.php?page=dollar_bag.htm
http://fairfoods.org/dollarbag.html (To find about a Dollar–a–bag site near you)

Services offered: Construction, Building Material Reclaim/Reuse/Recycle; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Social Peers; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Canned ** (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food Distribution, Food Bank ONLY (No Walk–In Service); Food Distribution, Food Boxes, Emergency Food Boxes * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food Distribution, Food Boxes, Food Pack, 3–4 days, 2–3 people; Food Distribution, Food Boxes (For Seniors/Elderly); Food Distribution, Food Boxes (General Public Distribution); Food, Dry, * Dry Food Goods (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food, Fresh, Fruit * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Fresh, Vegetables * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Frozen * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food, Non–Perishable Food * (ANY/ALL Types of Canned, Dry, Drinks, Snacks); Heavy Equipment, * (ANY/ALL Types); Heavy Equipment, Forklift; Heavy

Equipment, Front End Skid Loader; Heavy Equipment, Skid Steers; Heavy Machinery, Skid Steer Loader; Heavy Machinery, Walk–Behind Utility Loader; * KITS, FOOD KITS; LOAN ONLY, Forklift; LOAN ONLY, Pallet Jack; LOAN ONLY, Skid Steers; LOAN ONLY, Truck; Lumber * (ANY/ALL Types) ; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Pallets; Recycling, Building Materials * (ANY/ALL Types); Recycling, Food; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Water, * Bottles (ANY/ALL Types of Bottled Water); Water, Bottles, (In Plastic, Gallons); Water, ** Bottles, Single Servings, Cases (ANY/ALL cases of single serve sizes)
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; Neighborhood Network
Updated May 25, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/488

Family House Shelter

Shelter · Open

317 Blue Hill Ave., Dorchester, MA 02121
Phone 617–427–4470

Services: Shelter, housing placement, and basic social services, including medical assistance, budget planning, children's activities, etc.

Services offered: Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Homeless Shelter; Training Classes, Financial, Money Management; Volunteer, Child Care
Updated Apr 19, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1030

Horizons for Homeless Children

Walk–in Resource · Open

Non–Profit Community Outreach
90 Cushing Ave., Dorchester, MA 02125
Phone 617.445.1480 x301
Web www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org

Horizons for Homeless Children improves the lives of homeless children by providing early care and education in our Community Children's Centers, creating Playspaces (recreational spaces) in shelters throughout Massachusetts and recruiting thousands of volunteers to help us in our efforts. Horizons for Homeless Children is a leader in advocating for homeless children and their families. At the local, state and federal levels, we promote and support policies that will benefit homeless children and families. We also share our knowledge and expertise with other service providers.

Services offered: Jobs, Paying; Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Family, Children, Child Care Program; Youth Program
Campaigns: Homelessness Relief Services
Updated Apr 27, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1031

Log School

Walk–in Resource · Open

222 Bowdoin St., Dorchester, MA
Phone 617–474–1231

Clothing and food pantry, day care, after–school care, homework center, adult ESL, and GED program
Updated Jan 22, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1009

Project Hope

Walk–in Resource · Open

45 Magnolia St., Dorchester, MA
Service Temporary

Food pantry serving surrounding community, open three mornings a week, serving more than 200 families a month.

Services offered: Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public)
Updated May 28, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1027

Quincy Street Missional Church (Ma Siss's Place)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Non–Profit, Faith–Based, Humanitarian Outreach
266 Quincy Street, Dorchester, MA 02125
Phone 617–436–1618
Web www.quincystreet.org
Hours 11am - 6pm

Service Permanent

quincystreetchurch@gmail.com

Ma Siss's Place
266 Quincy Street
Dorchester, MA 02125

Quincy Street is a church plant that started in December 2002 as a Bible Study and grew into a church. We are a community of people from very diverse backgrounds that desire to love God and love our neighbors as we actively follow the example of Jesus Christ. While we may seem to many to be a mission where others come to serve our community, it is our desire to also be a missional church where we see send help and ministry to others throughout the world. We do not just want to be a missionary receiving church but a missionary sending church!

Recyled garage turned church. Real neighborhood place.

Boston Globe, a 4 article series about the organization:

Ma Siss's place: The Birth of a Church
From a Dorchester chop shop, a place to pray

http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2007/12/23/from_a_dorchester_chop_shop_a_place_to_pray/

http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/12/24/a_call_to_serve_and_to_lead/

http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2007/12/25/a_crisis_year_a_christmas_comeback/

http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2007/12/26/and_who_now_will_lead_them/

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Cleaning, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Community Outreach Programs; Community Service Program; Counseling, Crisis Intervention Counseling; Counseling, Domestic Abuse Support; Counseling, Emotional; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Spiritual; Counseling, Substance Abuse ; Counseling, Support Group (Post Disaster); Counseling, Trauma Counseling Services; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Clothing Distribution (To the Public); Distribution, Supplies, Local Distribution of Supplies; Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Donations, In–Kind Donation, Services; Donations, In–Kind Donations Services, Small Lots; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Facility: Community Center; Facility: Food, Emergency Food Center; Food, Baked Goods, Bread ** (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Distribution, Emergency Food Program; Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Food, Non–Perishable Food * (ANY/ALL Types of Canned, Dry, Drinks, Snacks); Furniture, Furniture Bank; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Crisis Hotline; Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Kitchen, Cooking Equipment, Pots & Pans; Kitchen, Cooking Equipment, Serving Utensils, Restaurant Grade * (ALL/ANY Type); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Church/ Worship Services; Services, Family, Children, Emergency Child Care; Services, Family, General Family Assistance; Services, Respite Program/Services; Services, Senior/Elderly Services; Services, Women's Services; Services, Youth Services, Crime Prevention Programs; Toys, * NEW, In Original Packaging, Kids – All Ages (ANY/ALL Types) ; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Education, Parenting; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training, Medical, Education, AIDS/ HIV Workshops; Volunteers, Youth Volunteers (This facility accomodates Youth Volunteers) ; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: TANF (Temporary Assistance For Needy Families)
Updated Oct 6, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2788

My Brother's Keeper

Warehouse · Open

Easton, MA

Phone (508) 238–7512 Requests are processed by phone
Web www.mybrotherskeeper.org/furniture.htm
Hours Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 1:00 – 3:00PM
Serves Furniture to multiple cities listed below
Bring names and birthdates of all those living in your home
Service Temporary

Towns in our service area:

Abington, Avon, Braintree, Bridgewater, Brockton, Canton, Dedham, E. Bridgewater, Easton, Hanson, Holbrook, Mansfield, Milton, Norton, Norwood, Pembroke, Quincy, Randolph, Raynham, Rockland, Sharon, Stoughton, Taunton, W. Bridgewater, Westwood, Weymouth, Whitman

To accomplish our mission, we work with basic furniture items that are in very good condition. We cannot deliver upholstered items that are ripped, torn, worn, stained, or dated. Electrical items must be in safe working condition. As a matter of policy, no donated items are sold.

My Brother's Keeper accepts donated furniture and household items during the months of January through mid–November. Pick–ups are typically scheduled within 1–2 weeks of the initial contact with us. We do not commit to accepting furniture "sight unseen" over the phone. At every pick–up, an experienced volunteer makes the final determination whether items are accepted or declined.

My Brother's Keeper normally accepts the following furniture items in good condition:

Standard couches and loveseats (no older than 10–12 years)
End tables & coffee tables
Twin mattresses and box springs
Full (double) mattresses and box springs
Queen mattresses and box springs
Dressers
Night stands
Kitchen tables and chairs
Refrigerators (no older than 10–12 years)
Lamps
Examples of items that we cannot effectively use are: desks, office furniture, hutches, buffets, pullout couches (sleeper sofas), futons, stoves, washing machines and dryers, exercise equipment, wheelchairs, walkers, console TVs, cribs, clothes, books, and Christmas decorations.

To donate furniture to My Brother's Keeper,
please call (508) 238–7512.

Services offered: Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types); Furniture, Furniture Bank
Updated Oct 16, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4702

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

Market Forge (NOT FREE worker–owned) (industrial kitchen equipment)

Open Business* · Open

Everett, MA
Web www.mfii.com/company
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9773

Fall River Family Resource Center

Shelter · Open

177 Rockland St., Fall River, MA 02724
Phone (508) 679–2000
Service Temporary

7 families

Services offered: 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, Homeless Shelter
Campaigns: Homelessness Relief Services
Updated Dec 28, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1038

New England Alpaca Fiber Pool [helping small farmers]

Open Business* · Open

Fall River, MA
Web neafplander.squarespace.com/how–it–works
Service Temporary

helps small Alpaca farmers be fiscally sustainable with shared processing, manufacturing

from the website:

"Alpaca fiber, one of the world's greatest natural fibers, is grown by thousands of alpaca farms across the USA. By working together & pooling their fiber, farms are able to bring a wide variety of finished clothing and accessories to market, reaching the widest possible audience, at the highest profit margin on the fiber they produce."

"Starting in 2002, Chris and Shelley Riley of Golden Touch Alpaca Farm, proudly continue the legacy of the 3 original NEAFP founders. By utilizing economies of scale, Alpaca Farms pool their fiber together to gain access into commercial scale U.S. Textile Mills. This allows them to bring a wide variety of quality clothing and accessories to market – reaching the widest possible audience – at the highest possible profit margin."

“Alpaca Farms of any size are able to offer 60+ finished U.S. Alpaca products to their local communities without having to navigate commercial textile mill minimums, juggling production schedules, or managing the inherit risk of getting a new product off the ground from prototype to production."

Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism

Updated Dec 26, 2019 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10140

Battered Womens Resource

Shelter · Open

confidential, call number below, Fitchburg, MA

Phone 978–537–2306
Service Temporary

Shelter for women & their children.

Source: http://www.foodbank.org/PDF/agencylist.pdf

Services offered: Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Battered Womens Shelter

Updated Oct 23, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9391

Christian Faith Church / Our Father’s Table, Inc.

Walk–in Resource · Open

40 Boutelle Street,, Fitchburg, MA 01420

Phone 978–342–8522
Service Temporary

Meals served: Tuesday & Thursday, Meals served at 5 PM.

Source: http://www.foodbank.org/PDF/agencylist.pdf Dated October 2012.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Hungry; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Meals, Soup Kitchen; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Cooked Meals; Meals, Dinner

Updated Oct 23, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9383

Food Pantries, Fitchburg

Walk–in Resource · Open

various, see notes, Fitchburg, MA

Service Temporary

Care Services Project
Professional Services Building
356B Broad Street–4th Floor, Fitchburg 01420
978–345–4366
Program for people & families with HIV/AIDS. During
3rd week of month: open Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 12 PM and 12:30 to 4 PM. Call ahead for an appoint–ment.
Distribution Entrance at 356C–2nd Floor Location.

Leona E. Fleming Food Pantry At Green Acres
62 Normandy Road, Fitchburg 01420
978–342–8617
Distribution:
Tues.8:30AM to 4:30PM and Fri. 8:30AM to 1:30PM.

GVNA Community Services
35 Main Street, Fitchburg 01420
978–665–9078
Distribution: Wednesday, 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

Highland Baptist Church
27 Cedar Street, Fitchburg 01420
978–342–9646
Distribution: 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 9 to 11 AM.
MOC Elder Services
66 Day Street, Fitchburg 01420
978–345–8501, ext. 1

Senior Brown Bag
Salvation Army

739 Water Street, Fitchburg 01420
978–342–3300
Distribution: Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 12 PM &
1 to 5 PM.

United Neighbors of Fitchburg
Cleghorn Neighborhood Center: CNC
18 Fairmount Street, Fitchburg 01420
978–342–2069
Distribution: Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM
Appointments available for working clients. Call First.

Source: http://www.foodbank.org/PDF/agencylist.pdf

Services offered: Demographic Served: HIV/AIDS Patients; Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public)
Campaigns: Salvation Army
Updated Oct 24, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9394

Mobile Shower Trailer [serving homeless and others]

Walk–in Resource · Open

Fitchburg, MA

Web www.facebook.com/OurFathersHouseShelters
Service Temporary

FITCHBURG — Our Father's House Inc., a nonprofit shelter dedicated to the homeless population in the region, debuted its new mobile shower trailer unit at a "towel cutting" event on Wednesday morning.

"This is phenomenal for the community," said Judith Nest–Pasierb, executive director of the shelter. "A shower gives people their dignity back. Respect and dignity, that's our mission statement."

The 12–foot shower unit features two easy–to–use showers, fold–up aluminum steps and rails for easy access, lighting, insulated walls and a 300–gallon water tank. The trailer will primarily serve the homeless communities, but could also be used during emergencies or natural disasters.

Director of Homeless Services Kevin MacLean said the shower is an important addition to the area.
Fitchburg Mayor Stephen DiNatale holds a pair of giant scissors ahead of his attempt to cut a towel.

"People in the community are saying it's about time something like this was available," MacLean said. "There's a huge need for this in the community."

The mobile shower will be staged in Fitchburg, Leominster, Gardner, Athol, and Winchendon.

Mayor Stephen DiNatale, who was on site for the ceremony, said he was proud of the efforts being taken to support community members in need.

"We couldn't be happier about this," DiNatale said. "It's a need that has now been met."
The new mobile shower unit unveiled by Our Father's House Inc. during a "towel cutting" ceremony on Wednesday.

Police Chief Ernest Martineau said showering and access to running water is something many people take for granted. But for the homeless community, a shower can be a luxury.

"There's a segment of our society that wakes up in the morning and they don't have a shower available," Martineau said. "So it's nice to once again see Fitchburg leading the way with these services."

The $30,000 unit was paid for in part using funds from the federal CARES Act, which was appropriated by the city to support homelessness services. The remaining cost was covered by donations from local businesses and organizations.
Director of Homeless Services at Our Father's House Kevin MacLean during Wednesday's event.

The unit is insulated and has air conditioning so it can be used throughout the year. All it needs is access to electricity and a garden hose, MacLean said.

Volunteers routinely bleach and sanitize the shower stations to ensure health and safety guidelines are met.

Through donations, the site also provides daily meals and clothing to the homeless population and some individuals are being assisted with their laundry.

Nest–Pasierb said the recent purchase has already inspired other communities to purchase their own mobile shower units.

"Worcester and Lowell are now buying one," she said. "We started a trend and we're happy about that."

For a list of service locations, dates, and times, visit the Facebook page for Our Father's House or contact MacLean at kmaclean@ofhshelter.com.

The purchase of the city's mobile shower was supported by donations from the United Way of North Central Mass., Sabourin Hardware, Advanced Truck Accessories, D&G Custom Graphics, Bayberry Hill Water in Townsend, Research Results, Headwall Photonics, Piero Transportation, Harvey Remodeling, and The Drivers Transportation.

https://www.sentinelandenterprise.com/2020/11/05/fitchburgs-our-fathers-house-debuts-new-mobile-shower-unit/

Services offered: Demographic Served: Homeless; Facilities: Shower Facilities * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: United Way
Updated May 24, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10436

Our Father's House (SHELTER, male/female)

Shelter · Open

53-55 Lunenburg Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420
Phone 978-345-3050
Web www.facebook.com/OurFathersHouseShelters
Service Temporary

Male & Female Occupancy
Emergency & Transitional Shelter.

Source: http://www.foodbank.org/PDF/agencylist.pdf

Services offered: Demographic Served: Homeless; Facilities: Shower Facilities * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter
Updated May 24, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9392

Collective Copies (NOT FREE worker owned, socially responsible copy shop)

Open Business* · Open

Florence, MA
Web collectivecopies.com/about/history.htm
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Worker Owned Co-Operatives
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9761

Pedal People (bike delivery, NOT FREE, worker-owned co-op)

Open Business* · Open

Florence, MA
Web www.pedalpeople.coop
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Worker Owned Co-Operatives
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9777

Framingham Outreach: virus mutual aid

Volunteer Camp · Open

Framingham, MA
Web framinghamoutreach.org
Service Temporary

Click on link above to get to the org which is tracking GoogleDoc lists of helpers and folks who need help.
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID-19
Updated Mar 19, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10205

Framingham, Jack's Abbey: free pizza to students

Open Business* · Open

Framingham, MA
Web www.masslive.com/boston/2020/03/coronavirus-concerns-jacks-abby-offering-free-pizza-to-students-in-framingham-on-thursday-friday-after-schools-were-closed.html
Service Temporary

Coronavirus concerns: Jack's Abby offering free pizza to students in Framingham on Thursday, Friday after schools were closed Food https://www.masslive.com/boston/2020/03/coronavirus-concerns-jacks-abby-offering-free-pizza-to-students-in-framingham-on-thursday-friday-after-schools-were-closed.html
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID-19
Updated Mar 18, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10201

MEMA HQ (Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency)

Info/Hotline · Open

State/Fed
400 Worcester Road (Route 9 Eastbound), Framingham, MA 01702
Phone (508) 820-2000
Web www.mass.gov/mema
Hours 24x7

Service Temporary

January 2015 Press release, w/contact info and tips for staying warm: http://www.mass211.org/librarydocs/NewsReleaseDuringtheStormJan2015.pdf

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The MEMA site has excellent preparedness data, as well as a list of local Emergency Management Directors. Don't miss the Family Communications Plan, listed on the lower right hand side. Fill it out so that your family will have peronsal identification information, contact information and medical information on hand.

Headquarters Directions (see regional HQ directions below)
MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
400 Worcester Road (Route 9 Eastbound)
Framingham,MA 01702–5399
Tel: (508) 820–2000
From the West: Take Mass Pike East to Exit 12 (Framingham Route 9). Travel approximately 5 miles to MA State Police Headquarters on the right, immediately followed by MEMA. MEMA is marked by several tall communications towers on the grounds. Enter through the next driveway. MEMA is underground. Enter building and follow ramp to the reception desk.
From the East: Take Mass Pike West to Exit 13 (Natick/Framingham Route 30). Take Route 30 West towards Framingham and drive for approximately 2 miles going through all lights until end. Route 30 intersects into Route 9 Westbound. Take right onto Route 9 Westbound. (Note that the MEMA communication towers are visible across Route 9 on the Eastbound side.) Continue approximately .5 mile on Route 9 Westbound. Turn right into Whole Foods Bread & Circus parking lot to turn around. Take left from Whole Foods Bread & Circus onto Prospect Street. Take a left at the lights heading Eastbound on Route 9. MEMA is approximately .5 mile on the right. Enter through the driveway.MEMA is underground. Enter building and follow ramp to the reception desk.
From the South: Take Route 128 (95) North to Route 9 West (Exit 20B). Follow Route 9 for approximately 8 miles. MEMA is on the Eastbound side of Route 9 and is marked by several tall communications towers; take your next right into the Whole Foods Bread & Circus parking lot to turn around. Take left out of Whole Foods Bread & Circus onto Prospect Street. Take a left at the lights heading Eastbound on Route 9. MEMA is approximately .5 mile on the right. Enter the driveway.MEMA is underground. Enter building and follow ramp to the reception desk.
From the North: Take Route 93 South to Route 128 (95). Follow above directions.

Region 1 Directions
MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
Region 1
365 East St. Tewksbury, MA. 01876
Tel: (978) 328–1500

From: Boston: 93N to exit 42 Dascomb Road. Left onto East Street to end 2 miles. Left onto long driveway.

From:Framingham: Route 495N to exit 38. Go left off the exit, go straight there will be a Shell Gas Station on the left. Go left which will put the library on your right. Take the 1st entrance, stay on the road and take the 3rd left into parking lot B – Park in lot A. Region 1 is located in a beige trailor.

Region 2 Directions
MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
Region 2
12 I Rear, Administration Road
Bridgewater, MA 02324–0054
Tel: (508) 697–3111

128 to 24S to exit 14A. 495S to exit 6 (44E). 18N at rotary. Right at Binky's, left onto Titicut.

Region 3 & 4 Directions
MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
Region 3 & 4
7 Berkshire Avenue
Belchertown, MA 01007–8900
Tel: (413) 323–6306

Take the Mass Pike to Exit 7 (Belchertown, Ludlow).
At the end of ramp, take a right onto Route 21.
Follow Route 21 until it ends in Belchertown.
Take a right onto Route 202.
At the flashing yellow light, take a left onto the old Belchertown State School grounds. Follow the road (there will be signs that say MEMA, Area III on your right) and take your third left.
Follow this road until you are behind a school, with a dirt parking lot to your right. MEMA, Region III is located on the ground floor entrance to the left (there will be a large metal sign on the stone wall and a blue sign underneath an overhang, directly in front of you.).

If you need further assistance please contact the Region 3 staff at the following phone number: (413) 323–6306
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; 2015 January Northeast Blizzard; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security
Updated Jan 27, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/499

MetroWest Free Medical Program (First Parish Church)

Medical Facility · Open

Framingham, MA

Web www.metrowestfreemedicalprogram.org
Service Temporary

Framingham Location – By Appointment Only

free medical care to anyone asking for it including no cost or low cost medications. Social services are also offered. This program has been going–on for quite some time and is provided by volunteers. Of course, all of the doctors, nurses and other professionals are certified and licensed. Information is kept private and referrals can also be provided. Spanish and Portuguese translation is available on the phone and at the clinic. It takes place in the sanctuary which is converted into a clinic on Tuesday evenings. A second location is now available at the First Parish Church, Framingham. Information on the program is available at: www.metrowestfreemedicalprogram.org which also includes the current month's schedule.

Framingham Location
Open most Thursday evenings and select Monday evenings and Friday afternoons for Women's health and vision care.

By appointment only.
508–656–0885
6:00pm –8:00pm
110 Edgell Rd., Framingham

Vision exams
Ophthalmology
Low cost prescription glasses
Women's health care
Prescriptions for medications
Referrals for labs and x–rays
Social Services and screening for resources and referrals
Mental Health

What to bring to your visit: Mass Health or Health Safety Net Card or letter.

If you have not applied for health insurance coverage, please bring a picture ID and proof of income with you to complete your health insurance application.

Also Sudbury location.

Services offered: Assistance, Application Assistance for Health Insurance; Assistance, Referrals, Health Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Mental Health Resources; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Glasses, Eyeglasses; Glasses, Reading Glasses; Medical, Education, Health Awareness; Medical, Facility, Clinic, Free Clinic; Medical, Facility, Clinic, Outpatient Clinic; Medical, Services, Assessment, Medical Needs Assessment; Medical, Services, Eyecare Services; Medical, Services, Eye Exams; Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Services, Physical Examinations; Medical Services, Prescriptions; Medical, Services, Preventive; Medical, Services, Public Health Education / Awareness; Medical, Services, Screening, General Health; Medical Services, Womens Health; Mental Health Services; Services, Women's Services
Updated Jun 4, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9161

MetroWest Legal Services (aka "South Middlesex Legal Services" (for Violence Victims)

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
63 Fountain Street, Suite 304, Framingham, MA 01702

Phone 800 696 1501, 508 620 1830
Web www.smlegal.org
Hours Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Serves See service areas below.
Eligibility victims of violence
Service Permanent

From their website:

Our Mission Statement

The mission of South Middlesex Legal Services is to provide legal advocacy to protect and advance the rights of the poor, elderly, disabled and other disenfranchised people in our service area (listed below) in obtaining legal, social and economic justice.

SMLS will assist client eligible persons in securing access to basic needs and in challenging institutional barriers in order to achieve equal justice for all.

Per United Way/211, this group also provides probono legal assistance for violence victims.

Information About SMLS

Since 1976, South Middlesex Legal Services (SMLS) has been serving the needs of local low–income, disabled and elderly persons in 36 communities from Dedham to Marlborough and from Bedford to the Rhode Island border. SMLS advocates represent battered victims in contested family law cases, defend tenants to prevent them from becoming homeless, advocate in schools for children with special needs, help elderly and disabled people in obtaining disability, welfare and medical benefits and assist people making the transition from welfare to work. The SMLS staff represents approximately 2,200 low–income and elderly clients each year.

Tratamos con casos de vivienda, desempleo, violéncia domestica, educacción y benefícios del bíenestar público y del gobierno.

Cases Handled (see website for more details):

– Domestic Relations

Through the Domestic Violence Project, SMLS provides services to approximately 225 abuse victims each year. We represent victims in their contested Probate and Family Court cases, with the highest priority being those cases involving children, elderly or disabled adults, and those who are linguistically or culturally isolated. Most cases resolve controversies concerning custody or visitation of minor children and child support. We do not handle cases that involve child support only. For some clients, we provide only advice or limited services. Sometimes this is because the victim needs information before taking the next step of separating from the abuser. In other situations, however, it is because limited resources do not allow us to provide more extensive services to all who need them.

Assisting victims with children is our highest priority. They need stable homes, safe contact with the absent parent, and economic security to provide essential food and shelter. Without an attorney's assistance, victims often do not know how to obtain appropriate custody, visitation, support and restraining orders to provide these basics for their children. Often they are misinformed about their rights by their batterers.

Through our PRIVATE BAR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM, SMLS provides basic Family Law services. Local private attorneys volunteer their services and take uncontested divorces, adoptions, guardianships, and paternity cases for SMLS clients.

For further Legal Information visit Massachusetts Legal Services and for other related sites click here.

– Disability and Benefits

Two attorneys and a paralegal at SMLS focus on transitional assistance benefits (Food Stamps, TAFDC, EAEDC, EA Shelter), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veterans Benefits, and Unemployment Compensation. These advocates help individuals and families navigate a complex labyrinth of state and federal laws and procedures and overcome bureaucratic roadblocks to ensure access to benefits to which they are entitled.

The Disability and Benefits Unit at SMLS is in constant contact with administrative agencies, pursuing both formal and informal appeals through the gamut of agency reviews and fair hearings, all the way through to the state and federal court systems. Many of the clients served by the Unit have physical and/or mental disabilities, and the Disability and Benefits advocates work tirelessly to ensure that these individuals realize full and fair treatment. Few other law offices provide the time, patience and expertise to be successful in this greatly needed, yet not overly serviced, area of law.

For further Legal Information visit Massachusetts Legal Services and for other related sites click here.

– Health Care Access Project

The HealthCare Access Project Coordinator provides advice and assistance from application through the appeal process for MassHealth, Commonwealth Care, The Children’s Medical Security Plan and the Health Safety Net benefits. The HealthCare Access Project is funded in part by a grant from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation and the MetroWest Community Health Care Foundation.

– Housing

SMLS' housing work focuses on protecting low–income families from losing their affordable housing or their homes. Housing attorneys represent approximately 660 housing clients each year. In the SMLS service area, approximately 2,100 families and/or individuals face eviction and of that number 80% – 85% are unrepresented (70% of those people are low–income). Due to limited resources, we focus our eviction defense on tenants with subsidies, since these are so difficult to obtain. Loss of a subsidy generally results in a family becoming homeless.

Housing attorneys also represent applicants in appeal hearings who have been denied admission into subsidized housing programs, and homeowners facing foreclosure. Representation may include negotiations with lenders, bankruptcy actions, and suits against the lenders for predatory lending violations.

– Homeless Advocacy Project

The Homeless Advocacy Project (HAP) focuses its efforts on the homeless of MetroWest to help them obtain permanent, sustainable housing or generate income to sustain permanent housing. Due to the vulnerable nature of this population, an attorney will utilize a holistic legal approach to serve individuals and families facing a myriad of civil legal issues. The HAP attorney helps with the following issues:

Subsidized Housing Eligibility
Credit and CORI issues
SSI/SSDI Eligibility
Bankruptcies
Child Support Modifications
The attorney also provides regular outreach and access to the area's homeless shelters and acts as a reference to the network of homelessness agencies in the region.

Pro se Housing Clinic

SMLS offers weekly pro se housing clinics for tenants living in our service area, who are facing eviction. At each clinic, a housing attorney outlines the eviction process, discusses relevant defenses, and explains what to expect at the court appearance. The housing attorney also distributes court forms and helps tenants to complete them.

For further Legal Information visit Massachusetts Legal Services and for other related sites click here.

– Elder Law

Through its Senior Citizen's Legal Project, SMLS provides services to individuals over 60 living in our service area. The advocates help clients with the following:

Housing – Landlord and Tenant issues, primarily eviction cases involving public, subsidized or private housing and foreclosures.
Durable Powers of Attorney, Health Care Proxies, and Defense of Guardianships and Conservatorships.
Nursing Home Issues – Including transfer and discharge, conditions, and evictions.
Benefits – Social Security, SSI, Unemployment, Medicaid, Medicare, and the Department of Transitional Assistance benefits.
Domestic Relations – Including restraining orders, divorces, modification of divorce agreements, and contempt actions.
Bankruptcies.
Community Legal Education – Attorneys provide presentations to senior groups on legal topics of particular interest to elders.

For further Legal Information visit Massachusetts Legal Services and for other related sites click here.

– Special Education

SMLS assists students and parents in their special education cases, addressing an unmet community health need. Special needs children have medical, physical, or mental health conditions which interfere with their ability to participate fully in school. In order to succeed in an academic setting, they require specifically targeted assistance, such as physical or occupational therapy, counseling, medication, accommodations for a physical handicap or adjustments for neurological deficits. By working with families, school personnel, experts and treatment providers, the Project Attorney works to ensure that children's needs are correctly identified and that appropriate services are developed and delivered. Low–income and minority children are more likely to receive inadequate services. The Project addresses these existing inequities and thus, we hope, creates lasting and positive change for children with special needs.

For further Legal Information visit Massachusetts Legal Services and for other related sites click here.

Funding Sources for SMLS

Acton–Boxborough United Way
BayPath Elder Services, Inc.
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation
Boston Bar Foundation
Concord–Carlisle Community Chest
HESSCO Elder Services, Inc.
Massachusetts Bar Foundation
Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation (MLAC)
Maynard Community Chest
MetroWest Community Health Care Foundation
The 200 Foundation, Inc.
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
United Way of Tri–County
Wellesley Hills Junior Woman's Club

Communities Served by SMLS

Our office is located at 354 Waverly Street in Framingham, MA.
We serve clients who reside in the following communities:

Acton Dover Lincoln Norfolk Sudbury
Ashland Foxborough Marlborough Northborough* Walpole
Bedford Framingham Maynard Norwood Wayland
Bellingham Franklin Medfield Plainville Wellesley
Canton* Holliston Medway Sharon Westborough*
Carlisle Hopkinton Millis Sherborn Weston
Concord Hudson Natick Southborough* Westwood
Dedham Lexington Needham Stow Wrentham

*For Elders Only

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, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Housing, Long Term Care Residents (Seniors/Elders); Advocacy, Legislation Support; Advocacy, Medical, Patient Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/ Immigrant, Legal Services; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Advocacy, Special Needs Folks; Advocacy, Special Needs Folks, Seniors/Elders; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Information & Referral (For Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Legal Information & Resource Referrals (For Elders/Seniors); Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Legal, Attorney, Pro Bono Attorney, Volunteer; Legal, Services, Volunteer; Services, Domestic Violence Intervention Services; Services, Family, Parent, Non-custodial Parent, Services in Support of; Services, Immigration, Refugee Resettlement (See also "Assistance"); Services, Legal Assistance; Services, Legal Assistance (For Low-Income Families); Services, Legal, Notary Service (FREE)
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Government, US Deptartment of Housing & Urban Development (HUD); Government, US/State Dept. of Health & Human Services (DHHS); United Way
Updated Nov 19, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3497

Metrowest Worker Center [Canasta Solidaria] Legal Aid to recover wage theft]

Walk-in Resource · Open

Framingham, MA
Web www.mwc-casa.org
Service Temporary

Fighting Wage Theft
Wage theft is rampant in industries with low-wage immigrant workers. Although The Fair Labor Division of the Office of the Attorney General in Massachusetts processes thousands of wage theft cases annually, the A.G. herself confirms that the office is overwhelmed and relies on worker centers like MWC-Casa to help prioritize cases and provide support. Wage theft is exacerbated by companies who utilize law-breaking sub-contractors in low-wage industries like landscaping, construction, cleaning, and restaurants. These employers avoid legal responsibility for wage theft by hiding behind the subcontractors who have the formal legal responsibility but against whom workers are unable to collect.

[also MUTUAL AID]

In response to the Coronavirus Pandemic, we have begun Canasta Solidaria (Solidarity Basket).
Throughout the summer, we gave culturally appropriate groceries to over 500 families in Framingham & Milford. During early fall, we've taken a break to find a new location and more funding. Canasta restarted in Milford on October 24th and will restart in Framingham on November 21st.
We estimate that this will cost about $10,000 every time we distribute. With your support, we can make that happen! Thank you to all who have already donated. There are two ways to donate:

Donate on our Fundrazr page
Send a check to Metrowest Worker Center with "Canasta" in the memo line; PO Box 409, Framingham, MA 01704

If you or someone you know is in need, please call us at 508-848-0560 and leave your name & telephone number and we'll be sure to call you back. Or email us at casa @ mwc-casa.org.

Services offered: Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Worker Rights; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Services, Legal Assistance
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Legal Aid Society; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Mar 28, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10399

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

First Congregational Church / Gardner CAC – Fellowship Table (free meals)

Walk–in Resource · Open

28 Green St., Gardner, MA 01440

Phone 978–632–8700
Service Temporary

Meals served: Thursdays at 4:30 PM.
Open September thru June –Closed in July/August

Source: http://www.foodbank.org/PDF/agencylist.pdf Dated October 2012.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Hungry; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Meals, Soup Kitchen; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Dinner

Updated Oct 23, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9384

Food Pantries, Gardner

Walk–in Resource · Open

various, see notes, Gardner, MA

Service Temporary

Gardner Community Action Committee
294 Pleasant Street, 2nd Floor, Gardner 01440
978–632–8700
Distribution: Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 12 PM; Tuesday, 1 to 4 PM.

Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center, Inc.
268 Central Street, Gardner 01440
978–632–9601
Distribution: Monday through Friday, 10 to 11:30 AM & 1 PM to 4:30 PM.

Saint Vincent De Paul Society – Sacred Heart Church
166 Cross Street, Gardner 01440
978–632–0237
Distribution: Weekdays 10 AM to 5 PM. Please call to make an appointment.

Source: http://www.foodbank.org/PDF/agencylist.pdf

Services offered: Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Facility: Food, Emergency Food Center; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public)

Updated Oct 23, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9395

Nu Cafe (responsible food/business)

Open Business* · Open

Gardner, MA

Web www.nucafe.com
Service Temporary

Services offered: Jobs, Paying; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism

Updated Dec 21, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9846

Action, Inc. (The) Emergency Homeless Shelter

Shelter · Open

Non–Profit – Community
370 Main Street, Gloucester, MA

Phone (978) 283–4125
Web actioninc.org/shelter.html
Hours 5 p.m. to 8 a.m., seven days per week, 365 days per year.

Ralph Johnson, Shelter Director
978–283–4125 (after 5 p.m.)
978–282–1000 (from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

As this is an emergency shelter prospective guests are requested to arrive at 370 Main Street at 5 p.m. to be assured of a bed.

Highlights:

– bed and a hot meal on a nightly basis
– breakfast and bag lunch prior to leaving the shelter
– on–site mental health and substance abuse counseling
– medical referrals
– housing advocacy and search
– job counseling and referrals

– employment and training assistance
– benefits and medical insurance counseling
– advocacy, income maintenance and crisis counseling
– a safe facility with a caring staff

This program is generously supported by grants from:
– The City of Gloucester Community Development Block Grant
– MA Department of Transitional Assistance
– The McCarthy Family Foundation

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals, Employment & Job Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Medical Resources Referral; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Counseling, Emotional; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Facilities: Shower Facilities * (ANY/ALL Types); Fence Repair, Volunteer; Financial Assistance, Case Management for Financial Matters; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Health Information/Resource Hotline; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, For Homeless Residents; Meals, Hot Meals; Meals, Lunches (Bag); Mental Health Services; 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 Shelter; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training, Services, Employment /JobTraining
Updated Jun 11, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1526

NeedyMeds

Info/Hotline · Open

Non–Profit Prescription/Medical Assistance/Resources
120 Western Ave., Gloucester, MA 01931

Phone	No phone helpline at this time – All info available on the website
Web	www.needymeds.com
Checks payable to	NeedyMeds, Inc

NeedyMeds is a 501(3)(c) non–profit with the mission of helping people who cannot afford medicine or healthcare costs. The information at NeedyMeds is available anonymously and free of charge.

Resources for Advocates
NeedyMeds is a resource for advocates as well as individuals who are seeking help. We continue to develop services and products for those people who help others find assistance.

Program Information:

http://www.needymeds.com/indices/programinfo.tml

If your program helps people who are struggling to pay expenses related to their health care, we may be able to work together. We are glad to list programs that are free or very low–cost and provide financial assistance, assist with the purchase of health–related goods or medicine, or provide some form of medical care.

These are our main categories of assistance information:

Patient Assistance Programs: low–cost or free medicine to low–income individuals provided by the drug companies.

Help with Paperwork: programs that help people find and apply for patient assistance programs.

Disease–Based Assistance: programs that assist with costs that are related to a particular disease or condition.

State Programs: health related programs that are administered by the state.

We will soon be adding information on Free Clinics.

Contacts at NeedyMeds:

info@needymeds.com

Sophi Hopkins, Director of Research
Contact for corrections or additions to any program
sophi@needymeds.com

Roberta Downey, Director of Program Outreach
Contract for information about and demonstrations of PAPRxTracker
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Rich Sagall, MD, President
Contact with media inquires and for business development opportunities
rich@needymeds.com

Vikki Sloviter, Editor of Patient Advocate News
Contact with story ideas and suggestions for the newsletter
vikki@needymeds.com

Dean Mckeown, Office Coordinator
Contact for general questions
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Rosella Park–Sagall, Volunteer Coordinator
Contact for information on the Volunteer Project
rosella@needymeds.com

Services offered: Advocacy, Disabled/Handicapped; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Medical Resources Referral; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Financial Assistance, Medical, Prescription Assistance; Financial Assistance, Medical, Prescription Assistance (For Seniors/Elders/Disabled); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Sep 1, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1770

Who Decides (local control of natural resources)

Info/Hotline · Open

Based in Gloucester, but addressing regional needs., Gloucester, MA
Web whodecides.net/Home_Page.php
Service Temporary

These are organizers, activists, successful in passing legislation at the local and state level.

Services offered: Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, International Policy; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Voters Advocacy; Advocay, Disaster, Survivors of Disaster; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Community Outreach Programs; Community Outreach Programs, Rural; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Community Service Program; Demographic Served: Environmental Disaster, Populations Affected by; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Documentation, Environmental Education; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Hotline, Environmental Emergency Reporting; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Government; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; Information Resource, Watchdog, Transparency & Accountability; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Training, Activism; Training, Government Policy; Training Government, Training on How it Works; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: Democracy School / CELDF (Human/Nature Rights Legal Training); Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Nature Conservancy; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated May 28, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8967

Potter Hill Farm

Walk–in Resource · Open

Grafton, MA
Web potterhillfarm.com/about
Service Temporary

from the website:

About

Our goal at Potter Hill Farm is to create a robust agricultural ecosystem in which to raise nutritious vegetables and livestock in a manner that builds the fertility of the soil, adds vitality to the local community, and beautifies the landscape.

At Potter Hill, we have a 2–acre market garden in which we grow a mix of heirloom vegetables, flowers, and cover crops. We have a small herd of beef cattle, which we graze intensively over 25 acres of hillside pasture. We also raise pigs at the farm. They help us turn the compost pile while also consuming waste from the garden in addition to organic and non–GMO grain. While we are not certified organic, we do not use any synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, antibiotics, or hormones.

Services offered: Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Seeds, Heirloom vegetables
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Seed Bank / Seed Exchange / Seed Library / Seed Preservation
Updated Jan 21, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10147

Berkshire Co-Op Market (NOT FREE)

Open Business* · Open

Great Barrington, MA
Web www.berkshire.coop
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9790

Gaia Hosting Services (internet/web hosting) (NOT FREE) worker-owned cooperative

Open Business* · Open

Greenfield, MA
Web www.gaiahost.coop
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9814

GreenFields Market (NOT FREE co-operatively run)

Open Business* · Open

Greenfield, MA
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9764

Acord Pantry

Walk-in Resource · Open

Faith-based Non-Profit
P.O. Box 2203; 69 Willow St., Hamilton, MA 01982
Phone 978-468-7424
Web www.acordfoodpantry.org/index.htm
Hours Wed. 10-12, Sat. 9-12
Serves Effective 8/1/07: Hamilton, Wenham, Topsfield, Ipswich, Essex & Manchester Counties
Checks payable to Go to: http://www.acordfoodpantry.org/donate.htm

In 1991, Joe and Barbara Younger felt the need to help the less fortunate and went to Plowshares in Topsfield to help its food pantry. When told the pantry was closing, they went looking for a new place.

At the same time, the Missions Committee from the Hamilton First United Methodist Church felt the calling to start a local food pantry. The Committee joined Plowshares activists Bruce Menon, Maureen Deery, Jim Kiernan and Joe and Barbara Younger.

Thanks to the generosity of Phil Hansbury, Hamilton resident and local businessman, Acord pantry found a home at 69 Willow Street. The name Acord comes from the old testament of the Bible (Eccl. 4:9-12), a story showing how more things can be accomplished when many people join together to help.

Town leaders were very helpful and assisted in the process of completing the necessary paperwork to establish Acord as a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit to serve the needy in Hamilton, Wenham and surrounding communities.

Today, hundreds of people have volunteered to assist at the pantry. Acord has been supported by many generous contributions of food and money from area communties and residents. This effort by the people of our towns shows just what can be accomplished when many come together and work for the good of all.

Our mission is to help the needy in our area by creating a warm and welcoming place to obtain food assistance. No one in need is turned away, and we continue to strive to find ways to expand and improve our delivery of service.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Nov 13, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1021

Thayer Family Farm

Open Business* · Open

Harvard, MA
Web www.facebook.com/ThayerFamilyFarm
Service Temporary

Living wage, closes gender wage gap [pays women more], no pesticides [working toward organic certification], uses local compost from schools

Services offered: Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 26, 2019 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10138

Food Bank of Western Massachusetts

Warehouse · Open

Food Bank
97 North Hatfield Road, Hatfield, MA 01038
Phone 413–247–9738
Web www.foodbankwma.org

The mission of The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts is to work with our community to reduce hunger and increase food security.

Executive Director: Andrew Morehouse
Email: andrewm@secondharvest.org
Web Site: www.foodbankwma.org
Media Contact: Megan Pete
Title: Director of Development
Phone: 413–247–9738 x117
Email: meganp@foodbankwma.org

Community Supported Agriculture farms (CSAs) are supported by members who buy a share in the farm and receive fresh, organic produce throughout the season. The Food Bank Farm is one of the largest and most efficient CSAs in the country and the first with the primary mission of helping to feed those in need.

The Harvest Season

Each week, from June through October, shareholders bring home a bounty of freshly picked organic produce. From gourmet salad greens and heirloom tomatoes to our delicious carrots, squash and sweet red peppers, the farm raises more than 250 varieties of vegetables, flowers and herbs.

Uncompromised Quality
At the Food Bank Farm, we harvest your vegetables the same day you pick them up. We select all of our varieties for superior flavor, rather than how they look. Supermarket varieties are chosen for their uniformity and ability to be shipped long distance, using millions of gallons of gasoline. This is not only destructive to our environment, it also compromises the nutritional value and flavor of your food. Join the Food Bank Farm and eat tomatoes and melons grown solely for taste – you will notice the difference.

Beyond the Season
In both November and December you will receive a month's supply of storage crops. These will include carrots, beets, winter squash, cabbage, leeks, rutabagas, and more.

U–Pick Vegetables
There are some crops that you can U–Pick. These vary from year to year but will always include: Green beans, strawberries, sugar snap peas, more than 20 types of herbs (including 3 kinds of basil!), plum and cherry tomatoes. U–pick is generally unlimited; you take what you need. Some years, when a crop performs poorly, we impose limits on one or two crops.

U–pick Flowers
We also offer unlimited U–pick on our "Acre of Flowers". We raise a spectacular assortment of more than 50 different flower varieties. This is by far one of the most popular spots on the farm. One of the farmers' favorite things to do is watch members quietly cutting their bouquets against the backdrop of Holyoke Range; we know they will bring the farm's beauty back home.

The bounty will be picked, washed and ready for you to collect at your weekly pick up. There is no work requirement on your part. Of course, the farmers love it when members show up to lend a hand and you are invited to do so anytime.

Other Local Products
In addition to the produce included in your membership, the farm also makes available a wide assortment of fresh local products: organic sour dough bread baked in a brick oven, local and organic eggs, tofu, goat cheese, tempeh, miso, our own dressings, granola, tasty baked goods, organic and low spray fruit, naturally raised beef, lamb and chicken, fresh pasta, and biodegradable detergents. We even sell a soap which is made locally by bicycle powered equipment!

The Food Bank Farm is about building community. On your weekly pick–up you will see where your food comes from and meet the folks who grow it. You will experience the harmony of the seasons. The farm is a great place to bring kids, meet your neighbors, and celebrate a way of farming that nurtures the land that supports us all.

At the same time you enjoy your bounty, your membership helps the farm raise healthy organic produce for the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. Over the last five years, the farm has produced more than 900,000 pounds of food for the Food Bank and its member agencies. Share the Harvest!

A Farm Share feeds a family of 3–5 and is $460 for the season. A Farm Share Plus feeds 5–7 and costs $615. According to an independent study, a share costs less than half of what you would pay for the same amount of organic produce in a supermarket.

Call (413) 582–0013
For general farm questions, e–mail foodbankfarm@yahoo.com
For membership and billing questions, e–mail foodbankfarmmembers@yahoo.com

Other Services:

Finding the Help You Need
For information about food assistance, heating oil, housing, health care, and much more, call one of the following numbers:

First Call for Help (Franklin County) 413–774–2318
First Call for Help (Hampshire County) 413–582–4237 or 1–800–339–7779
Help Line (Hampden County, Granby, S. Hadley) 413–737–2712
Food Stamps
Find out if you qualify for food stamps at www.gettingfoodstamps.org. This Web site provides a confidential calculator that will allow you to determine your eligibility and estimate your benefit and offers information and support to help you complete the application process successfully.

Food Stamp Benefits
Families, individuals and elders who meet income rules can get food stamp benefits. Food stamp benefits help buy nutritious food. Food stamp benefits can give you extra money for other things you need, like prescription medicines, fuel for your home or dependent care.

There are several ways to apply for food stamp benefits.

To get more information about food stamp benefits and to get an application, call the Department of Transitional Assistance at (866) 950–FOOD. You may also get information about the Food Stamp Program by visiting the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dta.

Women, Infants & Children (WIC)
WIC is a nutrition program that provides nutrition and health education, healthy food and other services free of charge to Massachusetts families who qualify. The general phone number for WIC is 1–800–WIC–1007, (1–800–942–1007). The website for WIC is http://www.mass.gov/wic. You may also contact your local WIC office:

Berkshire County North (413) 445–9429
Berkshire County South (413) 528–0457
Franklin County/North Quabbin (413) 376–1160
Hampshire County (413) 584–3591
Holyoke/Chicopee (413) 534–2460
Springfield North (413) 737–8868
Springfield South (413) 693–1029

Services offered: Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Agriculture School, Plant Stock; Assistance, How to, File Food Stamp Application; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Facilities: Farm ("available" = this site is a farm); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Food Bank ONLY (No Walk–In Service); Food Distribution, Food Bank (This Site Supplies Food Pantries/Agencies); Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Hotline, Food Bank/Pantry Hotline (Find Emergency Food Help); Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Jobs, Paying; Meals, Brown Bag Program (for Seniors/Elders/Disabled); Recycling, Food; Services, Employment, Internship Program; Services, Women's Services
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)
Updated Oct 17, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1560

Emmaus Supportive Housing [homeless shelter/permanent housing]

Shelter · Open

Haverhill, MA
Web emmausinc.org/what–we–do
Service Temporary

Emmaus programs span emergency shelters, affordable housing, homelessness prevention and housing stabilization services, and education and job training, as well as community outreach. Below is a summary of our programs and facilities. If you are in need of emergency shelter, housing services, or other help, please see Find Help.
Programs for Families & Individuals

Emmaus Family House–Emergency shelter for up to 54 families nightly in a congregate setting and shared units at 115 Emerson and 120 How Street and Columbia Park
Mitch's Place–Overnight emergency shelter for up to 44 guests

Permanent Affordable Housing for Families & Individuals

Emmaus Supportive Housing for Families: 26 affordable units with case management and housing placement services
118 How Street—(1 unit)
Columbia Park—(17 units)

Orchard Street—(4 units)
Primrose Street—(2 units)
2–4 Rainbow Drive—(2 units)

Permanent Affordable Housing for Individuals
Emerson Street—(13 units)
Evergreen Place—(21 units)
Jericho House Safe Haven—(15 units)
100 Winter Street—(13 units)
105 Winter Street—(6 units)

Services for Homeless Families & Individuals

Housing Stabilization Services—Helps homeless and at–risk households find and maintain affordable housing
D'Youville Center for Social Justice—Community engagement, advocacy, donation center, D'Youville Empowerment Program, and Emmaus Explorers
Emmaus Food and Donation Distribution Center—Distributes food and toiletries to residents of Emmaus housing programs

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Disabled, Accessible Housing Referrals for Disabled; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Referrals (For Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Short–Term Housing Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Shelter Referrals, Youth Focused; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Affordable Housing Builder, Gov't Sponsored; Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Subsidized/Low–Income Housing; New "business models", housing; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Shelter, Emergency Shelter, Special Needs ; Shelter, Emergency Shelter, Youth Focused
Updated Sep 15, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10346

Ruth's House

Walk–in Resource · Open

Haverhill, MA

Phone 978–521–5575
Contact Director
Email ruthshouse @ verizon . net
Web www.ruthshouse.org/common/index.php?com=RPEF&div=AA&nav=AA&page=A02
Service Temporary

From the website:

We are 100% dependent upon donations, grants and store sales. The monies that are earned at Ruth's House are used to pay our rent, utilities, salaries and because the law requires that socks and underwear must be new, we purchase socks and underwear.

We accept and can use most items.

However, we do not accept:
Large Appliances, Air conditioners, Computers, VCR's, Televisions, Exercise Equipment, Sporting Goods, Infant and Toddler Car Seats, Sleeper Sofas, Mattresses and Box Springs

Donations may be dropped off at the in our Receiving Area at the Garage Entrance at the

Rear of the Store. NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

Thursday: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM to 12:00 pm

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http://www.eagletribune.com/haverhill/x1876422317/Haverhill–thrift–shop–seeks–clothing–donations?keyword=topstory

March 3, 2008
Haverhill thrift shop seeks clothing donations

Anonymous The Eagle Tribune Mon Mar 03, 2008, 06:05 AM EST

Ruth's House, a nonprofit, nondenominational thrift store at 26–30 Lafayette Square, needs donations of spring and summer clothes for people of all ages.

Ruth's House is also accepting donations of blankets, sheets, towels, dishes, and pots and pans. It also has a need for volunteers who are willing to give their time.

All donations are tax deductible. Donors will be issued receipts for their gifts. Donations may be dropped off during store hours: Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The shop is closed Sundays and Mondays. More information is available by calling 978–521–5575.

Services offered: Clothing, Consignment Shop ($ NOT FREE); Thrift Store
Updated Aug 2, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8756

Somebody Cares New England (SCNE)

Info/Hotline · Open

Mailing Address:: PO Box 5032, Haverhill, MA 01835; OFFICE:; 129 Winter Street, Haverhill, MA 01830

Phone 978 912 7626
Web www.somebodycaresne.org
Service Temporary

SERVICES –
AHEPA Outreach: Every Thursday we reach out to the elderly, offering light housekeeping, and assisting women with manicures, make–up and hair care. We also spending time just visiting! Being a friend! And offering prayer.
Location: 40 Buttonwoods Ave. Haverhill, MA

Washington Sq. Outreach: Once a month we provide dinner to the elderly/financially distressed residents at a local housing complex. Location: 25 Washington Sq. Haverhill, MA

Food Pantry: The last Thursday of every month we open the food pantry to any Haverhill resident in need. Location: 125 Winter St. Haverhill, MA 4pm–5pm

Cafe Outreach: Every Saturday we serve the homeless and financially distressed breakfast & lunch. We also show a movie and have board games & card games available. Location: 125 Winter St., Haverhill, MA 7am–12pm

Monday Holidays: We provide day shelter and meals at the Community Action Drop–in Center for all State and National holidays. Location: 16 Ashland St., Haverhill, MA 8am–12pm (extended hours during bad weather)

Christmas, Thanksgiving & New Year's Outreach: We provide breakfast, lunch, give–a–ways, games and a movie. Location: 232 Main St. Haverhill, MA (Brookridge Community Church) 7am–4pm

Summer Block Party: During the month of August we host a huge Block Party, open to all! We provide lunch, music, bouncy room face painting, pony rides and massive product give–a–way. Location: GAR Park Haverhill, MA 11am–2pm Next year's date TBD.

Emergency Relief: For those who are in emergency situations, as our resources allow, we offer groceries, clothing, blankets, socks and personal care items.

Volunteer Opportunities

2010 HAITI
Somebody Cares New England is collecting donations to help support the relief effort in Haiti. All donations will go towards Somebody Cares America who currently has a team already on the ground in Haiti working to help those living in unimaginable conditions.

CURRENT NEEDS:
http://www.somebodycares.org/pages.asp?pageid=84377
HOLIDAY 2010
The Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays are quickly approaching. We receive many requests for assistance from families in need during this season. In order to meet the needs around the country, which are tremendous this year, we are collecting items

To donate gifts in kind, gift cards or funds for outreaches in Haverhill please contact Marlene at office @somebodycaresne.org.

FACEBO –
http://www.facebook.com/pages/Somebody–Cares/93822313904

Services offered: Demographic Served: Homeless; Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Food Distribution, Holiday, Food Boxes/Basket, Misc.; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Senior/Elderly Services
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Massachusetts Flooding; 2010 New England Flooding
Updated Oct 5, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6504

Mary–Martha Learning Center

Shelter · Open

1045 Main St., Hingham, MA

Residential educational program for homeless women and young children. 20 beds.
Updated Apr 19, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1046

Big Brother Big Sister Foundation

Warehouse · Open

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

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

Bill Cifrino, Operations Manager
wcifrino @ bbbsfoundation . org

General office questions:
Karen Gray, Office Manager
kgray @ bbbsfoundation . org

Questions or issue with your pick–up:
Dispatch
dispatch @ bbbsfoundation . org

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

Find a drop box:

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

Location Name Address City State Zip Type Comments Map
Abington 400 Bedford Street Abington MA 02351 BIN Lowes Parking Lot
Allston 60 Everett Street Allston MA 02134 DONATION STATION Stop and Shop M–F 7am–7pm, S–S 10am–5pm
Attleboro 34 Perry ave. Attleboro MA 02703 BIN Stop and Shop parking lot
Berlin Jones Road Berlin MA 01503 BIN Transfer Station
Brockton 135 West Gate Drive Brockton MA 02301 BIN Lowes parking lot
Brockton Oak Hill Way Brockton MA 02301 BIN Recycling Center
Burlington 26 Beacon St Burlington MA 01803 BIN Beacon Village Apts.
Cohasset 823 Chief Justice Cushing Highway Cohasset MA 02025 BIN Aubuchon Hardware on Rt. 3A
Dartmouth 25 Faunce Corner Rd Dartmouth MA 02747 DONATION STATION Stop and Shop Parking lot
Duxbury Mayflower St Duxbury MA 02332 BIN Duxbury Transfer Station open Wed– Sun 8am – 4pm
East Bridgewater Bridge St. East Bridgewater MA 02333 BIN Recycling Center Every Other Saturday
Fall River 333 Mariano Bishop Blvd Fall River MA 02721 DONATION STATION Stop and Shop Parking Lot
Foxboro 141 Main Street Foxboro MA 02035 BIN Stop and Shop
Framingham Weld Street Framingham MA 01702 BIN Property Center Estates
Franklin Old West Central Franklin MA 02038 BIN Franklin Crossing Condos
Holbrook 5 Mear Road Holbrook MA 02343 BIN BBBS Foundation off rt. 139
Holliston 589 Concord St Holliston MA 01746 BIN Sterling Services, Route 126
Kingston 32 William C Gould Way Kingston MA 02364 BIN Lowes parking lot
Mansfield 377 Chauncy Street Mansfield MA 02048 DONATION STATION Stop and Shop parking lot
Medford 85 George P Hassett Dr. Medford MA 02155 BIN Medford Town Hall
Norfolk 33 medway Branch norfolk MA 02056 BIN Norfolk Transfer Station Open Wed, Fri, and Sat
North Attleboro 1360 South Washington Street North Attleboro MA 02703 BIN Lowes parking lot
Norton 33 West Main St. Norton MA 02766 BIN Aubuchon Hardware
Norwood 14 Hill St. Norwood MA 02062 BIN Norwood Depot Train Station
Pembroke 158 Hobomock St. pembroke MA 02359 BIN Pembroke Transfer Station open Wed, Sat, and Sun
Pembroke 108 Old Church Street Pembroke MA 02359 BIN Lowes Parking Lot
Quincy 65 Newport Avenue Quincy MA 02170 DONATION STATION Stop and Shop Parking Lot
Rehoboth Transfer Station Intersection of Plain St and Martin St. Rehoboth MA 02769 BIN Open Tues 4pm–7pm & Sat 8am–4pm
Salem NH 5 Delaware Dr Salem NH 03079 BIN BBBS NH Warehouse
Somerville 1244 Broadway Somerville MA 02144 BIN Kirklands parking lot, in rear
South Boston 566 Dorchester Ave Boston MA 02127 BIN Tedeschis Parking Lot
Watertown 700 Pleasant Street Watertown MA 02472 DONATION STATION Stop and Shop Parking Lot
Weston 199 Church St weston MA 02493 BIN Weston Transfer Station open Tues Wed Fri and Sat
Weymouth 729 Bridge St. Weymouth MA 02188 BIN Lowes Parking Lot, harborlight mall
weymouth 2 winter st Weymouth MA 02188 BIN Dependable Cleaners Parking Lot
Woburn 2 Elm Street Woburn MA 01801 DONATION STATION Stop and Shop parking lot

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

Mission E4 – 2010 Haiti Earthquake

Info/Hotline · Open

School/Orphanages/Shelter

MAIL ADDR: 39 Burnshirt Rd., Suite N, Hubbardston, MA 01452

Phone 978–820–1190
Web www.missione4.com
Service Temporary

VOLUNTEER IN HAITI:

If you wish to support the work or Mission E4 overseas, or would like to take a mission trip with us, contact us today at missione4 @yahoo.com or call us at (978)820–1190.

Since the earthquake on January 12, we have doubled the number of children we are now caring for. In addition to schooling, we provide daily meals and medical care for 800 children. Please consider sponsoring a child today. Only $30 a month can save a child's life – Truly!

2/17: not collecting clothes right now. Maybe in May.

HAITI –

– Oversight of 3 Churches
– 2 Christian Schools - Providing Free Education, Meals & Medical Care
– Orphanage - currently with 13 girls
– Medical Clinic - Opening in January 2010
– Marriage Ministries
– Pastoral Connection and Training for over 60 church leaders

See CAT FACILITY Haiti record for Mission E4/Bon Samaritan Orphanage at:
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5292

Mission E4 - Disaster Response Plan

Our three school properties and a new partner (Mission of Hope) will become immediate relocation camps; providing shelter, food, water, sanitation and security for 1,100 people

** Leogane: Orphanage, Clinic, Shelter for 150 people
** Lacquil: Food and Tool Storage, Shelter for 200 people
** Fauche: Water Source, and Shelter for 350 people
** Grand Goave: Water Source, and Shelter for 400 people

Case files will be opened on each of our 800 school children and their families.

After securing those that need immediate assistance we will begin the process of rebuilding and relocating families back to their properties

What is the Mission E4 disaster response plan going to consist of?
We will have teams in Haiti every month during 2010
Construction – 55%
Medical - 20%
Pastoral - 20%
Support Staff - 5%

Will have 100 Haitian people employed as of mid March
In addition to the work performed this will stimulate the local economy
Our clinic will function 6 days each week from here on out.
Complete our three refugee camps with additional toilets, bathing facilities, transitional housing, more complete security, food and water source
Coordinating efforts with 60 local organizations to bring aid to 25,000 individuals throughout the Leogane area

Thursday, February 2nd, 11:15am

To continue to receive updates from the ground in Haiti please follow Scott Long on Twitter. His twitter name is Scott_Lng.

http://twitter.com/Scott_Lng

Sunday, January 17th, 2:00pm

All of our team members have been reunited with their families, and our plan is underway for delivering relief aid to the families of Haiti. Please donate to our Haiti Disaster Relief Fund, and check back with us soon for other ways you can serve the people of Haiti (or call us at 978–820–1190). Thanks for your desire to help.

Why Mission E4?

Our team has ten years of experience on the ground in Haiti; understanding culture, language, and Haitian law.

With our network of over 100 Haitian pastors and church leaders we are able to truly work at rebuilding a community and not just buildings.
We will be focusing on the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of Haiti.
Our disaster response plan includes employing hundreds of Haitian workers and therefore has within the plan thought of ongoing economy and infrastructure.

SPONSOR A CHILD PROGRAM –

The following children are available for sponsorship. For only $30 per month you will provide your child with:

Free education through the sixth grade
Material for a new school uniform each year
A hot meal Monday – Friday all year
Three new school books each grade
Bible classes throughout the school year
Vacation Bible school the entire summer
Construction of a new and better school

No date listed – (CALL TO CONFIRM CURRENT NEEDS/DONATION COLLECTION ADDRESS)
http://www.missione4.com/NewImmediateNeedsList.htm

Immediate Needs for Haiti –

Tents – Durable/Water Proof/Family Size
Battery Powered Lanterns
Toothpaste and Tooth Brushes
Soap
Light Blankets
Work Gloves
Nylon
Rope
Masonry Tools (trowels, small mallets, rolls of string)
Rice (32oz bags or bigger)
Beans (Black, Pinto, and Kidney – 32oz bags or greater)
Extension Cords
Batteries (AA, AAA, C, and D)

Items for Future Container –

Generators (Large and Small)
Power Saws and Drills
Reciprocating Saw
Arc Welders
Shovels, spades, and pick axes
Pry Bars
Sledge Hammers
Nails and Dry wall screws varying lengths
5 Gallon Buckets
Extension Cords
Inverter and Solar Systems
Tin Roofing Material
Wood (plywood, 2x4, 2x6, 1x4)
Pick up truck and/or flat bed dump truck50–100lb
sacks of rice
Tomato Paste
Vegetable oil

Medical Supplies –

1% Lidocaine with epinephrine
Betadine
Betadine Sponge Sticks
Antibiotics(Child and Adult)
Pain Medicines(Child and Adult)
Scabies Medication
Malaria Medication – Tablets for adults
Worm medication
Tongue Blades
Otoscopes

C Batteries
KY Jelly

Services offered: Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Facility: Orphanage; First Responder, Carribean Region; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); School, Mission School; School, School For Orphaned Children; Services, Church/Worship Services; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Refugee Camp; Sponsorship Program, Children (Education/Health Care/Food, etc.); Volunteer Opportunities, International; Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Water, Potable Water
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Haiti Earthquake, Orphanages/Childrens Homes; International Aid
Updated Apr 4, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5295

Fresh Start, Furniture Bank [free sharing]

Warehouse · Open

Hudson, MA

Web www.freshstartfurniturebank.org
Service Temporary

Fresh Start is located at 16 Brent Drive in Hudson.

Fresh Start Furniture Bank is a volunteer based charity which provides free furniture and home goods to people in need. All of the items that we distribute have been donated.

In 2018 we expect to furnish ~660 households (1,770 people) with ~18,000 items at about $100/household!

Mission:
Fresh Start Furniture Bank helps restore hope, dignity, and stability in our community by recycling donated furniture and housewares, for free, to people in need. Our secondary goal is to keep these items out of the waste stream.

Who we serve:
The people served by Fresh Start have at least one thing in common — they need help during a difficult time.

Fresh Start's customers are individuals and families in transition who need help to rebuild their lives. They include:

Women and children escaping abusive domestic situations
People coming out of shelters or halfway houses
Individuals and families in recovery from physical and mental illness
Veterans
Victims of fires, floods or hurricanes
Refugees and recent immigrants to the U.S.
The working poor

What we do:

Fresh Start collects donations of furniture and home goods from the public and distributes them, for free, to people in need. In order to receive furniture people must obtain a referral from a social service agency. They then have 30 days to come in and select their items. We stock just about everything to furnish a household. They may place the items on hold for up to 1 week while they arrange transportation for the items.

Some Statistics:
Agencies Families Helped Items Distributed
2014 75 180 2,435
2015 140 257 4,115
2016 196 328 8,244
2017 265 439 15,184
2018 (est) 320 600 19,000
2019 (est)
380 770 24,000

Budget:

Our 2019 budget, our budget is quite simple: We have a $120K budget which basically consists of $80K for rent, $21K part time employee, $5K to run our truck and $14K for other expenses such as insurance, dumpster, Internet, utilities, etc. Due to this tight fiscal management, we can furnish an entire household for about $150. Think about that...

Obtaining a Referral

If you need furniture or household goods, you must go to one of the following agencies and have them submit an on–line referral.
https://www.freshstartfurniturebank.org/agency_map.php
You may only receive 1 referral over your life–time. This referral is valid for 30 days.
You will have a maximum of 3 visits to select your items.
We stock sofas, upholstered chairs, dressers, beds, night stands/end tables, kitchen tables & chairs, cabinets, shelves, pots, pans, dishes, linens, small appliances and many other items.

We do not stock mattresses, TVs or large appliances.
If we have an item in stock, you must select from our existing stock.
You should be at the store a minimum of 45 minutes before it closes.
If you do not speak English, please bring someone who can interpret for you.
We have volunteers in the store who will assist you in selecting items.
We do not provide a delivery service.
Plan to take items with you on the day that you visit.
You may place items on hold 1 time while you obtain transportation.
Items placed on hold must be picked up within 7 days.
If you bring children with you, you must supervise them at all times.
Our customer policies can be downloaded in either English, Portuguese or Spanish

Estimated Inventory, January 2019 [see updates at: https://www.freshstartfurniturebank.org/inventory.php

The following is an ESTIMATE of what we have in inventory. You may find more or less of what the following shows. This is updated twice a week and in between items may have gone out or come in. Do not base your decision to come to Fresh Start upon these numbers. Remember that your referral will close 30 days from when it submitted and you will not get another referral.

"Qty On Hand" is what we estimate we have in the store.
"Qty On Hold" is what is being held for customers.

Group Item Name Qty On Hand
Beds Bunk Bed 0
Headboard: Full/Twin 28
Headboard: King/Queen 4
Metal Bed Frame 11
Toddler Bed 0
Cabinets Bookcase/Shelf 16
Buffet/Sideboard 1
China Cabinet 0
Dresser/Armoire 29
Hutch – Kitchen 0
Storage Cabinet 9
Trunk 0
TV/Microwave stand 8
Lamps Floor Lamp 1
MassSave LED bulbs 1168
Table Lamp 39
Misc Artwork 99
Mirror 9
Rug 6
Seating Couch/Sofa 15
Dining/Kitchen Chair 107
Footstool/Ottoman 4
Loveseat 5
Misc chair/Bar Stool 38
Rocker 3
Upholstered Chair/Recliner23
Tables Coffee Table 12
Desk 4
End Table/Nightstand 39
Kitchen/Dining table 14
Misc table 2

Services offered: Furniture, Chairs * (ANY/ALL Types); Furniture, Children's Furniture; Furniture, Furniture Bank; Furniture, Living Room, Couch; Furniture, Storage, Book Shelves; Furniture, Tables * (ANY/ALL Types); New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Warehouse, Warehouse Space
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jan 7, 2019 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10129

Safe Harbor

Shelter · Open

Non–Profit
7 Summerside Lane, Hyannis, MA 02601
Phone (508) 790–2933
Web cacci.cc/safe_harbor.html

From the website:

SAFE HARBOR SHELTER

Program Description:

Safe Harbor shelter's primary focus is on offering services to homeless battered women and their children. This residential program is designed to empower the lives of victims of domestic violence through case management and extensive programs. Safe Harbor and its intensive collaboration within community concentrates on professional development for the staff, a safe a secure facility and providing a full spectrum of educational, empowering and skill oriented workshops for the families.

Professional Development: All Safe Harbor staff are required to be certified in CPR/First Aide and have a certain number of Domestic Violence training. Safe Harbor designs on–going training to tackle the constant arising issues. The facility is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, therefore the needs of the staff are as unique as the shift that they cover. Policies and procedures are an important part of the initial 15–20 hours of training before a new staff may cover any shift. The training includes job shadowing. Staff communication is vital to the comprehensive care of the program. Weekend, overnight, off–hour and full time staff are encouraged to seek professional development opportunities. Safe Harbor provides technical support and training. Some of these opportunities cover: weekly supervision, CPR/First Aid certification, specialized domestic violence training, security, substance abuse, mental health, DTA benefits, stress management, computers, conflict resolution, community resources, emergency weather preparation, fire evacuation, emergency response, legal issues. Weekly program staff meetings and monthly all staff meetings are held, as well as, a yearly program off–site workshop – which is in addition to the agency off–site. Professional development is a large piece of the Safe Harbor program and important to the success of the program participants needing to break down so many barriers to be able to reach a level of safe, independent living.

Client Services: Guests referred to Safe Harbor are directed to the Department of Transitional Assistance for Emergency Assistance. If a client is deemed in imminent danger, they are referred to a local agency to be safe housed. If there seems to be no immanent danger, a comprehensive intake is completed by the potential guest, the Child/Family Advocate and the Assistant Project Director. The intake gathers information regarding; the issues with abuse/violence, health, legal issues, substance abuse, children, DSS, housing & a general family history. When the family has been thoroughly assessed, invited into the program and agrees to participate, the family designs a Family Life Plan with their assigned Child/ Family Advocate. The Family Life Plan unfolds as referrals are made, service provider appointments are set, progress is discussed in case status and weekly meeting with the advocate and guests begin to overcome initial obstacles that may have prevented them from being self–sufficient. Through the case management style of the Safe Harbor program, Child/Family Advocates consistently confer and partner with outside agencies to meet the individual needs of the guests and their children. Guests are required to participate in "life" for at least, 7 hours a day – 5 days a week. The concept is that, within the safe environment, the guests are empowered to realize that they deserve a quality of life and it starts with getting involved. The 7 hours may be filled with employment/training/education opportunities and/or within the groups and workshops provided by Safe Harbor. On a daily basis Safe Harbor provides programs in a safe, nurturing environment to the guests and their children to

assist them in discovering alternatives to violence and abuse that they have witnessed. The workshops are designed to help the families build healthy, happy bonds and educate them with tools and skills to break the cycle of violence and live abuse free and independently.

Children's Center: The Children's Center consists of programs for infants, toddlers, pre–schoolers, school age children and families. Mom's complete a child/family conference with the CC Teacher, which is an opportunity to discuss the concern/style/dreams of the family. Safe Harbor is designed to improve family functioning and focuses on assisting the mother in building or rebuilding the mother/child relationship. Once the mother has toured the center and learned about the Children's Center approach, the child may attend the center while their parent attends a group on–site, or older children may attend the After school Program.

The Center is Safe Harbor's conduit to family activities. "Mom & Me" activities are planned weekly and families are required to attend and participate. These activities are based on the concept of encouraging active positive parenting, as well as, teaching the importance of positive role modeling and nurturing skills. The Teacher, in collaboration with the night staff, arrange evening family – fun activities to encourage play. The evening activities may be a movie, arts & crafts or games and are optional.

Security: Safe Harbor is a non–clandestine, confidential , secured facility. The security of the facility was charted as the #1 component that guests liked best about the program as a result of the needs assessment. Safe Harbor security is comprised of a security coordinator and a team of security guards, electronic security systems, alarms and very stringent procedures that all guards must be proficient in. The facility is secured around the clock with coverage and system, yet is designed to not be invasive to the families or represent a feeling of being "jailed". The guards are proficient in maintaining the security of the facility without aggressiveness and intrusion. Guards, as well as staff, are trained in– safe approach of all vehicles/people, evasive/defensive action, compound & facility checks, security alarms and monitoring equipment, emergency response, incident procedures and documentation, weather contingencies and boundaries. Comprehensive trainings of guards are ongoing and continually being developed. Response drills are scheduled and unannounced on a staggering shift, weekly basis. Collaboration with the local Sheriff's and Police department increase training opportunities and safety of the facility. Constant training and drills continue to improve and enhance the technical and tactical proficiency of the security team.

Contact: Betsy Fontes, Clinical Coordinator
Tel. No. 508.790.2933
Fax. 508.778.7528
Email. betsyf@cacci.cc

Services offered: Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Counseling, Domestic Abuse Support; Counseling, Substance Abuse ; Services, Domestic Violence Intervention Services; Services, Employment, Paid Gigs, Paying Jobs; Services, Legal Assistance; Shelter, Womens, Battered Womens Shelter; Training Classes, Disaster Preparedness; Training Classes, Safety Training; Training, Medical, Education, Certification, CPR, First–Aid Certification; Training, Services, Employment /JobTraining

Updated Apr 27, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1045

Social Justice Academy (youth/leadership)

School · Open

Hyde Park, MA

Web neitheryesterdays.com/2011/04/20/social-justice-academy-boston-ma-april-8-2011-afternoon
Service Temporary

from the website:

Social Justice Academy, a small school-within-a-school located in Boston's Hyde Park education complex, was established "to foster the growth of social activists who can identify problems and have the skills and confidence to solve them." By design, the school's focus and schedule would "enable students to participate in advisory programs and sit on its governance committees, participate in community meetings, and eventually get credit for outside-of-school internships." Unfortunately, it appears that budgetary issues and other external considerations have resulted in a decision to close the Social Justice Academy at the end of this school year. As a result, the well-maintained but empty hallways, classrooms and unstaffed library of the building where I spoke gave me the impression of a city recently deserted by its inhabitants because of some calamity. It was a sad sight, and it must be doubly sad for the students and teachers who will presumably be scattered among several other schools in the next school year.

However, this rather gloomy prognosis was not evident in the classroom with teacher Paula Motta and her Sophomore Humanities class. The Q & A session after my presentation was active and spirited, but especially impressive were the students' written questions that Paula gave me afterwards, questions her students prepared before my talk (!) showing considerable knowledge of the Holocaust and applicable to my story. Clearly Paula did a great job in preparing her students so they would get the most out of the event, and many of their pre-talk questions are in the Student Questions section of this blog. The event was arranged by Judi Bohn of Facing History and Ourselves. Paula Motta and the Social Justice Academy have previously hosted other speakers from Facing History.

http://www.publicschoolreview.com/school_ov/school_id/126625

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti-Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Advocacy, Voters Advocacy; New "business" models, Government; Training, Activism; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training, Government Policy; Training Government, Training on How it Works; Trainin, Social Awareness; Youth, After-School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Jul 4, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8730

Partners in Development – 2010 Haiti Earthquake Response (Stateside Donation Collection Site)

Walk-in Resource · Open

Non-Profit, Medical Clinic
Address Monetary Donations to:; PO Box 9; Ipswich, MA 01938; Donation Collection Site:; Immanuel Baptist Church; 45 Central Street; Ipswich, MA 01938, Ipswich, MA 01938

Contact Gail
Email info@pidonline.org
Web pidonline.org/Haitian_Earthquake.html
Serves Haiti
Checks payable to PID
Service Temporary

FROM THE WEBSITE:

Help Needed in Haiti after Tropical Storm Isaac –
http://www.pidonline.org/uncategorized/help-needed-in-haiti-after-tropical-storm

SEE Supplies Needed
http://www.pidonline.org/participate/earthquake-relief-effort

January 15, 2010
12:00 pm

With good news regarding the safety of our Field Directors in Haiti and learning that our medical clinic there is standing, we are busy coordinating our relief efforts.

PID plans to bring a relief team to Haiti soon. We are still working on the logistics and will provide details as they become available. We are looking for medical professionals and experienced travelers to join the team. If you are interested, please fill out the relief trip application. We will be reviewing applications and contacting everyone who submits one.

We are also collecting medical supplies and have set up a drop off center for local donations. If you have an item to donate, please bring it to:

Immanuel Baptist Church
45 Central Street
Ipswich, MA 01938

Please go in the front door of the church and the donation room will be directly in front of you. The donation room will be open seven days a week from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

We are encouraging people who want to help to make a financial donation, as there will be a long road of recovery ahead. You can donate using the PayPal button on the site, or send a check to

Partners In Development, PO Box 9, Ipswich, MA 01938

If you have questions regarding the relief team or donations, please contact Lisa Lassey at lisa @pidonline.org or call her at (978) 471–9922.

Phone Numbers:

Office – 978.417.9250
Gale Hull – 978.471.9438
Lisa Lassey – 978.471.9922
Kerline Toufuri (Jou Nouvo) – 781.588.4555

Gale Hull – Gale @pidonline.org
Lisa Lassey – Lisa @pidonline.org
Hannah Belković – Hannah @pidonline.org
Kerline Toufuri (Jou Nouvo) – Kerline @pidonline.org

from the website:

January 14, 2009
8:00 pm

Update From The Ipswich Office of Partners In Development

Wonderful news from Haiti to report tonight! Just received word that all of the families we serve in Blanchard are okay! All of the homes built by Partners In Development are standing! Our medical clinic is standing!!! We have been told that people are gathering at the clinic waiting for us. Still no word on Benite or the other families who do not live in Blanchard. Continue with your prayers and rejoice in the good news we have received tonight!

January 14, 2010
2:00 pm

Update From The Ipswich Office of Partners In Development

Still no word from our staff and friends in Port–au–Prince. We are anxious to hear if everyone is ok, as well as to know the status of our medical clinic. Here in the U.S. we have been overwhelmed with the response of people wanting to travel with us and help out with the relief efforts. Gale will return to the U.S. over the weekend and begin planning the logistics for the emergency medical relief trip. We hope that this team can leave for Haiti sometime next week. Please continue to pray for the people of Port–au–Prince, and for the relief efforts that are currently underway.

January 13, 2010
9:00 am

Update From The Ipswich Office of Partners In Development

We have not been able to establish communication with any of our staff in Haiti since the earthquake struck. At this point, we do not have reports about anyone in our program. Since the area hardest hit is the main street in Port au Prince during the hour that it would be most crowded, we believe that people from all areas of Port au Prince will be affected. Partners In Development's President, Gale Hull, is currently in Guatemala and is scheduled to fly into to Port au Prince on Sunday if the airport is reopened at that time.

We are in the process of coordinating a team to go to Haiti and assist once Gale can accurately assess the situation. Partners In Development has a medical clinic in Port au Prince and we will be able to assist people medically. We are looking for medical professionals and experienced travelers to join the team. If you are interested in going, please contact Lisa Lassey, Director of Program Development at lisa@pidonline.org or call her at 978–471–9922.

We are also currently seeking donations of gauze, bandages, antibiotics, and pain relief medications. Please call or email Hannah to schedule a donation drop off at our Ipswich office at hannah@pidonline.org or 978–417–9250. Our office's address is at 4 Spring Street in Ipswich, MA.

Partners In Development has also set up an emergency relief fund for the earthquake victims in Haiti. Donations can be made using the button above or can be sent to PID, PO Box 9, Ipswich, MA 01938.

Please continue to check our website for updates regarding the situation in Haiti. Also, you can view Gale Hull's Twitter messages on our website. She will not be able to respond to all emails directly, but will be posting updates on Twitter as they become available.

Partners In Development has been serving the extreme poor in Haiti since 1990. We serve over 3,000 people in Port au Prince.

Thank you for your concern for the people in Haiti and continue to pray for them.

Services offered: Business Services, Micro–Lending; Demographic Served: Armed Conflict Populations; Demographic Served: Families, w/Young Children; Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: Survivors,

Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Donations, Disaster Fund; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Education, Health Awareness; Medical, Facility, Clinic, Free Clinic; Medical, Services, International Medical Services; Medical, Volunteer, First Response, Volunteer Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Opportunities, International; Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2012 Hurricane Isaac; International Community, Latino
Updated Sep 4, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4972

Bikes Not Bombs (bike/bicycle services, recycle bike parts)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Jamaica Plain, MA

Phone See Notes, two locations
Web bikesnotbombs.org
Service Temporary

BNB Has 2 Locations

Bikes Not Bombs Hub
(Office, Youth Programs, International)
284 Amory St.
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Phone: 617–522–0222
Fax: 617–522–0922

Bikes Not Bombs Bike Shop
(Sales, Repairs, Youth Job Training)
18 Bartlett Square
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Phone: 617–522–0226
Fax: 617–522–0228
* The Bikes Not Bombs Hub is located in The Brewery complex on Amory Street, and BNB is a member of the Brewery Businesses Association.

Also warehouse:
10 Harvard Street
Dorchester, MA 02124

Bike donation guidelines: http://bikesnotbombs.org/about?q=donate

BNB Staff:
Executive Director
Sam Wechsler
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Allie Hunter
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Bike Shop Director
Matt Coe
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Bike Shop Sales Manager
Darrah Bowden
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Bike Shop Service Manager
Charlie Schubert
charlie @ bikesnotbombs . org

Bike Donations & Bike Drives Coordinator (volunteer)
Stephen Bosco
stephen @ bikesnotbombs . org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Bikes Not Bombs simply couldn't function without our tremendous volunteer support! Volunteers earn credit by the hour, which can be cashed in for used parts, frames, or even whole bikes. Join our volunteer email list and we'll keep you updated with opportunities as they roll around! To join the email list, just click here. For more info on volunteering, check out some of the options below and see what fits right for you.

Wednesday Volunteer Nights

Taking apart bikes Get your hands dirty with a wrench, flattening bikes to prepare them for international shipment, stripping bikes for parts, or sorting used parts. Or, help our office staff with database updates or mailings. Anyone is welcome to drop in to the Bikes Not Bombs Hub between 7pm and 10pm, on every Wednesday night (barring special events and holidays). A supervisor will show you what to do, and no experience is required. Groups are asked to schedule with at least 2 weeks notice to Jeremy Hanson at jeremy@bikesnotbombs.org or 617–522–0222, and limit their attendance to 5 or fewer people. Because of issues of capacity, not all group volunteering requests can be accommodated.

International Bike Shipments

Come help load a 40–foot container with bicycles and parts to send overseas. Nine or ten times a year we bring in lots of volunteers for most of a weekend day to do this.Join our email list to get the announcements, or check the Events list on our homepage.

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Social Justice; Bicycles, Bikes * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Education, Energy Conservation; Information Resource, Environmental Education , Recycling; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; New "Business" Models; Recycling, Bicycles; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities; Warehouse, Warehouse Space; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Arts Community / Artist Network; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Apr 12, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8722

Casa Nueva Vida

Shelter · Open

Homeless Shelter
Box 2115, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

Phone	617.524.6332
Web	www.casanuevavida.org
Checks payable to	Casa Nueva Vida

Casa Nueva Vida

Continues to be the only homeless shelter in Massachusetts with a completely bilingual staff, making us uniquely capable of providing a focused specialized package of services and programs to single Latina mothers and their children.

Programs
Casa Nueva Vida’s mission is not solely based on providing safe, permanent and affordable housing for our homeless mothers and their at–risk children, but it also seeks to empower our residents to become independent of all forms of public assistance. All of our programs were created on the basis of the needs expressed by surrounding community members and shelter residents with the goal of accomplishing self–sufficiency.

Our agency provides the following programs:

English as a Second or Other Language
Computer/ Job Training,
Personal–Empowerment
Children's/ Teen's Education
Housing Support

Contact us for questions about donations:

General Items: itemdonations@casanuevavida.org
Furniture: furnituredonations@casanuevavida.org
Checks: checkdonations@casanuevavida.org
Credit Cards: creditcards@casanuevavida.org

Services offered: Shelter, Homeless Shelter; Training Classes, Computer Lab; Training Classes, ESL (English as a Second Language)
Updated Aug 26, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1033

Community Servings

Walk–in Resource · Open

Community Service
18 Marburry Terrace, Jamaica Plain, MA

Phone 617 522 7777
Contact Rebeca Ober
Email rober@servings.org
Web www.servings.org
Eligibility Critically Ill, Home–Bound, Local
Service Temporary

per Boston Globe article, December 24, 2009
Ami Albernaz

This Jamaica Plain–based program delivers free meals to critically ill people who can't shop or cook for themselves, and it's always looking for people to help prepare and package food. The time comitment is flexible; after attending an orientation session, volunteers can schedule in advance when they would like to come in (time slots are at least two hours). Drivers are also needed to deliver meals on Saturday mornings once a month. For more info, see www.servings.org/volunteer. To get started, contact Rebecca at the email address above.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Alzheimer's Patients; Demographic Served: Critically Ill, Home–Bound; Demographic Served: Disabled, Persons With Disabilities; Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Demographic Served: Special Needs; Distribution, Mobile Distribution of Disaster Relief Supplies; Food Distribution, Canteen, Mobile Food Canteen; Food Distribution, Food Pantry, Mobile Food Pantry; Meals, Home Delivered Meals; Meals, Home Delivered Meals (For Seniors/Elders); Meals, Mobile Meals; Meals, Mobile Meals, Disaster Survivors (Available To); Meals, Mobile Meals (For Seniors); Meals On Wheels, Volunteer; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities
Campaigns: Community Servings [homecooked meals delivered to critically ill people and their families]; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Apr 17, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5791

Finex House Inc.

Shelter · Open

Box 1154, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Web www.geocities.com/finexhouse

Finex House is a battered women's shelter for battered women and their children who have disabilities. We are wheelchair accessible with two concrete ramps and an internal lift. Finex House also has a light coded signal system for deaf battered women and their children. Finex House is an equal opportunity service provider and therefore, people of color and those who have disabilities as well as others are strongly encouraged to call for services. Three formerly abused women incorporated Finex House in 1983. Our m otto is; "I Belong to No One." Our mission is to provide shelter and services for all battered women and consequently we have provided outreach to those who have dropped through the cracks of existing service providers. Accordingly, Finex House provides emergency shelter and a comprehensive array of services for the most vulnerable of battered women, particularly for those who have disabilities.

A few of the services provided by Finex House are as follows:
*Wheelchair Accessibility
*Emergency Safe Shelter with 32 beds
*24 hr Hotline 617–288–1054
*Attorneys to go with battered women to court
*Housing Advocacy
*Crisis Intervention
*Emergency Response Services
*Special Needs Advice
*Child Advocacy and Support Programs (CASP)
*9 housing vouchers for those families we shelter
*Shelter Plus After Care Programs (S+P)
*Sign Language, Spanish, Cambodian and Haitian Creole
*Outreach and services for the Deaf
*Self Esteem Groups
*Three different types of Parenting Groups
*Two types of mental health therapy
*Help with moving
*Trauma Support and Counseling
*Day Care
*Substance Abuse Counseling
*Rehabilitative Therapy
*Elder services
*AA groups
*and much more I

In addition, Finex House has developed "Escape–A Handbook for
Battered Women Who Have Disabilities"

Services offered: Advocacy, Court Advocacy, Volunteer; Advocacy, Disabled/Handicapped; Advocacy, Special Needs Folks; Advocacy, Volunteer, Resource Referrals; Counseling, Crisis Intervention Counseling; Counseling, Domestic Abuse Support; Counseling, Substance Abuse ; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Counseling, Trauma Counselor, Volunteer; Fence Repair, Volunteer; Interpretors, American Sign Language; Services, Family, Children, Daycare Services; Services, Senior/Elderly Services; Shelter, Womens, Battered Womens Shelter; Translators, Spanish/English, Volunteers
Updated Apr 19, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1041

Jamaica Plain, Places to get Free Meals

Info/Hotline · Open

Free Meals
Jamaica Plain, MA
Service Temporary

From Project Bread website:
http://www.projectbread.org/site/DocServer/2008_Project_Bread_Funded_Programs.pdf?docID=3281

Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program –
Barbara McInnis House Respite Program
Community Servings
Jamaica Plain APAC
Little Brothers – Friends of the Elderly
Philoxenia House
Updated May 3, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4318

Pilgrim's Hope

Shelter · Open

Homeless Shelter/Food Pantry
149 Bishop's Highway, Kingston, MA
Service Temporary

Family homeless shelter, fair exchange providing on–site food pantry, clothing, furniture and household goods. 10 family bedrooms.

Services offered: Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Clothing Distribution (To the Public); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types); Household Goods (big) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Homeless Shelter
Campaigns: Homelessness Relief Services
Updated Dec 3, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1036

Lazarus House Ministries – Good Shepherd Center & Thrift Stores

Walk–in Resource · Open

Church – Community Outreach
410 Hampshire St., 2nd Floor, Lawrence, MA 01841
Phone 978–689–8575 (see notes/website for store numbers)
Web www.lazarushouse.org
Service Temporary

Lazarus House Ministries provides the broadest continuum of services to those in need in our area. Our guests are empowered to overcome poverty and crisis, to become more productive members of the community.

Pickups in Dracut, Haverhill, Lawrence, Methuen, N.Andover, N.Reading, Tewksbury & Southern N.H.

We help people take charge of their lives, rebuild their families and move beyond poverty, out of crisis and into the mainstream.

Since opening its doors as a temporary homeless shelter in 1983, Lazarus House Ministries has been fighting poverty from its base in Lawrence, MA, one of the poorest areas in the country, and the poorest in New England. Over the years our supporters have responded to the needs of this community by providing the financial support to expand our programs to provide the necessary services that allow us to provide comprehensive solutions that positively impact more and more people in need.

Lazarus House is in need of diapers and toiletry items, especially shampoo. If you can provide these, please call Ken Campbell at 978–269–5208 or drop them off at 412 Hampshire Street in Lawrence.

FURNITURE
Must be clean, in good condition and on ground floor for pick up

Food donations may be dropped off between 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m at:
Lazarus House Shelter
48 Holly Street
Lawrence, MA

WE WILL PICK UP IF NECESSARY
Call 978–689–8575

Thank you for your generous support.

Along with the faithful generosity of many, our ministry helps sustain itselt through our three thrift stores: The Good Shepherd Thrift Store, St. Martin of Tours Thrift Store and St. Frances & St. Clare Thrift Store.

These hubs of activity provide an incredible opportunity to strenghten the neighborhoods where they exist, provide for the needs of our shoppers and allow us to provide for those who have no other means of availing themselves of clothing, household items, and just as important, camarderie and friendship.

For those who cannot afford to purchase items, such as victims of arson or floods, and for those who are making the transition from homelessness, items are provided free of charge.

Items that are donated must be in good, working condition and may be dropped off at anyone of our thrift store locations Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. (excluding holidays).

For items that must be picked up, please call Micki LeBlanc, Thrift Stores Coordinator, at 978–686–0441 to arrange details.

Lazarus House Ministries is happy to accept the following donations:

Appliances
*Baby Clothing & Toys
Clothing
Dishes
Furniture
Office Equipment
Rugs

*Please note due to liability issues, we are not allowed to accept baby furniture, including car seats.
Food & Paper Product donations may be dropped off at the Lazarus House Shelter, 48 Holly Street in Lawrence. The shelter is open 24/7.

Auto & Truck donations may be arranged by calling Mary Schank at 978–269–5204, Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For other donation inquiries, call Micki LeBlanc, Thrift Stores Coordinator, at 978–686–0441.

Thank you for helping to support our ministry.

Thrift Store Information
Hours: 10 AM until 4 PM Monday through Saturday
Thrift Store Phone Number Location
Good Shepherd Thrift Store 978–686–0441 412 Hampshire Street

Saint Martin's Thrift Store 978–687–1184 121 Essex Street
Saint Clare's Thrift Store 978–557–5449 220 South Union Street

Services offered: Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Dental, Services * (ANY/ALL Types of Dental Services) ; Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Donations, Pickup, Pick Up Service; Food, Distribution, Emergency Food Program; Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Food Distribution, Food Pantry, Mobile Food Pantry; Food Distribution, Meals, Soup Kitchen; Food, Holiday * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types); Household Items (small) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Jobs, Paying; Meals, Lunches (Bag); Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Thrift Store; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.
Updated Jan 27, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4712

Project Home Again

Warehouse · Open

Furniture Bank
Warehouse (drop off donations); 439 S. Union Street; Building #2, Lawrence, MA 01843

Phone 978–470–1356 – Warehouse Telephone (call when you arrive at the warehouse to drop off a donation)
978–270–9878
Web www.phama.org
Eligibility open to social workers and their clients
Service Temporary

Drop Offs:
We accept drop–offs without an appointment during regular warehouse hours. The warehouse is located at Heritage Place, Building #2, 439 S. Union Street in Lawrence. Upon entering the parking lot, stay to the left of the building and proceed to a loading dock with 4 bays and a big dumpster. Pull up at the stairs marked "Shipping and Receiving" and call 978–270–9878 to have a volunteer assist you in unloading. Please note, this phone number is for the warehouse only.

Pick Ups:
For larger donations, please call our office at 978–470–1356, or email to schedule a pick–up. Our pick–up times vary as our trucks and drivers are generously donated by local businesses. We appreciate your patience in scheduling a pick up time that works for you and for us. If we are unable to get a truck in a timely fashion, we will work directly with the social worker associated with the client–in–need to facilitate pick up.

What We Accept:
We accept all gently used items that might be used to furnish an apartment. We do not accept clothing of any kind. All donations must be in good condition. We do not accept torn or stained upholstered furniture.

Appliances (MUST be in good working order)

Hours of Operation

The warehouse is open to social workers and their clients and for donations to be dropped off on:
Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am – 12 noon
Thursdays from 1pm – 3pm

Upcoming Weekend Hours:
Sunday, October 18 from 10am –12 noon
Sunday, November 1 from 10am –12 noon

We are closed during school holidays, including the summer vacation, and on snow days when Andover schools are closed.

Services offered: Appliances, Large, * Household (ANY/ALL Types); Appliances, Small * (ANY/ALL Types); Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types); Furniture, Furniture Bank; Household Goods (big) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Household Items (small) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Warehouse, Warehouse Space
Updated May 19, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4704

Baby's Breath Crisis Nursery (Baby Emergency Shelter)

Shelter · Open

Shelter: Youth
77 Mulberry Street, Leicester, MA 01524

Phone 508.892.0009
Contact Deanna Saint Souver, MSW, LCSW,Executive Director
Email info@babysbreathhome.org
Web www.babysbreathhome.org/whatwedo
Hours 24 hours/7 days a week
Service Temporary

Parents & Caregivers,
You are not alone...

Are you concerned for your child?
Do you need help caring for your child for a few days or weeks?

Families may voluntarily bring their children to Baby's Breath Crisis Nursery for a variety of reasons:

Family Medical Emergencies
Domestic Violence Situations
Accidents
Homelessness
Mental Health Emergencies
Substance Abuse Emergencies
Legal Emergencies
Overwhelming Parental Stress
Lack of Utilities, Food or Shelter

We provide free confidential help any time of the day or the night to residents of Worcester and surrounding communities.

WISH LIST:

We are presently seeking the following donations in gently used or new condition:

Multi Passenger Van for transporting children to and from Crisis Nursery
Smocks for art projects

Children's Clothing ages 3–10 years old
CPR Mannequins: adult, child and infant.
Infant/Adult Automatic External Defibrillator
Thermo Scan Unit
Bath Towels
6 Seated Baby Buggy Stroller
Older children toys/games (ages 8 - 10)
Unopened Playtex drop in bottles, liners and nipples
Diapers
Children's Underwear
Dreft Laundry Detergent or Ivory Snow
Child's Table and Chairs
Twin sized or smaller pillows
Hair Brushes (not baby hairbrushes)
Toothpaste
Outside Storage Shed for Toys
Non– laytex Gloves
Infant Tylenol
Baby Skin care products
Gift cards for incidentals in any denomination for Walmart, Stop and Shop, Price Chopper, Shaws, BJs, Sam's Club, Babies"R"Us, Stop & Shop, Target, etc..

List updated: 11/03/09

Services offered: Clothing, Baby/Infant Clothing, NEW Only * (ANY/ALL Types); Clothing, Baby/Infant, New or Gently Used/ CLEAN * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Transitional Housing (For Battered Women/Children); OTC, Medicine, Baby/Infant/Children * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Services, Family, Children, Emergency Child Care; Services, Women's Services; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Shelter, Emergency Shelter, Youth Focused

Updated Dec 17, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4807

Food Pantries, Leominster

Walk–in Resource · Open

Various, see notes, Leominster, MA
Service Temporary

Catholic Charities–North County
196 Mechanic Street
Leominster, MA 01453
978–840–0696 or 800–232–0843
Distribution: Monday thru Friday, 8AM to 5 PM.
Alternate Appt based on Needs Assessment

First Baptist Church
Community Food Cupboard
23 West Street, Leominster 01453
978–537–2685

Distribution: 2nd Saturday 9–11am
Call for Emergency

Ginny's Helping Hands Food Pantry
52 Mechanic Street
Leominster, MA 01453
978–537–1387
Distribution: Tuesday thru Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM.

Ruth's Harvest Pantry
Leominster United Methodist Church
77 Hall Street, Leominster 01453
978–537–1356
Distribution: 3rd Thursday, 6 to 8 PM and
4th Saturday, 8 to 10 AM. Call if Emergency.

Spanish American Center
112 Spruce Street, Leominster 01453
978–534–3145
Distribution: Mon. through Fri. 9:00 AM to 12Noon.
Call for Appt.

SVDP- St. Leo's Church
108 Main Street, Leominster 01453
978–537–7257
Distribution: Monday, 6 to 7 PM, Wednesday, 4 to 5 PM.

Source: http://www.foodbank.org/PDF/agencylist.pdf

Services offered: Demographic Served: Hungry; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Facility: Food, Emergency Food Center; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Distribution, Emergency Food Program; Food Distribution, Food Boxes, Emergency Food Boxes * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public)
Updated Oct 23, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9388

Ginny's Helping Hand, Inc.

Walk–in Resource · Open

52 Mechanic Street, Leominster, MA 01453
Phone 978–537–1387 OR 888–530–6779
Web www.ginnyshelpinghand.org
Serves Leominster, Groton, Pepperell, Ayer, Fitchburg, Clinton, Bolton
Service Temporary

How You Can Help

1. Become a volunteer with whatever time you can spare.
2. Become a member of our fundraising committee.
3. Sponsor a fundraising event in your neighborhood, school or place of work.
4. Make a tax deductible cash contribution to help offset operating expenses.
5. Organize a food drive for the food pantry.
6. Organize a new toy drive for Secret Santa.
7. Adopt a family or a child for Christmas.
8. Bring a new toy or packages of batteries to Ginny's.
9. Share any ideas as to how we might raise much–needed funds.

Services

Programs –

Food Pantry
Please call the Food Pantry during business hours for more information: 888–530–6779 or 978–537–1387.

Thrift Store
Hours: Tuesday – Saturday: 10 am to 5 pm

DONATIONS –
http://www.ginnyshelpinghand.org/donations.htm
Furniture, subject to approval and delivery appointment

All donated items are tax deductable.

Programs

Unity in the Community

A special fund to pay for heating, utilities, rent and other emergency expenses.

Helping Hands

At Christmas time, hands are printed out and displayed at the food pantry for persons who would like to adgive a hand up to someone during the holiday season.

Secret Santa Fund

This special account is used for toys and other necessary items purchased at the Christmas season and distributed to children and families in need.

Services offered: Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Thrift Store
Updated Apr 28, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5812

Cotting School (Haiti Response)

School · Open

School
Lexington, MA
Service Temporary

http://www.boston.com/news/world/latinamerica/articles/2010/03/26/lifting_fragile_lives_in_haiti/

School in Lexington Massachusetts helps Haiti Orphanage Rebuild

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Lifting fragile lives in Haiti
With aid from Hub, disabled children's home presses on
By Lisa Wangsness
Globe Staff / March 26, 2010

FERMATHE, Haiti — A thin blind boy squats on a narrow mattress, bits of his breakfast strewn across the sheet. A wound held together with clear tape grazes his brow. Louis's nose is running, and he has a weak cough; his hand is bound with a sweater to keep him from biting himself. The damp morning air is thick with the smell of urine and soy porridge.

Haiti's Wings of HopeNearby, a little girl named Josephine sits in a red wheelchair, clinging to a passing visitor's hand and squealing with laughter. She loves to sing, and she chirps a few reedy notes of a Christian song in Haitian Creole over the din of the staff wrestling wheelchairs down a jerry–rigged ramp.

Life has never been easy for the children at Wings of Hope, a home for youngsters with disabilities high in the hills above Port–au–Prince that has developed close ties with a Catholic parish in Boston's Back Bay neighborhood and a school for disabled children in Lexington.

The Wings children are mostly orphans, in a country where people with disabilities are ostracized and scorned. Haitians call them cocobai, which roughly translates as "worthless" or "disgrace." The local kindergarten in Fermathe would not admit Josephine, even when Wings promised to send an aide to help her through her day.

Then came the earthquake.

Though the Wings building did not fall, an architect deemed it structurally unsound. For eight days, about 70 children and staff huddled in two rooms while the leaders of the home scrambled to find a new place. Unlike other orphanages for children with disabilities that have been forced to move into camps, Wings of Hope managed to rent two adjoining houses not far from the old building.

But the conditions are difficult. The plywood ramps the staff built over the stairs are steep and narrow, and many of the children must be carried from floor to floor. The dorm rooms are crowded, the tiny bathrooms cramped and dirty. On a chilly morning, most of the children's feet were bare, and the cold tile floors were slick with muddy footprints.

"They're starting from scratch," said David Manzo, president of the Cotting School in Lexington, who has stayed in close touch with the staff in Haiti by e–mail. "I'm saddened in terms of what they lost."

Manzo became involved with Wings of Hope through his church, St. Cecilia's parish in Boston; over time Cotting teachers became involved, and now the Cotting considers Wings its sister school — Haitian staff visit for training each year; Cotting teachers volunteer time in Haiti, and one recently adopted a child from Wings. The Rev. John Unni, St. Cecilia's, pastor, began volunteering in Haiti 24 years ago, before he was a seminarian, and has led students and parishioners back ever since.

"It heightens awareness of folks in the parish of what is going on in the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation," Unni said in a recent interview. "I think it challenges people to look at who we are called to be."

Haiti's Wings of HopeWings is part of the St. Joseph's Family homes, a small charity that consists of Wings of Hope as well as two other homes for street boys and former child slaves in Port–au–Prince and nearby Jacmel. St. Joseph's founder, Michael Geilenfeld, an Iowan and former brother with Mother Teresa's Brothers of Charity, said Wings was formed after a French organization no longer wanted to care for 14 disabled children in its charge.

The three homes are supported by an informal patchwork of income from three North American charities that take donations from church groups and friends. There are also receipts from a variety of cottage industries — the boys' Resurrection Dance Theater, which tours the United States and Canada telling the stories of the boys' lives through dance; the modest hostel the boys operated at St. Joseph's, and the art and homespun calendars sold at churches like St. Cecilia.

Even before the earthquake, Wings of Hope had no running water and only intermittent electricity; the staff had to flush the toilets by pouring buckets of water down them. Mostly run by graduates of the St. Joseph's program for street boys and former child slaves, it had only a few staff members with degrees of any kind, including one full–time nurse. Jacky Asse, whose mother died of AIDS–related fever when he was 11, graduated from St. Joseph's; at 28, he is the new Wings director. Though he has no formal training, he has earned his co–workers' trust.

"It's just a call from God, and from other people around me," he said.

Wings is considered one of the better homes for abandoned children with disabilities in Haiti, said Gail Buck of Portland, Ore., who has spent months working in Port–au–Prince with Healing Hands for Haiti, a group that sends physical therapists from the United States and Canada to provide rehabilitative care.

"In the worst of them, the children lie in bed with mosquito nets draped over their faces," Buck said. "The best you can say is they're not abandoned in a garbage dump."

At Wings, Buck said, "they treat them like family, versus furniture."

Ann Couture, a St. Cecilia's parishioner from Middleton who has visited Wings three times in recent years, recalls the old building as clean and spacious, with plenty of room for play. When she visited, she would help the children through busy days filled with activities — a handful were even taken to go horseback riding once a week for physical therapy.

"It's not an orphanage, it's a home, in every sense of the word," Couture said.

One of the reasons she and others have stayed so involved, she said, was their sense that life was steadily improving for the children.

"You don't see progress in Haiti," she said. But at the St. Joseph's homes, she said, "things were moving forward. . . . I was amazed by how much they did with so little."

The spirit of the place — and the children themselves — has kept St. Cecilia's parishioners coming back, year after year. Mark Lippolt, a St. Cecilia's parishioner from the Back Bay, said little Josephine captured his heart.

"I know who she is," he said. "I can't forget what her life would be like had she had the luck of birth that we all have had."

These emotional bonds lent the Bostonians a personal connection to the suffering in Haiti after the earthquake. Three weeks after the disaster, Unni flew to the Dominican Republic and made the long trek over the mountains to Haiti's capital in the back of a pickup truck to check on the people he considers members of an extended family.

"I wanted to get down there and see what had happened . . . and let them know they are not forgotten, that they're not alone," Unni said.

In Port–au–Prince, the St. Joseph's building and chapel had collapsed. Though the boys were not hurt, a 25–year–old visiting Lutheran seminarian was crushed to death, and the director of St. Joseph's, Bill Nathan, a former child slave and gifted drummer, barely survived a fall from the school's rooftop.

Before he wound his way up the mountain road to Fermathe, Unni saw teenaged children pulling decayed bodies out of the rubble of a church. The stench of death was everywhere. When he arrived at the temporary Wings residence, the place was a bit chaotic but cheerful. A little boy named Teddy squirmed in his wheelchair with delight at seeing his old friend, his smile revealing two big gaps where he had lost his front teeth.

Though spared the worst, life has changed for the 38 disabled children at Wings. When the Globe visited earlier this month, on a sunny afternoon and then a foggy morning a couple days later, it was difficult to imagine the clean, orderly environment that had impressed Bostonian visitors as an oasis.

School and therapy time continue four days a week, despite the crowded quarters and lack of supplies, and the staff had even managed to get the children to their horseback riding. But about eight little girls who typically use wheelchairs lay in bed in their pajamas at around 4:30 p.m., as the day staff prepared to go home for the night. The children were happily polishing off bowls of ice cream, but Asse said they would not eat again until breakfast.

On a foggy morning a couple of days later, children were eating their porridge, and several were left behind in an upstairs dorm room unsupervised when the rest of the children went next door to dance and pray. Asse had left for a monthlong tour to raise money for the homes with the dance troupe, entrusting the facility to two assistant directors and two American women who work at the home.

Some of the staff have been afraid to leave their homes, or tending to their own families' needs, so there are fewer hands to help clean and cook and to relieve the day workers at night, said Cheryl Proctor, a nurse practitioner from North Carolina who chairs the board of Hearts with Haiti, a US charity whose sole mission is to support the St. Joseph's Family homes.

“It’s such a tremendous struggle in Haiti even on the best days, in a postearthquake situation it’s made all the more difficult,” she said.

Hearts with Haiti has raised more than $1 million to help rebuild so far. Back in Boston, the Cotting School and its extended community of friends have raised about $150,000, and seven staff members plan to spend a week volunteering at Wings in July.

St. Cecilia’s has reached out to help Haiti in a variety of ways — holding a special prayer service, encouraging parishioners to donate to both Catholic Relief Services and Hearts with Haiti, and participating in a walk–a–thon for Partners in Health, a Boston–based nonprofit that provides health care for the poor in Haiti and other countries. Many of the parishioners are also contributing to other organizations involved in helping people in Haiti and in Boston’s Haitian diaspora.

In a homily after returning from Haiti, Unni spoke about the resilience he witnessed at Wings of Hope.

“That ends up being the thing that prevails,” he said. “You adapt, you make the best of it and you go from there.”

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Services offered: Advocacy, Child Advocacy; Advocacy, Disabled/Handicapped; Advocacy, Disaster Survivors; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Demographic Served: Children; Demographic Served: Disabled, Persons With Disabilities; Demographic Served: Special Needs; Donations, Disaster Fund; Donations, Financial/Monetary Donations; Donations, In–Kind Donations; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Haiti Earthquake, Orphanages/Childrens Homes; Catholic Relief Services (CRS); International Community, Creole/Kreole/Haitian; Partners in Health (PIH)
Updated Mar 27, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5690

Lincoln Sudbury Mutual Aid

Volunteer Camp · Open

Lincoln / Sudbury, MA
Web docs.google.com/document/d/1cn5btAM7rxJoVR1pu8een13cno45FrFtjZvkIEWIKfQ/edit
Service Temporary
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Mar 21, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10220

Cataldo Nurseries

Open Business* · Open

"Green" Resource
41 Robinson Rd, Littleton, MA
Phone 978 486 9576
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 Nursery ("available" = this site is a tree/shrub Nursery); Landscaping, Organic Lawn Care Products ($ NOT FREE)
Updated Dec 31, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4047

Congregational Church of Littleton (free meals, community sewing/knitting, social events)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
308 King St, Littleton, MA
Phone 978–486–9331, 978–486–3245
Contact Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Vern Swett
Email office@ccol.org
Web web.ccol.org/wordpress
Service Permanent

Weekly dinners...

This site NO LONGER has the "Stork Support" Program: Free baby equipment, furniture, baby and maternity clothes. An email from the office said this, a reply asking where this program went was not returned. But they did it for years...alas...

More email contacts at this page:
http://web.ccol.org/administration.html

Services offered: Community Garden Program; Community Outreach Programs; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Dinner; Meals, Pay–what–you–can; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Church/Worship Services; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Arts & Crafts; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion

Group; Social Event, Films/Cinema/Movies/Lectures; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Recreation *(any/all types); Social Event, Sewing/Quilting/Kniting/Crochet, Knitting Circle; Social Event, Sewing/Quilting/Knitting/Crochet Circle; Youth Outreach
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Congregational Church; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Nov 25, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3849

Hostel, Friendly Crossways (under $30/night)

Shelter · Open

Littleton, MA
Web www.hiusa.org/massachusetts/harvard/littleton-friendly-crossways
Service Temporary

member price $23, or $28 for private room

$28/year to join, discounts for seniors, youth
http://www.hiusa.org/membership/ways-to-join/

Services offered: Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Hostel (NOT FREE); Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated May 25, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9879

Littleton Community Farm

Walk-in Resource · Open

Littleton, MA
Web littletoncommunityfarm.com/seed-library-littleton
Service Temporary
Updated Apr 20, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9946

Littleton Community Farm

Walk-in Resource · Open

Littleton, MA
Web littletoncommunityfarm.com/seed-library-littleton
Service Temporary

Services offered: Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Facilities: Farm ("available" = this site is a farm); Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Northeast Organic Farming Association; Seed Bank / Seed Exchange / Seed Library / Seed Preservation; Social Change Initiative
Updated Apr 20, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9947

Littleton UU Church (FCU) (free supper on Tuesdays)

Walk-in Resource · Open

Littleton, MA
Web www.fculittle.org/neighborhoodsupper.php
Service Temporary

Since June 1991, Neighborhood Supper has been providing a free meal and a place of community every Tuesday evening at the Congregational Church in Littleton. Neighborhood Supper is a nonprofit organization modeled after meals served in the nearby towns of Acton, Maynard, and Concord, and coordinated to occur on a night not covered by these towns. Many come out of financial need, but many come for companionship or to have someone to talk to. It is supported by donations from local businesses, organizations and individuals and run by volunteers from four Littleton Churches: Congregational Church of Littleton, First Church Unitarian, St. Anne's Catholic, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Responsibility for the preparation and serving of the meal rotates weekly between the churches. FCU cooks on the third Tuesday of every month. Volunteers include cooks, servers, shoppers, and dish washers; up to 20 or more volunteers are involved each week. They begin to arrive early in the afternoon to start cooking the evening meal and set the tables. As the guests arrive, plates of food will be delivered to them. Our church has two regular seasonal meals: beef stew with mashed potatoes and buttered carrots in the winter and pasta salad, sliced ham and fresh fruit in the summer. And of course we always have chocolate chip cookies for dessert. An average of 40 to 60 people are served each week.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kristen at Neighborhood @ fculittle.org . As always, we appreciate all the wonderful chocolate chip cookies baked each month. If you would like to bake, please drop the chocolate chip cookies off at the Congregational Church on the afternoon of the supper, or you may leave them in the FCU kitchen.

Neighborhood Supper is supported by donations. It is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization; all gifts are tax deductable. If you would like to make a donation, please send it to Neighborhood Supper, P. O. Box 112, Littleton MA 01460-0112.

Services offered: Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Facility: Food, Emergency Food Center; Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Dinner; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution
Updated Jan 22, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9910

Community Cabinet and Little Free Library [free food/books/household items] [24x7]

Walk–in Resource · Open

167 Sayles St. (corner of Westford), Lowell, MA

Service Temporary

Community Cabinet and Little Free Library, 167 Sayles St. (corner of Westford). If you're having a rough week, stop by and see if there's anything there that you need. And if you've got a spare book or DVD or two, or a little extra room in your shopping bag, please consider helping a neighbor out. Popular items include non–food things that you can't get with SNAP, like toothpaste, shampoo, and cleanup stuff.

If you have difficulty closing the door, push up on the top of the door frame.

source: https://m.facebook.com/groups/lowellmabulletin/permalink/5825239224216998/?refid=18&__ft__=qid.6992660723702218765%3Amf_story_key.5825239224216998%3Atop_level_post_id.5825239224216998%3Atl_objid.5825239224216998%3Acontent_owner_id_new.100009898447646%3Apage_id.849331911807779%3Asrc.22%3Astory_location.6%3Astory_attachment_style.photo%3Afilter.GroupStoriesByActivityEntQuery%3Atds_flgs.3%3Aott.AX9sF_g2aALt4oRh&__tn__=%2AW-R#footer_action_list

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Toiletries * (ANY/ALL Types)

Updated Aug 4, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10475

Community Servings [home delivery of meals to critically ill people/family members]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Lowell, MA

Web www.servings.org/meal–delivery
Service Temporary

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

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

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

Services offered: Demographic Served: Critically Ill, Home–Bound; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Cooked Meals; Meals, Home Delivered Meals
Campaigns: Community Servings [homecooked meals delivered to critically ill people and their families]; Ending Extreme Poverty

Updated Oct 8, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10387

Community Teamwork, Inc.

Walk–in Resource · Open

Social Services

167 Dutton St., Lowell, MA 01852

Phone (978) 459–0551
Web www.comteam.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management)

Updated Mar 5, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7701

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

Walk–in Resource · Open

Lowell, MA

Web dwellinghouseofhope.org
Service Temporary

COVID–19 Response from Dwelling House of Hope

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

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

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

Enough Abuse, Lowell Mass resources [child abuse, emergency services]

Info/Hotline

Lowell, MA
Web www.enoughabuse.org/states/massachusetts/greater–lowell/4–communities/communities/42–421–greater–lowell–resources.html
Service Temporary

Look for updates at the website above

Greater Lowell Local Resources
Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence

P.O. Box 7259, Lowell, MA 01853
978–454–3651, Hotline: 617–338–2355

Our mission is to prevent domestic violence in Asian families and communities and to provide hope to survivors. For referrals and more information, contact: Dahvy Tran, Education & Outreach Coordinator at 978–454–3651 x252

Massachusetts Department of Children and Families (DCF)
33 East Merrimack Street, Lowell, MA 01852
978–275–6800, Fax: 978–452–5896, 9AM - 5 PM

Child–At–Risk Hotline:
800–792–5200 (After Hours and Weekends)

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) is the Massachusetts state agency charged with the responsibility of protecting children from child abuse and neglect. The Department determines (based upon the initial report) if an emergency situation exists and if workers should be sent out immediately; or if the allegations are not of an emergency nature, at which point the Department conducts an investigation into the allegations. After its investigation, the Department decides what, if any, services the family needs.

Mental Health Association of Greater Lowell – FOCUS Program

For referrals, please contact us at 978–458–6282 with questions about the program or qualifications.

Email the FOCUS Program

FOCUS, a program of the Mental Health Association of Greater Lowell, Inc., is funded through two grants under the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA): the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and Drunk Driving Trust Fund (DDTF) grants. The VOCA grant allows us to serve victims of violent crimes, while the DDTF grant allows us to serve those who have been affected by drunken driving crashes. FOCUS clinicians and case managers specialize in trauma/crisis work to help empower survivors to regain control of their lives. Case Managers/Advocates are available to help clients navigate through the systems and resources available to them. All of our services are completely free and confidential and available in English, Spanish and Khmer.
Health Education Services (HES) Emergency Crisis Team

391 Varnum Ave., Lowell MA 01854
978–322–5120, Fax: 978–322–5134
Contact: Beth Shapiro, LMHC Director or Cathy Richardson–Brown, LICSW MCI Manager

HES is the provider of Emergency Crisis Evaluations for Adults and Children. Our goal is to reduce the use of emergency rooms for psychiatric evaluations. We will provide emergency psychiatric evaluations in the community or at our location. We are available 7 days a week. We offer mobile assessments for children 24 hours a day and for adults between 8am to 8pm.

Mobile Crisis Intervention services are available for children who have Mass Health and who are in psychiatric crisis. After the initial assessment, we can provide crisis counseling, case management, referrals, and support to the child and his/her family for up to 72 hours. The goals of this service are to provide assessments to children in their natural environment and to reduce the number of inpatient psychiatric admissions.

Payment/eligibility: HES evaluates people regardless of insurance. The Mobile Crisis Intervention is only available for Mass Health consumers.

Lawrence General Hospital
1 General Street, Lawrence, MA 01842
978–683–4000

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Services 24/7 at the Emergency Center, call 978–683–4000 x 2500
Scheduling Pediatric exams for non acute cases, call 978–683–4000 x 2030

Lowell Community Health Center
17 Warren Street, Lowell, MA 01852 and
585–597 Merrimack Street, Lowell, MA 01854
978–937–9700

Our mission is to provide caring, quality and culturally appropriate health services to the people of Greater Lowell regardless of their financial status. We are committed to enhancing the health of our community and to empowering each individual to maximize overall well–being. We offer Adult Medicine, Behavioral Health Services (Inpatient and Outpatient), Community Outreach, HIV/Aids Services, Pediatric Medicine, Prenatal Services and Family Practice, and Women's Services and Family Planning.

Payment: The Health Center accepts many forms of insurance including HMOs and private insurance. We also accept cash, checks and credit cards. Services are available on a sliding fee scale for those unable to use insurance. Health Benefits Counselors can help obtain insurance coverage. No one will be denied access to care because of inability to pay.

Lowell Community Health Center/Metta Health Center
135 Jackson Street, Lowell, MA 01852
978–441–1700
www.lchealth.org/Metta.shtml

Metta Health Center, which is operated by Lowell Community Health Center, addresses the medical and behavioral health needs of the Cambodians and Laotians of all ages in the Lowell area. Services are provided by experienced Cambodian and Laotian staff members with many years of community service, as well as by experienced and culturally–sensitive western providers. Health and wellness services include Primary Medical Care, Behavioral Health Services, Traditional Healing Advice, Acupuncture and Massage Therapy, Meditation, Social Services and Referrals, and Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocacy and Case Management.

Payment: The Health Center accepts many forms of insurance including HMOs and private insurance. We also accept cash, checks and credit cards. Services are available on a sliding fee scale for those unable to use insurance. Health Benefits Counselors can help obtain insurance coverage. No one will be denied access to care because of inability to pay.

Lowell General Hospital, Emergency Department
295 Varnum Avenue, Lowell, MA 01854
978–937–6161
Contact: Suzanne Forte, BSN, BA, RN, EMT–B

Lowell General Hospital Emergency Department provides service to victims of sexual assault, including emergency medical care, crisis management, and referrals to community resources. Walk–in service.

Lowell Treatment Center Community Services
391 Varnum Ave, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA 01854
800–727–6324, Fax: 978–322–5097
Contact: Sonja Vincola,Program Director at extension #7.

Lowell Treatment Center's Community Services is a community–based behavioral health agency serving children and adults in Lowell and surrounding communities. Our Family Stabilization Team/ In–Home Therapy program provides clinical interventions, behavior management, and advocacy to families of children with an emotional or behavioral problem. Therapeutic Mentoring is a one–to–one support service between a mentor and a youth for the purpose of addressing daily living, social, and communication needs. Community Support Program provides case management to individuals of all ages.

Payment: For Family Stabilization Team, we accept Blue Cross Blue Shield, Cigna, United Behavioral Health, and Tufts Health Plan. For In–Home Therapy and Therapeutic Mentoring, we accept MBHP, NHP, Network Health, and BMC HealthNet. For Community Support Program, we accept MBHP, Network Health, and other insurances.

Referrals: Fax a completed referral form to 978–322–5097.

Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS)
11 Mill St, Lowell MA 01852
978–970–1250, Fax: 978–970–0843
Contact: Kate Lessard, Domestic Violence Advocate and Office Manager

MAPS is a private, non–profit, community–based organization serving the Portuguese speakers in Massachusetts. MAPS provides a wide range of health, education and social services through direct services, advocacy, leadership and community development. All of our services are completely free and confidential.
Referrals: Walk–in services or call 970–1250 to make an appointment

Services offered: Demographic Served: Children; Demographic Served: Victims of Sexual Exploitation
Campaigns: Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression
Updated Sep 15, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10343

Lifting Lowellians Assistance and Mutual Aid

Volunteer Camp · Open

Lowell, MA

Web docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSePh0qGXR–yj_Cq5ZEPi19y2ibothgr5EsPKMUR0EU9U8ODyQ/viewform
Service Temporary

Updated Mar 21, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10221

Lowell Transitional Living Center [homeless services]

Walk–in Resource · Open

Lowell, MA

Web ltlc.org/for–immediate–help
Service Temporary

If you are homeless and experiencing an emergency call a Lowell Transitional Living Center Case Manager: 978–458–9888.

See other services at the website above, including a list of hotlines

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Hotline, Shelter, Evacuation/Shelter Information & Updates; Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Homelessness Relief Services

Updated Sep 15, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10345

Lowell Wish Project

Warehouse · Open

Non–Profit – Charity

1 A Foundry Street Lowell,MA 01852, Lowell, MA 01852

Phone 978–441–9474
Web lowellwishproject.org
Hours 9:30–11:30 AM M, W, F, 1–3 PM Sat
Checks payable to Lowell Wish Project Inc
Service Temporary

details at:
http://thewishproject.org/goods.html

Donate and recycle your gently used, new, overstocked furniture, clothing, shoes, baby gear, shoes and furnishings to help our local families in need
(Click for complete list "Print and Post" flier at link above)

Not sure? Before you load the car email or call us 978–441–9474
Please help us to be a zero waste facility in 2012. We cannot accept anything that is broken, dirty or purely decorative including used toys. We are not a thrift store and only client with pick lists come to Wish. We are filling orders for basics.

Things NOT accepted.. no desks, used toys, no baskets, pictures, file cabinets, office furniture, anything broken damaged or dirty, sports gear, no athletic equipment or cleats. Nothing that requires installation like light fixtures. We have no staff to repair or paint things. No medicine or specialized medical equipment that requires a prescription or nurse. The gift is in the giving so if it is easy to repair please do that before passing it on.

$5 recycling fee for the following (working or not):
Outdated electronics such as record players or cassette players, computers, CPU's (limit 3), printers, non–working washers, dryers, refrigerators, fax machines,
Portable TV's ($20 for heavy ones that take 2 people to lift– no console TV's)

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Clothing, Adults, NEW ONLY; Clothing, Adults, Plus Sizes, New or Gently Used/CLEAN; 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, Children, NEW ONLY; Clothing, Children, New or Gently Used/CLEAN * (ANY/ALL Types); Clothing, Hats, Winter; Clothing, Jeans, New/Gently Used/CLEAN; Clothing, Jeans, NEW Only; Clothing, Men's Clothing, NEW ONLY; Clothing, Men's, New or Gently Used/CLEAN; Clothing, Men's, Plus Size, New/Gently Used/CLEAN; Clothing, Shirts, Collared, Casual, 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; Clothing, T–Shirts, Long Sleeved, NEW; Clothing, T–shirts, Long Sleeved, Used or New; Clothing, T–shirts, New/Gently Used/CLEAN; Clothing, Women's, NEW ONLY; Clothing, Women's, New or Gently Used/CLEAN; Clothing, Women's, Plus Size, New/Gently Used/CLEAN; Coats/Jackets, NEW ONLY; Coats/Jackets, New or Gently Used/CLEAN * (ANY/ALL Types/Sizes); Computer, Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Disaster Relief System Development Guidance; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Clothing Distribution (To the Public); Distribution, Clothing, For Disaster Survivors; Distribution, Supplies, Local Distribution of Supplies; Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Donations, In–Kind Donation, Services; Donations, In–Kind Donations Services, Small Lots; Donations, Pickup, Pick Up Service; Facilities: Bathroom Facilities (For Volunteers); First Responder, NorthEast

Region; Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types); Furniture, Furniture Bank; Furniture, Office Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types); Furniture, Storage, Cabinet * (ANY/ALL Types); Furniture, Tables * (ANY/ALL Types); Gloves, Spring Weather (not ski gloves); Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Linens, Bedding * (ANY/ALL Types of Bedding) New or Gently Used/ CLEAN; Linens, Bedding, Blankets, New or Clean/Gently Used; Management, Supply Chain Management Advice; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; Pallet Jack; Pallets; Recycling, Appliances; Recycling, Bicycles; Recycling, Clothing; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Furniture; Recycling, Household Items; Recycling, Kid Stuff; Recycling, Packaging Materials; Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Recycling, Toiletries, Sample Sized NEW ONLY; Scarves, Winter Scarves; Shoes, * New or Gently Used/CLEAN * (ANY/ALL Types); Software Tools, for Disaster Orgs/EMAs; Software Tools, for Disaster Orgs/EMAs, Donations Coord Focused; Transportation * (ANY/ALL Types); Vehicle, Truck * (ANY/ALL Types); 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); Volunteer, Volunteer Referral Services; Warehouse, Local Disaster Relief Guidance; Warehouse, Supplies, Dollies/Dolly; Warehouse, Warehouse Space

Campaigns: American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC

Updated Jul 19, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/487

Lowellians, Lifting Lowellians Mutual Aid Facebook group

Info/Hotline · Open

Lowell, MA

Web www.facebook.com/groups/2658623527701727/?ref=group_header
Service Temporary

Lifting Lowellians: Assistance and Mutual Aid (LLAMA) is a volunteer effort to keep people connected in this difficult time. During the COVID–19 crisis, LLAMA will be dedicated to helping local Lowell residents stay up to date with local news, and make sure everyone has the resources they need to get through the crisis.

This group is dedicated to Mutual Aid in this crisis, and it can also be a space for sharing information and concerns. NOTE: We don't have a lot of rules here, but comments that don't treat other people with basic respect will be deleted.

Mutual Aid
LLAMA is working to match people who offer resources with those who need it in the community.

Here are some things that our own members may able to offer:
Delivering food and supplies to those who cannot leave the house
Individual childcare
Housing for students at closed schools
Immigrant and refugee support

Use this form: https://lowell–mutual–aid.com/form/ to submit needs or offer help. You can also call us at 978–222–7877 or 978–941–3570 en español.

Services offered: Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group
Campaigns: Black Community; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Lowellians, Lifting Lowellians Mutual Aid Facebook group

Updated Oct 8, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10389

Merrimack Valley and Greater Lowell's Nonprofit Services Directory

Info/Hotline · Open

Community
Lowell, MA

Phone (978) 458–5400
Web mvhub.com

Directory of Services, Regional

Jason Salzarulo

Search our directory of over 350 non–profit services throughout Greater Lowell and Massachusetts' Merrimack Valley.

Our Purpose
Our mission is to connect human service professionals and residents of the Merrimack Valley with information and resources to help them meet their needs. By centralizing this information on the web, we hope to eliminate the need for agencies to create in–house resource guides that take valuable staff time to create and quickly become outdated. Since MVHub.com's Community Services Directory is electronic, it can be easily kept up–to–date with minimum
expenditures of time and money. MVHub.com's Community Services Directory means better, more accurate information, available to more people, delivered in an efficient and effective way.

Who We Are

MVHub.com's Community Services Directory is a result of a collaborative effort between New Beginnings, The Greater Lowell Community Resource Collaborative, UMASS Lowell, The Lowell Police Department's Weed and Seed Program, and Lowell

Telecommunications Corporation and its Community Software Lab. In addition, the redesign of the site has been made possible from a grant from the Annie E. Casey Foundation and donations from individuals. We have also received feedback and support from the Greater Lowell non–profit community.

Services offered: Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Hotline, Food Bank/ Pantry Hotline (Find Emergency Food Help); Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Jul 8, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1531

Mobile Shower Trailer [serving homeless and others]

Walk–in Resource · Open

St John's Church; 44 Temple, Lowell, MA
Service Temporary

posted on Facebook:

Joshua's Shower, our shower trailer, has moved to St. John's Church located at 44 Temple Street. The new hours are 8:00 AM–12:00 PM, Monday–Friday. This program is funded, in part, by the United Way of Central Massachusetts. We're blessed that we can continue hot showers in spring! Several people...

Services offered: Demographic Served: Homeless; Facilities: Shower Facilities * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: United Way
Updated May 24, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10435

Lynn Community Fridge Project [free food]

Walk–in Resource · Open

16 City Hall Square, in the Centerboard Parking Lot against the colorful mural, Lynn, MA
Web www.lynncommunityfridge.org/faqs
Service Temporary

What is a community fridge?

The community fridge is an outdoor refrigerator stocked with donated ingredients. The refrigerator is accessible 24/7 to any community member, no questions asked. Food in the fridge is free.

Why a community fridge?

The Lynn Community Fridge Project helps local families in need while also giving soon–to–be wasted food a second chance. Free food fridges grant residents access to healthy food options combatting food insecurity and measurable health disparities.

What kind of donations are accepted?

Local business owners are donating fresh food items (fruits/veggies), pantry items (beans, rice, pasta), and dairy products (eggs & milk), in addition to prepared meals of any kind if available. We ask that you label all perishable food with an expiration date and ingredients.

Where is the Lynn Community Fridge?

The Lynn Community Fridge is located in the Centerboard Parking Lot against the colorful mural at 16 City Hall Square, Lynn, MA

Who is maintaining the fridge?

The Lynn Community Fridge Project is run by a network of local volunteers seeking to make a difference. If you want to help out please contact us.
lynncommunityfridge@gmail.com

Are free food fridges real?

You may be thinking it's too good to be true. Community fridges have been tremendously successful across the country.

Here is an article New York City's Community Refrigerators Offer Free Food for Those in Need, which praises the Community Fridge’s role in NYC and others around the country and a short clip 'The Love Fridge' Helping People Find, Donate Food in Chicago.

Other fridges in the Boston area have had great success. Here are links to their social media pages: https://www.instagram.com/bostoncommunityfridge/

https://www.instagram.com/dotcommunityfridge/

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Jun 17, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10440

Mailboxes and Much More (shipping and recycling center)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Recycling Network
51 Market Street, Lynn, MA 01901
Phone 781–477–0992
Web www.mailboxesandmuchmore.com/We–RECYCLE!.aspx

Service Temporary

Services offered: Demographic Served: Environmental Disaster, Populations Affected by; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Hotline, Recycling Coordination; Recycling, Packaging Materials; Recycling, Packaging Materials, Peanuts; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types)

Updated Jun 1, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8513

Massachusetts Coalition for Homeless, Main Location (also, furniture bank)

Info/Hotline · Open

Non–Profit

15 Bubier Street, Lynn, MA

Phone (781) 595–7570
Web www.mahomeless.org
Service Temporary

The mission of the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless (MCH) is to end homelessness. The Coalition's recent policy work covers a broad range of activities addressing the causes of homelessness.. For example:

Access to shelter – Ensuring access to emergency shelter for working families in need by advocating for raising the income limits for shelter eligibility;
Health – Working to provide access to the MassHealth Basic plan for homeless individuals;
Basic Needs – Advocating for cash assistance to those in need of income supports, including adequate funding for the Emergency Aid to Elders, Disabled, and Children program, and for continued assistance for families in need;
Housing – Advocating for: the development of housing and housing subsidies for extremely low income people; programs to assist families and individuals to move out of shelter into permanent housing; and working with local housing authorities to ensure access for homeless and very low–income households.
Grassroots Organizing – Providing homeless parents with the information to address short term needs and with that knowledge, skills and opportunity to take an active role in the public policy decisions which directly effect their lives;
Outreach – Publishing Down and Out, a comprehensive manual on basic rights and benefits for homeless people in Massachusetts.
Research – Conducting studies involving and related to homeless people;
National leadership – Working with the National Coalition for the Homeless to raise awareness of homelessness as a national tragedy and to use federal resources to eradicate the roots of homelessness.
In addition, the Coalition operates the Donations Assistance Program (DAP). A unique furniture/household goods clearinghouse, DAP collects donations from private households, schools, hotels and corporations, and then distributes them free of charge to families and individuals moving from homeless situations to permanent housing. Last year, DAP collected and distributed $3 million worth of items to more than 3900 households and to numerous shelters throughout the state.

For more information or to get involved, call the Coalition at (781) 595–7570

FURNITURE BANK:

Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless: For pick up scheduling call 781 595 7570, ext. 13. Since 1986, the Coalition has been helping thousands of formerly homeless and at risk households through its Furniture Bank. They normally charge a $25 fee for pick up. However, if you mention Eggers Furniture, they will waive the fee. They will pick up in most towns inside rt. 495 with 2 to 3 weeks notice, sometimes within a couple of days. They will take mattresses and box springs less than 10 years old and in clean condition. (this entry per Eggers Furniture)

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Services, Homeless, Services for the Homeless; Warehouse, Warehouse Space

Updated Mar 19, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1522

Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless, Furniture Bank

Warehouse · Open

Community

15 Bubier Street, Lynn, MA 01901

Phone (781) 595–7570
Web www.mahomeless.org/programs/donatedirections.html
Service Temporary

Since 1986, the Coalition has been helping to furnish the future for thousands of formerly homeless and at risk households through its Furniture Bank. The Furniture Bank's mission is to ensure that recently housed, extremely low–income families and individuals have cost–free furniture and household items to help build their new homes and lives. Staff at the Furniture Bank work hard to provide beds, linens, chairs, tables, sofas, personal hygiene products and other household items, which help to begin and strengthen a stable living environment for those in need.

Basic necessities such as beds, sofas, kitchen tables and chairs, pots and pans, and linens are often overlooked as essential to rebuilding and stabilizing one's life. Yet it is difficult for a family or individual to realize their dream of a safe, stable home when the objects we take for granted that make a house a home are so hard to obtain for extremely low–income households.

Q: Who is eligible for the Donations Assistance Program services?
A: All household's must be referred by an organization and may be eligible if they are transitioning from shelter into an apartment, in a doubled up situation, have been referred by DSS, DTA, emergency shelter or are homeless due to a domestic violence situation. If the Coalition determines that an individual is not eligible for services, contact the Client Coordinator at (781) 595–7570x 11 for a list of alternative resources.

Q: What is the first step in the referral process?
A: All households requesting services must have an application sent to the client Coordinator. To access this form please click here or request the material by contacting the office at (781) 595–7570x 11. After the application has been submitted please call the Client Coordinator to confirm eligibility status and to schedule an appointment.

Q: Will applicants need to provide their own transportation?
A: Yes. The Coalition does not provide delivery services. The truck must be big enough to fit all items in one trip. Individuals must arrange to have a truck on the date and time of the scheduled appointment.

Q: Can individuals make specific requests for furniture donations?
A: We will do our best to meet the needs of each household requesting services. We cannot guarantee specific items will be available on the day of a scheduled appointment. The Furniture Bank does not maintain a stock of furniture. Since items are donated to the program on a daily basis, it is difficult to anticipate what product we will have available on any specific day.

Q: What is the policy regarding missed appointments?
A: The Coalition receives approximately 80 referrals a day and does not have the capacity to reschedule missed appointments. We ask that all applicants arrive to the appointment prepared and on time.

Q: If someone has received services through the furniture bank, can they re–apply and come again?
A: No. Unfortunately, we can only offer one appointment per family. The Program is designed to assist individuals/families with their initial transition. We have limited resources and our goal is to help as many households as possible.

Q: Is the furniture new?
A: All of the furniture is donated. We receive most of the furniture from individual families, colleges, and hotels. Although the furniture has been used, we do not offer items that we would not have in our own homes. The Coalition is specific about the condition of the furniture we accept and distribute.

Services offered: Donations, In–Kind Donation, Services; Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types); Furniture, Furniture Bank; Household Items (small) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level)
Updated Oct 16, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1824

Hummingbird "Green" Cleaning Cooperative (NOT FREE, sustainable, worker–owned)

Open Business* · Open

Malden, MA
Web hummingbirdcleaningservices.net/aboutus.html
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 13, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9826

Sharewood Project @ The First Church of Malden (The)

Medical Facility

Student Run
184 Pleasant St., First Church of Malden, at the end of Pleasant Street, Malden, MA
Phone (781) 324–8991
Web sharewood.info
Hours Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 9 PM

The Sharewood Project is a free healthcare organization run by medical students and physicians. Sharewood offers unscheduled care to the medically underserved populations of the greater Boston area. Sharewood is located in the First Church of Malden, at the end of Pleasant Street in Malden, MA, and operates Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 9 PM. Sharewood is staffed by volunteer physicians, medical students (physician assistants), and translators. We provides clinical, case management, psychiatric, and laboratory screening services. All services are free and open to everyone including the uninsured.

Mailing Address
The Sharewood Project
136 Harrison Ave.
Boston, MA 02111

Sharewood Office
Rm. L2, Posner Hall
Tufts Medical School

Office Phone/Fax:
(617) 636–2435

Services offered: Medical, Facility, Clinic, Free Clinic
Updated Jul 17, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1540

Furnishing Options (furniture bank/household goods)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Marlboro, MA

Phone 774–348–4922 (to schedule donation)
Web www.furnishingoptions.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Jan 27, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9631

BayState Bulldogs (Little League AND MORE! Youth/Community Development Org)

Info/Hotline · Open

Community Development
86 Charlestown St, Marshfield, MA 02050

Phone 781–319–1907
Contact John Giurleo
Email info@baystatebulldogs.org
Web www.baystatebulldogs.org
Service Temporary

This Little League group is an amazingly rich community development organization that teaches kids the importance of community service. See the "Bulldog Creed" below that all kids have to sign up to...

They mobilize charity events and food drives, and would be an excellent source of leadership should a disaster hit this region. They need help with their food drives, in terms of packing/trucking food, and could use a few partners in terms of destinations for collected food and adults that can help organize.

From their website:

Bulldog Creed

What it means to be a Bulldog–Wearing your Colors Proud

Being a Bulldog means always be a team player. A Bulldog can always be counted on when times are good, but more importantly when adversity sets in.

Being a Bulldog means always demonstrating professionalism on and off the field. When you wear your colors, you are representing a program that is built on hard work, respect and kindness to others. Our motto is that you treat others the way in which you, yourself want to be treated.

Being a Bulldog means being a positive role model in the community. Bulldogs understand that they are role models to kids and parents alike. Bulldogs also know that there are others in the world who are less fortunate, and when they are called upon, Bulldog Players work as a family to make a difference in the world!!!

Being a Bulldog means you give 110% both on and off the field in everything you do. Bulldogs work hard to keep up their grades in school and when they struggle, they work even harder to improve. Bulldogs are good brothers to their siblings good children to their parents, and good teammates to their fellow Bulldogs. Bulldogs work hard during practices and in games, and win or lose, a Bulldog fights until the very end!!

Being a Bulldog means you WEAR YOUR COLORS PROUD!!!!!!!!!!

Services offered: Demographic Served: Children; Demographic Served: Families, w/Young Children; Demographic Served: Teens; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Donation Drive; Facility: Recreation Center; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Exercise, Health Classes; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training Classes, Sports; Training Classes, Sports, Baseball; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: Kiwanis Club (Local Civic Group)
Updated Mar 11, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5595

Wampanoag Tribe, Mashpee

Info/Hotline · Open

Mashpee, MA

Web mashpeewampanoagtribe.com/directory_new.html
Service Temporary

Services offered: Emergency Operations Center, Local; Emergency Operations Office, State Level; Government, County, Department of Health; Government, Department of Social Services (DSS); Government, Employment Development Department; Government, HQ (Headquarters); New "business" models, Government; Voting Site

Campaigns: Government, City/Town Agency; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government Housing Authority; Government, State/County; Tribal Communities
Updated Apr 30, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9143

Mattapan Community Health Center

Medical Facility · Open

1425 Blue Hill Avenue, Mattapan, MA

Phone (617) 296–0061
Contact Customer Service
Email CustomerService @ matchc . org
Web www.mattapanchc.org/services.html
Service Temporary

from the website:

Who We Are

We are your Neighborhood Health Center

Languages We Speak:
English
French
Haitian Creole
Spanish
Hindi
Chinese

Serving Mattapan and Hyde Park for over 30 years

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

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

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

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

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

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

Major Initiatives

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

Fees and Payment

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

Our Services

Training and Programs

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

Outreach and Community Component

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

Clinical Services

MCHC provides a range of diagnostic and treatment services:

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

Multidisciplinary Services

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

Patient Support

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

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Medical, HIV/AIDS; Advocacy, Medical, Patient Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Social Justice; Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Health Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Mental Health Resources; Case Management, Medical Case Management; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Counseling ($ NOT FREE) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Post Disaster Counseling; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Counseling, Support Group for Caregivers; Dental, Services * (ANY/ALL Types of Dental Services) ; Distribution, Medical Supplies; Education, Communication with at–risk teens; Education, for Parents, about teens' risky behaviors; Education, Parenting at–risk teens; Financial Assistance, Medical Expenses; Financial Assistance, Medical, Prescription Assistance; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Crisis Hotline; Medical, Education, Health Awareness; Medical,

Education, HIV/AIDS Awareness; Medical, Education, Hygiene Health, Awareness; Medical, Education, Mother and Child Health Awareness; Medical, Education, Prenatal Care; Medical, Education, Weight Management Classes; Medical, Facility, Clinic ($ Fee–Based Sliding Scale); Medical, Facility, Clinic, Free Clinic; Medical, Facility, Clinic, Outpatient Clinic; Medical, Facility, Hospital, Pediatric Hospital; Medical, Facility, Urgent Care (Non Trauma); Medical, Non–Emergency Medical Services; Medical, Services, Assessment, Medical Needs Assessment; Medical, Services, Diabetes Testing; Medical, Services, Eye Exams; Medical, Services, Family Planning; Medical, Services, Family Planning, Pregnancy Prevention; Medical, Services, First Aid Medical Services; Medical, Services, First Aid Station; Medical, Services, Laboratory / Lab Services; Medical, Services, Malnutrition; Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Services, Nutrition; Medical, Services, Outpatient; Medical, Services, Pharmacy; Medical, Services, Physical Examinations; Medical, Services, Post–Op Care Medical Facility (For Transfer Patients); Medical, Services, Post–Op, Post Operative Medical Care; Medical, Services, Preventive; Medical, Services, Primary Care; Medical, Services, Public Health Education / Awareness; Medical, Services, Screening, Blood Pressure Screenings; Medical, Services, Screening, General Health; Medical, Services, Screening, Mammograms; Medical, Services, Vaccination Program/Clinic Services; Medical, Services, X–Ray; Medication, Rx, Vaccination, Hepatitis A Shots; Medication, Rx, Vaccination, Immunizations; Pamphlets, Educational Pamphlets; Services: Translators, Interpretation Services; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Education, Nutrition Education Classes; Training Classes, Education, Parenting; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training, Medical, Education, AIDS/HIV Workshops; Training, Medical, Education *(ANY/ALL Types); Training, Medical, Education, Diabetes Education; Training, Medical, Education, General Health; Training, Medical, Education, Hypertension Education; Training, Medical, Education, Life Skills, Asthma; Training, Medical, Education, Obesity Education; Training, Medical, Education, Prevention of STD's; Training, Medical, Education, Smoking Cessation, Quit Smoking; Translators, Chinese/English, Volunteer; Translators, Creole/Kreyole/English, Volunteer; Translators, French/English, Volunteers; Translators, Hindi/English, Volunteers; Translators, Japanese/English, Volunteer; Translators, Spanish/English, Volunteers; Translators, Vietnamese/English, Volunteer; Translators, Volunteer * (ANY/ALL); Vouchers, Medical, Prescription Vouchers

Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; Government, Medicaid; Government, US/State Dept. of Health & Human Services (DHHS); Social Activists/Organizers

Updated Jul 4, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8724

Survival News (and a community supporting low income people)

Walk–in Resource · Open

95 Standard Street, Mattapan, MA

Phone Phone: (617) 298–7311
Contact Dottie Stevens
Email masswelf @ aol.com
Web survivorsinc.org
Service Temporary

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

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

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

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Assistance, How to, File Disaster Disability Benefits; Assistance, How To, File Disaster Unemployment Claims; Assistance, How to, File Food Stamp Application; Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, How To, Navigating Disaster Survivor Insurance Process ; Assistance, Referrals, Childcare/Childrens Programs; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Information & Resource Referrals (For Elders/Seniors); Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Counseling, Consumer Credit Counseling; Counseling, Financial/Budget Counseling; Counseling, Financial, Home Buying Process; Counseling, Personal Finance Counseling; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Financial Assistance Programs; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights, First Amendment; Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Media, Online News Reports; Media, Print News Outlet (newspaper, magazine, etc); New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; New "business"

models, Sustainable Societies; News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Services, Family, General Family Assistance; Services, Financial, Counseling, Mortgage–Foreclosure Problems; Services, Financial, for Folks w/Bad Credit (that want to get better); Services, For Folks Trying To Get Off Welfare; Training, Activism; Training Classes, Computer Lab; Training Classes, Computers Skills; Training Classes, Computer, Word Processing; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Vocational; Training Government, Training on How it Works; Training, Services, Employment /JobTraining
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; Homelessness Relief Services
Updated Apr 12, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9680

All Hands and Hearts

Info/Hotline · Open

82 County Road, PMB 79, Mattapoisett, MA 02739

Phone 508–758–8211
Web www.allhandsandhearts.org
Service Temporary

https://www.allhandsandhearts.org/storm–tracker/los–angeles–california–wildfires–january–2025/

All Hands and Hearts has mobilized our Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) and is actively engaging with local partners to support relief efforts.
While stationed safely outside the impact zones, our team is focused on outreach, distributing supplies to survivors, and preparing to coordinate
volunteers as conditions stabilize.

General Information: info@allhandsandhearts.org
Volunteer Inquiries: volunteer@allhandsandhearts.org
Making a Donation: donate@allhandsandhearts.org
Partnership Inquiries: partnerships@allhandsandhearts.org
Fundraising: fundraising@allhandsandhearts.org
Press and Media: publicrelations@allhandsandhearts.org
All Hands and Hearts (UK) Trust: Ian@allhandsandhearts.org

Services offered: Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2025 California Wildfires
Updated Jan 14, 2025 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10696

Mattapan Technology Learning Center Haiti Emergency Relief Fund (Greater Boston/ Mattapan School of Technology)

School · Open

24 Regis Road, Matttapan, MA 02126

Phone (617) 298–0357
Web www.mattapantech.com/supportcenter.htm
Hours 12–2:00PM
Serves Haiti
Checks payable to Mattapan Technology Learning Center Haiti Emergency Relief Fund
Service Temporary

To make a donation online, click here (on site:
<http://www.mattapantech.com/supportcenter.htm>
or send your donation to Mattapan Technology Learning Center Haiti Emergency Relief Fund, 24 Regis Rd, Mattapan, MA, 02126

The first delegation of the Mattapan Tech students will arrive in Port–Au–Prince on Friday evening and another delegation will leave for Miami Monday night and expect to be in Haiti Tuesday morning.

They are helping to connect relatives in USA with family members and friends in Haiti now. (1/14/10)

DIRECTIONS TO LOCATION: (They only want financial donations now. (1/14/10)
But keep this URL for later, donations in kind deliveries.
http://maps.google.com/maps?q=24+regis+rd,+mattapan+ma+02126&split=0&daddr=24+Regis+Rd,+Mattapan,+MA+02126&saddr=&rl=1&ie=UTF8&z=16
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake
Updated Jan 14, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4957

Elks Lodge MAYNARD (various resources, grants, etc)

Info/Hotline · Open

Maynard, MA

Web www.elks.org/lodges/ContactUs.cfm?LodgeNumber=1568
Service Temporary

This group REPORTEDLY offers cash grants. I wrote to them to confirm, but no response yet. TF

Lodge Contacts

Exalted Ruler: Darrell French
Secretary: Patricia Roberts
Cyber–Assistant: Kimberly A Landry

Lodge Location

Maynard, MA No. 1568
34 Powder Mill Rd
Maynard, MA 01754–1420

Maynard, MA No. 1568
34 Powder Mill Rd
Maynard, MA 01754–1420

Telephone: (978)897–9892 (Lodge)
Telephone: (978)897–8425 (Office)
Fax: (978)897–5831 (Lodge)
Webmaster: klandry897@aol.com

Services offered: Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"
Campaigns: Elks Club (Local Civic Group)
Updated May 26, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9871

Maynard 3D printing company, making masks, need supplies/donations, will help others do it

Open Business* · Open

Maynard, MA
Web www.excelsiorcomicsandgames.com
Service Temporary

source: https://boston.cbslocal.com/2020/03/26/coronavirus–maynard–gaming–lounge–makes–masks–for–healthcare–workers–with–3d–printer–excelsior/

see this link showing them on the news explaining their 3D printed masks

Services offered: Masks, Face Masks, N95 (w/Respirator/Cartidges)
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Mar 26, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10248

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

Pantry Service is OPEN!

As of Tuesday, March 17th, Open Table will be implementing “drive–thru” pantry service. Guests arriving by other means of transportation (walking, biking, etc) will, of course, also be served. Guests should keep their regular appointments during these times.

Our pantry will be open during regular operating hours (we will be open rain or shine!):

Tuesday 1:00–6:30 pm
Thursday 3:00–6:30 pm

Drive–Thru Plan

Pantry distribution will be available in the Maynard Municipal Parking Lot located between Summer Street and Main Street. Please enter from Summer Street (across from the Fine Arts Theater). Guests will remain in their cars; volunteers will load pre–packed bags into the cars. Please do your best to arrive at your standard time; if you arrive early you may be asked to park in an area municipal lot and return at your appointment time.

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:

Open Table 978–823–0082
Clock Tower Place

Maynard, MA 01754
http://www.opentable.org
• Free dinner: Mondays 5:30–6:30 pm
• Pantry: Mondays 5:30–6:30 pm
Open to residents of all towns

Open Table was founded in 1989 to provide weekly nutritious meals and a food pantry to anyone who wanted them no questions asked. Our purpose is to address the hunger that exists in our area and to do this in a manner that respects the privacy and dignity of our guests and provides them with a few moments of respite from their daily challenges. The Open Table is a way to open arms and hearts in the community, share success and gifts, practice values that enhance common humanity and to give and receive kindness.

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

Maynard Adult Learning Center (Classes for Learning English)

School · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
Maynard & Hudson, MA
Phone 978–897–4203 Maynard or 978–897–7866 Hudson
Serves Maynard Region
Service Permanent

Services offered: Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Training Classes, ESL (English as a Second Language); Training Classes, GED Preparation; Training Classes, Language Skills
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts
Updated Nov 19, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3848

DSmith

Donor · Open

Private Citizen Volunteers
10 Summer St, Maynard, MA, MA 01754
Service Temporary

Christy thought supplies already delivered.

Needs:
Item Qty Needed Urgency Load
*conditions with notes
New Need

Available:
Item Qty Available Load
Batteries – various sizes Show Edit
CD–Rs Show Edit
Computer, Desktop Show Edit
Fax machine Show Edit
Printer Show Edit
Telephone Systems Show Edit
Updated Nov 19, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/756

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

Nevins Farm MSPCA Animal Shelter, [outdoor/indoor] pets, live stock

Animal Shelter · Open

Methuen, MA

Web www.mspca.org/how–to–adopt/adoption–inquiry–nevins–farm
Service Permanent

Website hard to navigate, see info at Wikipedia:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nevins_Farm_and_Equine_Center

Services offered: Animals, Adoption, Animals for Adoption; Animals, Animal Care, Foster Homes For Pets of Disaster; Animals, Animal Care Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Animals, Rescue, Animal Rescue Services; Animals, Rescue Organization; Animals, Sanctuary, Animal Sanctuary; Demographic Served: Animals; Shelter, Animals, Dog Sanctuary; Shelter, Animals, Farm Animal Sanctuary
Campaigns: ASPCA ~ American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty To Animals
Updated Oct 20, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10736

Marcia & Harold Rhodes, (donates to help disabled people)

Donor · Open

Milford, MA

Service Temporary

http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/regionals/west/2014/12/28/acts-bravery-and-kindness-west-boston/ZCrNpZ6yUeXeky6MCscPpM/story.html

an accident left her a paraplegic and a large settlement. they give money away.

Services offered: Advocacy, Disabled/Handicapped; Demographic Served: Disabled, Persons With Disabilities; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Jan 18, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9908

Milford Democratic Town Committee [virus response: sewing masks/hospital supplies]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Milford, MA
Web www.facebook.com/MilfordMaDTC
Service Temporary

John Tehan and members of the Milford Democratic Town Committee (DTC) are sewing masks [and other supplies?] for regional hospi8tals, in coordination with State Senator Ben Downing.

Services offered: Masks, surgical masks, cloth
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID-19
Updated Mar 22, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10245

Unitarian Universalist Church / Community Supper Milford

Walk-in Resource · Open

23 Pine Street, Milford, MA 01757
Phone 508-473-3589
Service Temporary

Meals served: Every Sunday at 4:45 PM

Source: http://www.foodbank.org/PDF/agencylist.pdf Dated October 2012.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Hungry; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Meals, Soup Kitchen; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Dinner
Updated Oct 23, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9385

First Church of Monson – 6/2011 MA Tornado – DONATION DROP SITE LOCATION

Donor · Open

3 High Street, Monson, MA
Phone (413) 267-3312
Web www.firstchurchmonson.org
Service Temporary

FROM THE FACEBOOK PAGE:

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR MONSON CLEAN UP

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

1. plastic bins, boxes
2. large trash bags
3. work gloves
4. chainsaws and chainsaw parts: blades, chains, sharpeners, bar oil, 2-cycle oil
5. tarps to cover damaged roof until repairs can be made
6. debris moving equipment, tractors, backhoes etc.

LESSER NEEDED ITEMS:

dust masks
gas containers
trash barrels

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bottled water
sunscreen/sunblock
bug spray/insect repellent
generators
hats
large ziplock bags for small items
5 gallon buckets

Salvation Army is taking care of food at the First Church so don't worry about food.

Red Cross is running the shelter at Quarry Hill Community School.

NOTE: People do not need clothing right now, they do not have anywhere to put any clothing they receive and it is not a top priority for them. Just hold onto the clothes for the future!

THERE IS A DROP OF LOCATION OF SUPPLIES AT THE FIRST CHURCH OF MONSON AS WELL AS MEMORIES AND MORE IN PALMER. For the addresses of these locations just look them up on facebook.

Services offered: Distribution, Disaster Relief Supplies
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms
Updated Jun 6, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8542

Monson United Methodist Church

Walk–in Resource · Open

162 Main St., Monson, MA
Phone (413) 267–3798
Service Temporary

Sign posted on site: 6/26/11

Food, water, clothing

Services offered: Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Water, * Bottles (ANY/ALL Types of Bottled Water)
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; United Methodist Church
Updated Jun 26, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8674

Town of Monson EMA, Tornado Recovery Center

Walk–in Resource · Open

110 Main Street, Monson, MA
Phone (413)267–3869 Mobile (413)454–5163
Contact Kathleen Conley Norbut, M.Ed., LMHC
Email kcnorbut @ yahoo . com
Web www.monson–ma.gov/public_documents/MonsonMA_BBoard/030CCA35–000F8513
Service Temporary

form website:

If you are concerned and want information about tornado recovery in Monson, please attend this important meeting.
All Monson residents are invited to attend Informational Meeting - Tornado Damage Recovery

Where: Quarry Hill School, 43 Margaret Street, Monson, MA
When: Friday, June 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.
Who: FEMA, Red Cross, National Grid, Town Officials, Massachusetts Fire Chaplains

Why: Get facts from public safety officials about what happened, find status of power restoration in town, information about FEMA assistance, how to safely remove building debris, and how that is different from tree wood waste, guidance from the Building Commissioner about how to proceed with repairs to your home, plans for re–opening school and high school graduation, how to help your neighbors, how the town will maintain its services, and to answer any other questions residents may have.

Services offered: Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; American Red Cross; EMA (Emergency Management Agency) Regional/County; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security, National Shelter System (NSS); Government, FEMA, DRC (Disaster Recovery Center); LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), Associate Member/Informal Affiliation; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member); VOAD (this org is not a member, but is "affiliated"); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Jun 3, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8537

UU Church Destroyed, Donate Directly

Info/Hotline · Open

Church
177 Main Street, Monson, MA
Phone (413)267–3152 (617) 953–6502
Contact Reverend Darrick Jackson
Email uupm @ uupm . org
Web www.uupm.org/contactus.php
Service Temporary

from the website:

We are conveniently located right near downtown, at the corner of Main Street/Route 32 and Lincoln.

GLB friendly

Services offered: Donations, Disaster Fund; Volunteers, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms
Updated Jun 3, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8533

BroadFork Permaculture Gardening Co–operative (NOT FREE)

Open Business* · Open

Montague and region, MA
Web valleyworker.org/members/broadfork–permaculture–co–opertive
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9808

Natick Community Fridge [24x7 free food]

Walk–in Resource · Open

13 Common St., Natick, MA 01760
Service Temporary

source: https://cambridgecitygrowers.wordpress.com/2020/11/27/give–and–or–take–from–your–local–community–fridge/

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Jul 12, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10456

New England Demolition & Salvage (recycling house parts)

Open Business* · Open

New Bedford, MA
Phone 508– 992– 1099
Contact info
Email HomeNEDS @ aol. com
Web www.nedsalvage.com
Service Temporary

Services offered: Construction, Building Material Reclaim/Reuse/Recycle; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Recycling, Building Materials * (ANY/ALL Types); Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/ Services
Updated Oct 24, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9017

Newton Community Freedge [24x7 free food]

Walk–in Resource · Open

420 Watertown St (parking lot of Central Drapery and Dry Cleaning), Newton, MA 02458
Web newtoncommunityfreedge
Service Temporary

source: https://cambridgecitygrowers.wordpress.com/2020/11/27/give–and–or–take–from–your–local–community–fridge/

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Jul 12, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10467

A Yard And A Half (Co–Op Principled, Sustainable Social Enterprise NOT FREE, but reasonable!)

Open Business* · Open

Newton, Watertown, Brookline, Jamaica Plain, Wellesley, and Lexington, MA
Web ayardandahalf.wordpress.com/about
Service Temporary

from the site:

Selected as one of Inc. Magazine's "Winning Workplaces" for our open–book management and innovative employee development, A Yard & A Half Landscaping is a landscaping company committed to sustainable and organic practices. Our mission is to design, build, and maintain beautiful and healthy outdoor spaces that enrich the lives of our co–workers, clients, and community. A Yard & A Half Landscaping has been designing, installing and maintaining Boston–area landscapes since 1988.

The landscape structures and stonework we install are meant to last. If for some reason they don't, we replace, repair, or redo them at no additional cost to you. We call that our "Guarantee & A Half" — a serious, satisfaction–guarantee you can believe in.
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 2, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9751

Amherst Survival Center

Walk–in Resource · Open

Non–Profit

PO Box 9629; 1200 N. Pleasant St.; (just north of Pine Street), North Amherst, MA 01059

Phone 413–549–3968
Web www.people.umass.edu/support/asc
Hours M–T–Th–F 11 am–3 pm – Th 3–7 pm
Serves Amherst, Belcherville, Deerfield, Hadley, Leverett, Pelham, Shutesbury, Sunderland
Service Temporary

Food, clothing and household goods for people in need; hot lunches and groceries weekdays except Wednesdays; 100 people a day.

The Mission:

To provide a welcoming community where families and individuals who are struggling to make ends meet can come for food and clothing, for companionship and relief from isolation, and to share their material resources, information, concerns and frustrations. No one is turned away. An equally important function of the Center is to help people move beyond a condition of need, to help them to help themselves and each other.

Volunteering is encouraged among all who want to play a bigger part in the cycle of giving and receiving that defines the Center.

SERVICES:

BAKED GOODS and FRESH PRODUCE are collected Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, courtesy of Whole Foods, Stop & Shop, Atkins Farm, Henion Bakery , and Trader Joe's. DISTRIBUTION starts at 11 am on those days.

LUNCH is from 12 noon to 1 p.m., Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Friday. 549–3968 ext 203 for details.

Our FOOD PANTRY provides nutritional staples to eligible families and individuals. Please, contact us for details, 549–3968 ext 204.

CLOTHING & HOUSEHOLD GOODS: Everyone who comes to the Center may select clothing, house wares, and personal items. We try to accommodate emergency requests. 549–3968 ext 206 for details.

DROP–IN CENTER: The Center provides a friendly, supportive environment for a wide variety of people including those who feel isolated because of circumstances of disability, poverty, and cultural differences.

INFORMATION & REFERRAL SERVICES: Our staff can help find the right person or program for you in your particular situation.

We are always looking for volunteers to sort clothing, prepare lunch, pick up food donations, enter data, assist with the regularly scheduled jobs, or help with an unexpected need. People with computer proficiency, fundraising, recycling, and carpentry knowledge are especially needed.

Are you interested in helping out? We want to hear from you. To talk about volunteering individually or with your group, please call 413 549–3968, ext. 205.

Services offered: Advocacy, Volunteer, Resource Referrals; Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Household Items (small) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals; Meals, Lunches (Hot); Thrift Store
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; United Way

Updated Jan 23, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1029

Carriage House

Shelter · Open

294 Old Main Road, North Falmouth, MA 02556

Phone (508) 564–6485

Battered womens shelter

Shelter for women and children.

Services offered: Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Homeless, Services for the Homeless; Services, Women's Services; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Womens, Battered Womens Shelter
Campaigns: Homelessness Relief Services
Updated Dec 28, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1047

Got Books?

Donor · Open

In-Kind Donations Bank
35 Concord St., North Reading, MA 01864
Phone 978.664.6555
Web www.gotbooks.com
Service Temporary

Charity Book Sale Hours
Friday & Saturday, 9:00AM – 4:00PM

Warehouse Hours
Monday – Friday, 8:00AM – 5:00PM

Got Books is a for-profit professional fundraiser and used book seller whose primary mission is to support the local community through books.

We serve the local community by helping charities and nonprofit groups raise money. We do this primarily by hosting weekly Charity Book Sales at our warehouse in North Reading, MA. Our Book Sale provides a meaningful and effective way for us to raise money for a variety of local causes and fifty percentof all weekend book sale profits go directly to our fundraising partners.

Our books are supplied by residents and groups who have donated Books, CDs, Videos, DVDs and more through our exclusive and free pick-up service.

With a relentless commitment to books and the community, our charity book sale offers over 45,000 books and items that are constantly refreshed ensuring customers a new stock of books to pick from each week, for only $1 per book! And, our book sale patrons get the added benefit of knowing that their purchases directly contribute to the local causes we support...one book at a time.

Services offered: Books * (ANY/ALL Types); Donations, In-Kind Donation, Services
Updated Nov 13, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1901

River Valley Market (NOT FREE, Co-op market)

Open Business* · Open

Northampton, MA
Web www.rivervalleymarket.coop
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9791

Pelham Auto Parts (NOT FREE) worker-owned collective

Open Business* · Open

Pelham, MA
Web www.pelhamautoparts.com
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Worker Owned Co-Operatives
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9818

Norma Harrington (adopts special-needs pets)

Animal Shelter · Open

Pepperell, MA
Service Temporary

http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/regionals/west/2014/12/28/acts-bravery-and-kindness-west-boston/ZCrNpZ6yUeXeky6MCscPpM/story.html

http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/regionals/west/2014/09/20/disabled-living-their-last-days-unwanted-animals-have-place-pepperell-woman-home/7GhXxlrcdPgIImCOQb1SeL/story.html

she's got 35 fowl, 8 horses, dogs, cats, ferrets, etc

Services offered: Advocacy, Animals (Domesticated Animals); Animals, Animal Care Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Animals, Shelter Host, Volunteer
Updated Jan 18, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9907

Father Bill's Place

Shelter · Open

Faith=Based, Non–Profit, Interfaith Housing
38 Broad St., Quincy, MA 02169

Web www.fatherbillsplace.org
Hours 24 hours
Checks payable to Father Bill's Place
Service Temporary

From the website:

Father Bill's Place is an interfaith housing provider committed to providing permanent solutions to the problem of homelessness. Since its inception in 1984 as an emergency shelter, Father Bill's Place has grown into a highly visible, well respected, social service agency assisting those in need in the South Shore community.

Father Bill's Place remains steadfast in its mission to help homeless people obtain a home by giving temporary shelter and food, finding safe and affordable housing, and providing permanent housing with supportive services. Father Bill's Place helps people who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness, to achieve self–sufficiency.

Services offered: Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Meals, For Homeless Residents; Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); Mental Health Services; School, Adult Education/Adult School; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Homeless Shelter; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction)

Updated May 14, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1050

Pantry Shelf, The

Walk–in Resource · Open

Food Pantry
105 Adams St., Quincy, MA 02169

Phone 617–773–6203
Web www.interfaithsocialservices.org/food_pantry.html
Hours Mon – Fri (walk–in basis) / Sat (by appointment)
Service Temporary

The Pantry Shelf provides free food for individuals and families in need, over 4000 South Shore households, over 10,000 people a year. We try to provide 3–5 days of food for our customers. They may come for food one time a month.

Our customers are South Shore residents who because of financial hardship need assistance with food. Many are on fixed incomes due to age or disability, while others are unemployed or Transitional Assistance recipients. Some come on a one time emergency basis, others on a more regular basis. They reside in one of the ten South Shore communities served by the Pantry Shelf: Braintree, Cohasset, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Milton, Quincy, Randolph, Scituate and Weymouth.

Most of our food is provided through the goodwill of hundreds of caring individuals, the various faith communities, businesses, schools, and civic and fraternal organizations. Monetary donations enable us to provide items not normally donated.

Volunteers dedicated to helping others staff the Pantry Shelf. There are many ways you can get involved; initiate or sponsor a food drive, volunteer on a regular basis or for special food drives, start a ?Bring a Can? basket in your home, office or regular meeting place. Become our partner as we work to help feed our neighbors on the South Shore.

Mon – Fri (walk–in basis)
10:00am – 11:45am

Sat (by appointment)
10:00am – 11:45am

Services offered: Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Jan 26, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1015

Prison Book Program (c/o Lucy Parsons Bookstore)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Community Service
1306 Hancock Street, #100, Quincy, MA 02169

Phone (617) 423–3298
Contact call or write for info
Email info@prisonbookprogram.org
Web www.prisonbookprogram.org
Service Temporary

From their website:

Books We Need for Prisoners – Paperbacks

Donations must be in good condition. Typically, books that are over 25 years old cannot be used, as they are often outdated or in poor condition.

We can use most non–fiction and fiction in new or very good condition.

The following subjects and genres are in constant demand:

African–American studies
The Autobiography of Malcolm X and works about or by Martin Luther King, Jr.
Native American studies
Mexican, Aztec, and Mayan studies
Puerto Rican studies
English dictionaries, thesauruses, and foreign language dictionaries
GED Prep
Spanish/English dictionaries and books in Spanish
How to start a small business.
Jailhouse lawyer legal materials
Health especially HIV and Hepatitis C
Gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender studies
Trades (i.e. woodworking, automotive, etc.)
Spirituality & Religion – especially Bible concordances & dictionaries, Islam and non–mainstream religions such as Wicca, Paganism, Buddhism, New Age, etc.
History
Psychology and philosophy
Secret societies and the occult (e.g., Masons, Rosicrucian Order, extra terrestrials, etc.)
Mysteries
Westerns
Bookstore gift certificates to help purchase hard–to–find titles are gratefully accepted! We are a non–profit organization with 501(c) 3 status, so your donations are fully tax–deductible.

Where To Bring Donations

Book donations can be dropped off at the PBP office in the basement of the United First Parish Church in Quincy Center during our normal volunteer hours. Because of space limitations, please contact us if you are bringing more than six boxes (617–423–3298 or info@prisonbookprogram.org). We have a very limited availability to pick up donations; please contact us for more details.

Book Drives and Book Drop Off Sites

Please contact us if your business, church, or other organization would like to serve as a book drop off center and/or hold a book drive!
Updated Sep 3, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3635

Quincy Crisis Center

Walk–in Resource · Open

Faith–based Humanitarian Outreach
282 Billings Road; P.O. Box 31, Quincy, MA 02170

Phone Business/Volunteer 617–847–6967 Emergency Hotline 617–471–7075
Web www.sharingweb.org
Checks payable to Quimcy Crisis Center
Service Temporary

Hot Meal Program:
The Quincy Crisis Center's food programs include emergency

food delivery, daily hot meals and a holiday meal program. A major piece of our mission is to "advance a culture of compassion." To that end, we encourage the donation of food, time, and relationship along with financial donations. Approximately 80% of the hot meals served in our noon feeding program are prepared and provided as in–kind donations from a variety of individuals, church and civic groups. We have a "Walk the Block" program and other programs that solicit canned goods, holiday turkeys and hams, produce and baked goods for both feeding programs. A variety of individuals, churches, businesses and civic groups and organizations assist us. We minimize the money we actually spend on food by using what we have to encourage others to give of themselves.

LOCATION:

United First Parish Church
1306 Hancock Street
Quincy, MA

(Note, donations of food are accepted at the Crisis Center, not the church)

Services offered: Counseling, Crisis Counseling; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Food Distribution, Food Pantry, Mobile Food Pantry; Food, Holiday * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Home Delivered Meals; Meals, Hot Meals; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Senior/Elderly Services; Toiletries * (ANY/ALL Types); Visitation, Emotional Care, For Seniors, Volunteer ; 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)

Updated May 14, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1016

Southwest Community Center

Walk–in Resource · Open

Community Service
388 Granite St., Quincy, MA 02169

QCAP's SWCC is a friendly welcoming place where people often come for a particular service and end up feeling better about themselves and their community. The SWCC is located in a former church building in Quincy's Brewer's Corner neighborhood and houses QCAP's Emergency Food Center and Adult Basic Education Program. The SWCC serves people throughout Quincy and many surrounding towns. The staff and volunteers at the center have created a warm caring atmosphere where an individual's needs can be met and their strengths valued.

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Facility: Food, Emergency Food Center; Meals, For Homeless Residents; Meals, Hot Meals; School, Adult Education/Adult School

Updated Apr 27, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1018

Listing of Furniture/Household Goods/Clothing Reuse (from Mission of Deeds site)

Info/Hotline · Open

OnLine Resource
Reading, MA

Web www.missionofdeeds.org/donations_notneeded.html
Service Temporary

This page has a list of Massachusetts–based furniture/household goods/clothing charitable reuse groups.

Televisions
Computers, Monitors and Printers
King Size Mattresses, Box Springs and Frames
Sofa beds
Platform Beds/Trundle Beds
Large Entertainment Centers
Office Furniture
Large Appliances (e.g., refrigerator)

Clothing
Children's Car Seats
Rugs
Curtains and Drapes
Toys
Food

If you live in a city or town that is not on our pickup list or would like to donate items that are on our "not needed" list, please feel free to contact one of the following agencies for assistance:

Big Brothers Big Sisters
http://www.bbbsa.org/
800-483-5503

Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance
http://www.cmhaonline.org/
508-752-9276

Household Goods Recycling Ministry
http://www.hgrm.org/
978-635-1763

Lazarus House
http://www.lazarushouse.org/
978-686-0441

Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless
http://www.mahomeless.org/
781-595-7570

My Brothers Keeper
http://www.mybrotherskeeper.org/
508-238-7512

Project Home Again
http://www.phama.org/
978-470-1356

Salvation Army
http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/
781-231-0803

St. Vincent de Paul
http://www.svdpboston.com/
800-675-2882

The Salem Mission
http://www.salemmission.org/
978-745-2459

Services offered: Appliances, Large, * Household (ANY/ALL Types); Appliances, Small * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types); Furniture, Furniture Bank; Household Items (small) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Bank; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services)
Updated Jan 27, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4701

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

Dudley Street Neighborhood Intiative (DSNI)

Walk–in Resource · Open

504 Dudley Street, Roxbury, MA 02119

Phone 617–442–9670
Contact Director
Email urbanvillage @ dsni . org
Web www.dsni.org
Service Temporary

Services:

SUSTAINABLE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES & DEVELOPMENT

URBAN VILLAGE

KROC CENTER (employment center)

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Advocacy, Social Justice; Assistance, Referrals, Employment & Job Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Job Placement; Demographic Served: Caregivers; Demographic Served: Children; Demographic Served: Families; Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Unemployed; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Victims of Environmental Injustice; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Facility: Job Center; Housing, Group Home, Teen, Teenage Boy's; Services, Emergency Services; Services, Employment, Internship Program; Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Social Services, General Social Services; Services, Youth Services, Crime Prevention Programs; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group, Daycare for Children; Social Event, Networking Group, Employment/Professional Networking; Social Event, Networking Group, Families; Social Event, Networking Group, Families w/Young Children; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Jul 4, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8723

Renewal House

Shelter · Open

P.O. Box 919, Roxbury Crossing, MA 02120

Web www.uuum.org/templates/System/details.asp?id=42140&PID=580830
Service Temporary

Battered women and children.

Renewal House is a spiritually based emergency shelter that provides support and extensive services for adults and their children escaping from abusive living situations.

Services offered: Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Homeless, Services for the Homeless; Services, Women's Services; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Battered Womens Shelter, Volunteer
Campaigns: Homelessness Relief Services
Updated Dec 28, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1040

Goodwill Industries Job Training Center

Walk–in Resource · Open

Job Training
45 Congress Street, Salem, MA 01970
Phone (978) 825–5000, (617) 541–1242
Web goodwillmass.org/programs_job.html
Eligibility needs based, developmentally delayed
Service Permanent

From the website:

Programs & Services: Job Training

Goodwill's job training programs provide training and support services developed around an individual's skill level, life situation and career aspirations. Job training programs are also designed to meet the needs of various industry sectors, including retail, hospitality and tourism and general business.

Job training program participants typically pursue one of three paths:

Individuals with developmental and other disabilities who require structured supports to work typically are trained and work at Goodwill. Over time, many transition to work in the community.
Individuals with limited or no work history, low educational attainment and/or language barriers typically complete a work–readiness program as the first step to entering the workforce.
Individuals with some work experience often enroll in programs that provide them with the basic financial, literacy and computer skills needed for entry–level administrative jobs.
Once program graduates enter the workforce, Goodwill provides ongoing support to help them keep their jobs and advance in them. Job Training programs fall into four main categories:

Rehabilitation and Vocational Services

Goodwill offers a variety of short– and long–term rehabilitation and vocational programs designed for individuals with disabilities. Programs are available to a broad array of individuals with varying needs and abilities. Through many of these programs, we assist participants in achieving these goals through a paid work experience that simulates competitive expectations. Job development and job placement activities are provided to ensure positive employment outcomes. Once a position has been secured, job coaching provides support to the individual in achieving and maintaining the employer's standards.

Long–Term Rehabilitation Programs

Day Habilitation Program offers a broad variety of active treatments that are planned and designed to increase participants' levels of functioning. This program can lead participants to a possible transition into a work preparation or supported employment program. The program aims to support individuals in reaching their optimal level of physical, intellectual, social, and vocational capability.

Employment Supports Program serves people with mental retardation and developmental disabilities and empowers them to become competitively employed and participating members of their communities. Services include vocational and situational assessment, individual vocational counseling, skills training, computer training classes, as well as social interaction, pre–employment, job development, job placement, and post placement supports.

For more information, please call (617) 541–1242.

Short–Term Rehabilitation Programs

Employment Services is designed to increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities through greater choice and flexibility of services. All services are individualized and designed in response to a participant's preferences, skills, and needs.

Community–Based Employment Services is designed to increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities in the community through a wide range and flexibility of services, including assessment, placement, and employment supports to ensure long–term stability in employment.

Vocational Services offers a broad range of innovative and comprehensive services that address rehabilitation, employment, and career development needs for individuals with disabilities.

Vocational Evaluation assists individuals in identifying appropriate job and training options based on their strengths and interests, along with factors that may be obstacles to job placement and maintenance.

School–to–Work Program provides job exploration and hands–on experiences to high school students who wish to investigate vocational opportunities in their community. This program is available through a cooperative effort with the City of Salem, the Salem Public Schools, and the Lynn Public Schools.

For more information, please call (617) 541–1242.

Workforce Development Programs

Workforce Development Programs are targeted to low income men and women with significant barriers to self–sufficiency, including lack of basic skills, chronic unemployment, welfare dependency, and lack of English fluency. Building on its job training expertise in working with individuals with disabilities, Goodwill introduced First Step, its first workforce development program for individuals transitioning from welfare to work, in the fall of 1996. The First Step program has become the prototype for similar programs in six metropolitan areas and has been recognized by The White House as a model for serving individuals with barriers to employment.

Since that time, Goodwill has expanded the scope and number of our Workforce Development training programs to include the following:

First Step: Retail Training

First Step is a three–week retail–training program developed in collaboration with The TJX Companies. Program participants receive training in customer service, basic computer skills, and resume writing. The program guarantees job placement for individuals who successfully complete the program.

Step Up: Office and Computer Skills Training

Step Up is a 16–week program that prepares program participants for work in a professional office setting through office and computer skills training as well as resume writing and Internet skills. Post–placement support is also provided to ensure job retention.

Career Focus: Job Retention and Career Advancement

Career Focus provides post–placement supports to help individuals retain their jobs, advance in their careers and achieve economic self–sufficiency and, when necessary, find re–employment. The program offers case management, referrals for training, seminars on computer training, education, housing and childcare, and clothing assistance for job interviews. Childcare is available for evening workshops.

For more information about Workforce Development programs and eligibility, please contact Programs & Services at (617) 445–1010.

Skills Training

Goodwill skills training program participants have an opportunity to enhance their skills training, gain real work experience, and earn a paycheck by working in one of the following Goodwill's business enterprises:

Retail Training today continues a tradition that began with Reverend Helms at the turn of the twentieth century. Through work at Goodwill's processing plant and retail stores, participants gain skills in both the back and front ends of a retail operation. Some participants sort, inspect and tag newly donated clothing and goods, while others work as sales associates in the Goodwill Stores.

Food Services Training provides a training experience in which participants learn at their own pace. Each component, such as dishwashing, salad preparation, grill cooking or deli preparation builds upon the others giving participants a solid background for employment in restaurants and cafeterias in the community.

The Outsource Resource Training consists of closely supervised and structured work for people with disabilities in light assembly, packaging and mailing services under contract to local industry. This work is performed in our modern job training center. Participants learn job skills and gain experience with real work at a competitive wage.

Building and Property Maintenance Services Training is designed to provide on–the–job training and instruction in basic techniques such as daily and periodic cleaning, floor and carpet care, meeting/banquet set–up, and grounds maintenance.

For more information, please contact Maureen Hudd, Manager of In–House Instruction at (617) 541–1229.

Clothing Collaborative for Job Trainees

Launched in 1999, the Clothing Collaborative for Job trainees makes available "professional" clothing to male and female job seekers who participate in Boston–based job training and placement programs to assist them in their efforts to obtain and retain meaningful employment. Clothing is provided free of charge.

The Clothing Collaborative creates an opportunity, through wardrobe seminars scheduled throughout the year, for job training graduates to learn the basics of dressing appropriately for work. Graduates are also able to choose career attire for job interviews or work. Work–appropriate clothing—displayed at clothing seminars—is supplied through clothing drives hosted by local corporations and organizations throughout the year.

Participants from other training programs in the Boston area are invited to participate.

For more information, please call Programs & Services at (617) 445–1010.

Services offered: Advocacy, Special Needs Folks; Assistance, Referrals, Employment & Job Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Job Placement; Hotline, Job Hotline; Jobs, Paying; School, Adult Education/Adult School; Services, Employment, Internship Program; Services, Employment, Job Assistance, for "at–risk" Job Applicants; Services, Employment, Paid Gigs, Paying Jobs; Services, Employment, Paid Professionals; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Employment, On the Job, Training; Training Classes, Life Skills (Special Needs); Training, Services, Employment /JobTraining
Campaigns: Goodwill; Goodwill Industries International, Inc.
Updated Dec 3, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3907

HAWC – Help for Abused Women and their Children

Walk–in Resource · Open

Battered Women's Shelter
Salem, MA
Service Temporary

Candace Waldron, Executive Director

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Advocacy, Child Advocacy; Advocacy, Domestic Violence; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Short–Term Housing Referrals; 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, Women's Services; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Shelter, Emergency Shelter, Youth Focused; Shelter, Womens, Battered Womens Shelter; Shelter, Women's Shelter
Updated Nov 29, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2876

Lifebridge (formerly The Salem Mission)

Shelter · Open

Community
56 Margin Street, Salem, MA 01970

Phone	(978) 744–0500
Web	www.salemmission.org
Checks payable to	The Salem Mission
Service	Temporary

Mission Statement

To end homelessness; to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the homeless, hungry and needy population we serve; to help those served achieve health, fulfillment and maximum independence; to provide educational, residential and employment services; and to partner with others wherever possible.

About the Salem Mission

The Salem Mission is an independent 501 (c) 3 non–profit organization managed by a Board of Governors. The Mission is funded in part with state and federal funds through the Department of Transitional Assistance, FEMA (The Federal Emergency Management Agency), and the City of Salem Planning Dept. Housing and Urban Development. These sources provide about 50% of the operating budget.

The remainder of the Mission’s budget is raised through the generous contributions of hundreds of individuals, churches, businesses and organizations and grants from private sources, including Project Bread/Walk for Hunger.

Former priest to head homeless shelter George Delaney, center, the new director of the Salem Mission talks with Carol Caulfield, case manger and Dale Lloyd, a street advocate, in the men's area of the mission.

Read full article...

The Salem Mission has been meeting the needs of homeless and hungry people and the Salem Community for over 20 years via four programs:
Shelter, Community Meals, Food Pantry, and Community Day Services.
In addition to shelter and meals, assistance is provided in areas such as health care, mental health and substance abuse. The Mission also supports community outreach and street advocacy. In 2005 we opened the "Second Chance Thrift Store" which sells clothing, household items and furniture. 100% of the proceeds go to fund the Mission and its programs and services.

Programs & Services

Shelter:
The shelter offers 34 beds to individual men and women who are given a clean, warm, safe place to sleep. Shelter guests help out by keeping their bed area clean as well as participating in the housekeeping of the common areas. Additional bed space is provided for up to 20 more individuals in need of shelter in the winter. The Salem Mission is committed to not turning anyone away.

The shelter staff, under the supervision of the Shelter Director manages the daily operations of the shelter as well as providing a caring atmosphere of support. The staff strives to help guests feel better about themselves and to move on with their lives. This sometimes takes the form of referrals to community agencies, housing information, job leads, or just a listening ear. Respect, dignity, compassion and hope are offered to everyone who comes
through our doors. Our basic mission is to shelter, feed and clothe but there is much more.

Meals “Break Bread Together” Community Meals:
Three meals are served every day to shelter residents and anyone in the Salem area that is hungry. Over 300 meals a day (110,000 annually) are served. This is accomplished by our Director of Food Services, Kitchen Manager, and over 400 volunteers, many who come from local churches, schools, co–workers, and other organizations. Many who come to eat also receive other supportive services and assistance from Mission staff. If you are interested in volunteering, call Evelyn at (978) 744–0500 x204.

Day Services – “Seeds for Change” Day Services

Case management:
Case managers provide added support and more professional and intentional guidance to guests as they set goals for themselves and develop a plan for obtaining safe, affordable, housing. Case managers also assist guests both shelter residents and day guests with issues of mental health and substance abuse.

Health Clinic:
Our on–site health clinic is staffed 3 days a week by a nurse in collaboration with the Partner in Health Care to provide care to those with no insurance or other means of obtaining primary health care. The Mission also attempts to locate alternative resources to pay for prescriptions for those with no insurance. Donations help supply the clinic with non–prescription medications and first aid supplies.

Clothing Distribution:
Warm, clean clothes are available at all times to anyone in need. Clothing is available to guests at our "Second Chances’ Thrift Store free of charge. During the winter many groups do coat drives for the Mission and hats and gloves are always a welcomed Christmas gift. Guests are given toiletries and personal care items such as soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, razors, and deodorant, which are in big demand.

Outreach – Street Outreach Worker:
In conjunction with the City of Salem, the Mission provides an outreach worker to the community. The street advocate brings homeless people to the Mission, who might be in the parks or public buildings. This keeps people off the streets, and insures that their needs are met, while at the same time keeping the streets safe and secure for all the city’s residents and visitors.

This is funded in part by a grant from City of Salem Planning Dept./HUD. This (funded program) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, religion, familial, sexual orientation or disability.

"Harvest of Hope" Food Pantry:
An emergency food pantry supplies grocery bags to those in the Salem area with homes but who are unable to stretch their food budgets. Open two days a week, families and individuals can get the makings of 6–9 full nutritious meals. We see a growing need for these services:
Each month over 1000 families and individuals in Salem and surrounding areas are served through the Food Pantry. The families can access the pantry one time weekly. In addition, holiday baskets are distributed with turkey and fixings at Thanksgiving time. The Pantry is part of the Mission's homeless prevention programs.

The Pantry is funded in part by a grant from City of Salem Planning Dept./HUD.

FACEBOOK –
http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lifebridges–Second–Chance–Thrift–Shop/103128356391631

Services offered: Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Distribution, Clothing Distribution (To the Public); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals; Meals, For Homeless Residents; Medical, Facility, Clinic, Free Clinic; Services, Homeless, Services for the Homeless; Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Shelter, Homeless, Mens Homeless Shelter; Shelter, Womens, Battered Womens Shelter; Thrift Store

Updated Apr 28, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1528

Saugus – Town of (Government & DIRECTORIES of Civic/Community resources)

Info/Hotline · Open

Saugus, MA

Phone 781–231–2621
Web www.saugus.net
Service Temporary

Official Town Government website at:

http://www.saugus–ma.gov/Pages/index

Community/Civic Resources at:

http://www.saugus.net/

Features
•Yard Sales
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•Guestbook

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•Entertainment
•Food & Drink
•Government
•Help
•Industry
•Legal / Financial
•Medical
•Neighborhoods
•News Sources
•Organizations
•Transportation
•Miscellaneous

Business
•Why A Web Page
•Company Services
•Computer Training
•Client List

We've been asked to let you know the following:

The Town of Saugus has re–opened the Recycling Drop–Off Site for its residents on Saturdays. The Town will be accepting the same recycling items that can be placed curbside in our recycling bins. These items include paper, cardboard, bottles, cans, and glass containers. The Town will also be recycling TVs and computers (up to three units) from Saugus residents only. This site will be open from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM and is located behind DPW at 515 Main Street. There will be no pre–registration or fee at this time, you will need a current driver's license with your Saugus address. If you need to make other arrangements for proof of residency or have any questions please call the Inspectional Services at: 781 231–4115.

SEE ALSO:

http://www.saugus.com/

Community
Announcements
Calendar of Events
Civic Organizations
Clubs & Groups
Elder Services
Emergency Numbers
Houses of Worship
Parks & Recreation
Saugus Pets Pages
Saugus Post Office
Saugus Public Library
Saugus Real Estate
Saugus Schools

Saugus Sports
Saugus Town Hall
Advertising Info

Services offered: Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Information & Referral (For Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Directories, Directory of Churches; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Volunteer, Volunteer Referral Services
Campaigns: 2010 Massachusetts Flooding; 2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; Commission on Aging; Elks Club (Local Civic Group); Government, City/Town Agency; Knights of Columbus (Local Civic Group); Lion's Club; Salvation Army
Updated May 22, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5890

Saugus Lions Club

Info/Hotline · Open

P.O. Box 1121, Saugus, MA 01906
Phone 781–718–4662
Web www.saguslionsclub.org
Service Temporary

Donation Drop Box

The Saugus Lions Donation Drop Box has been installed! Thank you Joe & Philip Cefalo

Check out our donation box is located in Currier Plaza on Hamilton St. across from the police station!

Bring your old eyeglasses, hearing aids, and cell phones to donate today!

Services offered: Cleanup, * Volunteer Services (ANY/ALL Types); Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Events, Donation Drive; Glasses, Eyeglasses
Updated May 22, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5889

NECHAMA disaster support in Massachusetts (blizzard response, etc)

Info/Hotline · Open

Scituate, MA
Web www.nechama.org/index.php/news/210–2015–blizzard–response–massachusetts
Service Temporary

2015 Blizzard Response: Massachusetts

"Working in collaboration with the Scituate Senior Center, Scituate Alliance of Natural Disaster Services (SANDS), among others, NECHAMA assisted older adults with snow removal needs amidst crippling snowfall.

Southeastern Massachusetts suffered a relentless winter with approximately 100 inches of snowfall in 30 days. Throughout January and February one blizzard after the next dumped several feet of snow on the area, leaving many of Scituate's most vulnerable citizens in disastrous situations.

Dozens of homeowners within the coastal community of Scituate, MA were overwhelmed by the successive storms and were physically trapped inside their homes by as much as 5 ft of snow. Additionally, heating oil fuel tanks were running closer and closer to empty and roofs were now holding several feet of snow, growing ice dams and in some cases, on the brink of collapse. Upon learning about the situation facing many older adults NECHAMA sprung into action to assist. We provided hands–on help to 45 households in 10 days. The value of our services provide is estimated to be $50,000.

On March 3, 2015, NECHAMA was recognized at a Scituate Board of Selectmen Meeting for our Blizzard Response.
A Response Takes Shape

During outreach to Massachusetts Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (MA VOAD) and while gathering information on the local effects of the snowstorms, NECHAMA was made aware of an unusually high number of elderly and disabled persons in Scituate, Massachusetts that were struggling as a result of snowfall. We linked up with the Town of Scituate and their Council on Aging Senior Center and The Scituate Alliance of Natural Disaster Services (SANDs). The town's social service apparatus was organized and allowed us to take immediate action. NECHAMA mobilized a blizzard response team, a first of its kind for the organization, and had snow shovels on Massachusetts soil within 24 hours of deploying from HQ in Minneapolis.A Feverish Cold Weather Effort

Over the course of the next several weeks, NECHAMA worked sunrise to sunset to dig out Scituate residents. We met people who had been trapped in their homes for as long as 15 days! Our shoveling allowed them to leave and go grocery shopping or make doctor's appointments for the first time in weeks as well as providing the ability to safely reside in their homes with egress routes clear again.

Once these immediate egresses had been cleared, dozens of paths were dug through the snow for oil refueling trucks to be able to deliver desperately needed heating fuel. Many residents we assisted were on the verge of being without heat. Our response team was able to get there in time and avert freezing pipes and further disaster. Linda Hayes, the Director of the Scituate Council

on Aging remarked, "....NECHAMA has been an inspiration and a tremendous bright spot for all of us in Scituate. Lucky us to have found you!"

Services offered: Services, Seniors, Snow Shoveling
Campaigns: 2015 January Northeast Blizzard; NECHAMA (Jewish Response To Disaster); VOAD, Faith–Based Coordinator; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a Chapter Level Member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Mar 5, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9931

Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Worcester/Central Middlesex, Inc.

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
SEE NOTES, SEE NOTES, MA

Phone SEE NOTES
Web www.bbbsworc.org
Serves Central & Metrowest, MA
Service Permanent

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass/Metrowest is one agency located within two offices in Framingham and Worcester.

4 Franklin Commons, Framingham, MA 01702
508–879–7762, 1–888–879–7762, Fax: 508–872–0678, 603.mentor@bbbs.org

484 Main Street, Suite 360, Worcester, MA 01608
508–752–7868, 1–800–540–7868, Fax: 508–752–7316, 603.mentor@bbbs.org

Who are volunteers?
Our volunteers are doctors, mechanics, architects, construction workers, teachers, lawyers, students, retirees and more.

What does it take to be a volunteer?
All it takes is having fun and sharing time. Little moments such as taking a walk, riding a bike, or watching a movie turn into big magic when shared with a child. You'll be having fun while showing a child that you care.

Who are the Little Brothers, Little Sisters, and their families?
Our Little Brothers and Sisters can range in age from 6–13 years old. They can be children from single family homes, families new to the United States, or children with other special circumstances. The children live across Central Massachusetts and Metro West and are looking to share a little time with a Big Brother or Big Sister in their community.

How do I become a volunteer?
Just Apply to submit an online application along with three references. Then just call Joy Monopoli at 508–752–7868 to schedule an interview.

What types of activities do we share together?
Generally, our Big Brothers and Big Sisters spend at least a few hours every month with their Littles, shooting hoops, cooking, riding bikes, or playing video games– anything that lets a child know that someone else cares for them, pays attention to them, and lets them safely enjoy their childhood.

What happens if questions arise or if I need to change my schedule?
Your case manager is always available to answer questions or help with problems. Just give him or her a call or send an email!

Services offered: Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Counseling, Mentors; Demographic Served: Children; Directories, Youth Services & After–School Programs; Services, Youth Services, Crime Prevention Programs; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online; Warehouse, Warehouse Space; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Big Brothers Big Sisters
Updated Dec 4, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3850

McCusker's Market (NOT FREE, but co–operatively run)

Open Business* · Open

Shelburne Falls, MA

Web www.greenfieldsmarket.coop
Service Temporary

Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9765

Veterans, Inc. Residence (VETERANS SHELTER) Independence Hall

Shelter · Open

59 South Street, Shrewsbury, MA 01545

Phone 508–845–6776

Service Temporary

Shelter for homeless veterans.

Source: http://www.foodbank.org/PDF/agencylist.pdf

Services offered: Demographic Served: Veterans; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Oct 23, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9393

Worcester County Food Bank

Warehouse · Open

Food Bank
474 Boston Turnpike Road, Shrewsbury, MA 01545

Phone	508-842-3663
Web	www.foodbank.org
Hours	Mon – Fri 8:00 – 4:00
Checks payable to	Worcester County Food Bank
Service	Temporary

Worcester County Food Bank, Inc.
474 Boston Turnpike
Shrewsbury, MA 01545
Phone: 508-842-3663
Fax: 508-842-7405
Executive Director: Jean G. McMurray
Email: lpaire@secondharvest.org
Web Site: www.foodbank.org
Media Contact: Jean G. McMurray
Title: Executive Director
Phone: 508-842-3663
Email: jmcmurray@secondharvest.org

Population served
Number of counties served: 1
Total pounds of food distributed annually: 5,014,577

Types and number of services agencies distributing food
Emergency: 98
Soup Kitchen: 6
Shelter: 12
Residence: 33
Day Care: 5
Multi-service: 0
Senior: 3
Rehabilitation: 54
Youth Programs: 48
Other Programs: 2

Basic programs being run (i.e. CK, KC, produce, job training)
Basic Food Bank, Food Prep, Produce Prog, Dir Serv, Job Training, Kids Cafe, Community Kitchen, Salv, Purch, TEFAP, Nutrition Education, Brown Bag

Volunteers

The Worcester County Food Bank offers the following volunteer opportunities to individuals and small groups:

Sorting and inspecting donated food and grocery product

Food drives

Special events as needed

Most of our volunteers help sort donated food and grocery product. Our volunteers have a direct impact on people who are hungry in Worcester County. They sort approximately 2 million pounds of food per year, which is then distributed to emergency-feeding programs located throughout Worcester County.

We encourage volunteers to come in once a week for 2-3 hours.

The Food Bank is open for volunteering Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM.

Hours include: Special Saturday hours.

Please contact us at 508–842–3663 to learn about our Saturday hours.

Minimum age for volunteering is 13. Volunteers under 16 years of age must be supervised by an adult.

All volunteers are required to complete an application, participate in orientation, and schedule hours in advance.

Please contact the Food Bank at info@foodbank.org or 508–842–3663 for more information about volunteering.

If we are unable to accommodate your volunteer needs at the present time, you may want to refer to the Community Harvest Project's website: www.fftn.org

All of the produce grown by the Community Harvest Project is donated to the Worcester County Food Bank for distribution throughout Worcester County.

We Depend On Volunteers . . . We Depend On You!

The Worcester County Food Bank works in partnership with non–profit programs located in 60 communities (a network of 216 partner agencies) throughout Worcester County to provide emergency food assistance to individuals and families. To locate a program in your area, please call the Food Bank at 508–842–3663 or go to their website and click on the link "immediate help", upper right. Then choose "program listing". Or just go back and choose "advanced search" above and search this database for listings in your area.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Food Distribution, Food Bank ONLY (No Walk–In Service); Food Distribution, Food Bank (This Site Supplies Food Pantries/Agencies); Food Distribution, Meals, Soup Kitchen; Hotline, Food Bank/Pantry Hotline (Find Emergency Food Help); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Services, Family, Children, Child Care Program; Services, Senior/Elderly Services; Shelter, Homeless Shelter; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Elder/Senior Volunteers (This facility accomodates Elder Volunteers); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteers, Teen Volunteers (This facility accomodates Teen Volunteers); Volunteers, Youth Volunteers (This facility accomodates Youth Volunteers) ; Warehouse, Warehouse Space; Youth Program
Campaigns: America's Second Harvest
Updated Jun 1, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1057

Boston Tech Collective (NOT FREE, well except for the free workshops!) worker–owned co–operative

Open Business* · Open

Somerville, MA
Web boston.techcollective.com
Service Temporary

Services offered: Information Resource, Tech; Services, Tech, Computer Consulting Service; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Computers Skills
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 10, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9823

Denise Provost, State Rep, Mass

Info/Hotline · Open

Somerville, MA
Phone 617–722–2263
Contact Denise
Email denise.provost @ MAHouse . gov
Web www.deniseprovost.org
Service Temporary

See specific issues at:http://www.deniseprovost.org/issues.html

TF: Denise is on the forefront of healthcare availability/affordability reform. And has proven to be a proactive and public supporter of citizen–activist organizers.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Advocacy, Child Advocacy; Advocacy, Consumer Issues; Advocacy, Domestic Violence; Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Legislation Support; Advocacy, Medical, HIV/AIDS; Advocacy, Medical, Patient Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Advocacy, Voters Advocacy; Advocacy, Womens Rights; Demographic Served: Addicts, Recovering; Demographic Served: Caregivers; Demographic Served: Children; Demographic Served: Disabled, Persons With Disabilities; Demographic Served: Environmental Disaster, Populations Affected by; Demographic Served: Families; Demographic Served:

Families, w/Young Children; Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Homeless, Women Only; Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender); Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks, Women Only; Demographic Served: Migrants; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Demographic Served: Special Needs; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Victims of Environmental Injustice; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Demographic Served: Women
Campaigns: Government, Elected Official; Government, State/County; Government, State Government Department/Agency; Rainbow Community; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Jul 4, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8725

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

Public Eye/Political Research Associates (news, progressive causes)

Info/Hotline · Open

1310 Broadway, Suite 201, Somerville, MA 02144
Phone 617.666.5300
Web www.publiceye.org/index.php
Service Temporary

pra @ publiceye . org

Spotlight On
Civil Liberties & Repression
Economic Justice
LGBTQ Equity
Racial Justice
Reproductive Justice
Campaigns: Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Jul 4, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8731

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 (& Amesbury), Trina's Starlite Lounge: free meals/delivery for those in need

Donor · Open

Somerville, MA

Web www.facebook.com/trinastarlitelounge/photos/a.10151514717759930/10157517108664930
Service Temporary

Trina's Starlite Lounge offering free meals and delivery to those in need.

Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19

Updated Mar 18, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10200

Somerville Community Fridge, Prospect St [24x7 free food]

Walk–in Resource · Open

35 Prospect St (CrossFit), Somerville, MA 02143

Web www.instagram.com/somervillecommunityfridge
Service Temporary

source: https://cambridgecitygrowers.wordpress.com/2020/11/27/give–and–or–take–from–your–local–community–fridge/

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)

Updated Jul 12, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10463

Somerville Community Fridge, Sewall St [24x7 free food] COMING SOON

Walk–in Resource · Standby

36 Sewall St., Somerville, MA 02143

Web www.instagram.com/somervillecommunityfridge
Service Temporary

source: https://cambridgecitygrowers.wordpress.com/2020/11/27/give–and–or–take–from–your–local–community–fridge/

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)

Updated Jul 12, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10464

Somerville Food Security [mutual aid]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Somerville, MA

Web somervillefoodsecurity.org/get–involved
Service Temporary

Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism

Updated Mar 21, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10227

Somerville Homeless Coalition

Shelter · Open

Non–Profit

237A Highland Ave, Somerville, MA 02134

Phone 617–623–6111
Web somervillehomelesscoalition.org
Checks payable to Somerville Homeless Coalition

The Somerville Homeless Coalition was founded in 1985 when community leaders, neighbors, church leaders, and city officials came together to address the issue of homelessness.

The result was the opening of Somerville's first and only shelter for homeless adults and the formation of the Somerville Homeless Coalition, Inc.

Today we operate two shelters, a food pantry, case management program and several housing programs. Come learn more about the programs and services we offer and new initiatives we are taking to address the issues of homelessness.

Our target population is the homeless and the poor of Somerville and the surrounding towns that do not offer the services we provide. Last year we served over 300 in our case management and housing programs and over 1,500 in our food pantries with Project SOUP.

The typical homeless family we see is a mother with two children. Many of these families receive welfare benefits, although some are working parents whose income is still so low they are in poverty.

The Somerville area's homeless population is quite diverse, and our range of shelters and services responds to this diverse constituency. We serve elders, single working adults, disabled individuals, and many families with children from newborns to teenagers.

Services offered: Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Services, Family, Children, Child Care Program; Services, Homeless, Services for the Homeless; Shelter, Homeless Shelter; Training Classes, Education, Nutrition Education Classes; Training Classes, Financial Literacy; Training Classes, GED Preparation; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Transportation, Ride Service (FREE or Sliding Scale)
Campaigns: Homelessness Relief Services; United Way
Updated Jun 8, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1024

Somerville Homeless Coalition (Project Soup)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Grace Baptist Church; 59 Cross St., Somerville, MA

Phone	617–776–7687
Web	www.somervillehomelesscoalition.org/default.htm
Hours	M, T, F 10:00 – 2:00 PM, Wednesday 12:00 – 4:00 PM, Thursday 3:00 – 6:00 PM
Checks payable to	Somerville Homeless Coalition or go to: http://www.somervillehomelesscoalition.org/My_Homepage_Files/Page5.html

Project Soup, New England's first free supper program, opened in 1969. Recognized for its work to combat hunger. Project Soup serves 70 people a day. Food donations, monetary contributions, and volunteered time are always welcome and needed.

The mission of the Somerville Homeless Coalition is to provide vulnerable individuals and families with personalized supportive services and tailored housing solutions. We are committed to treating people with dignity and respect, always with the understanding that they are part of our community.

PANTRY HOME DELIVERY

Monthly groceries delivered to eligible elderly and disabled individuals in Somerville and Cambridge. By application only.

SERVE NEW ENGLAND

“Double–your–money” food package including meats, fresh fruits and vegetables, staples. $15 regular, $9 meat, $16 veggie package, and two hours community service monthly.

NUTRITION CLASSES

Project SOUP in collaboration with Operation Frontline offers nutrition classes in both English and Spanish. All classes are free, and conducted by local chefs in the Boston area.

BENEFIT OUTREACH

Project SOUP provides benefit outreach to our clients with food stamp application assistance, referrals to other agencies, health and nutrition outreach, etc.

Grace Baptist Churst
59 Cross Street, East
Somerville
M, T, F 10:00 – 2:00 PM
Wednesday 12:00 – 4:00 PM
Thursday 3:00 – 6:00 PM

East Pantry
100 Temple Street
Tuesday 3:00 – 5:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 – Noon

West Pantry
139 Alewife Parkway
Wednesday 11:00 – 2:00 PM

Dollar–A–Bag
59 Cross Street
Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00 PM

Community Suppers
First Congregational Church of Somerville
89 College Avenue, Davis Square
Monday – Beginning at 5:00 PM

Services offered: Advocacy, Disabled/Handicapped; Assistance, How to, File Food Stamp Application; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Disabled, Accessible Housing Referrals for Disabled; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Food Distribution, Food Pantry, Mobile Food Pantry; Shelter, Homeless Shelter
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Apr 15, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1008

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

Open Business* · Open

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

See live links at website above:

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is a tool Library

2. Where is the Tool Library Located?

3.How do I become a member?

4.What are the rules and policies?

Answers

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

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

Services offered: Building Materials, Green Building Materials; Construction, Building Material Reclaim/Reuse/Recycle; Demographic Served: Artists/Artist Communities; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Unemployed; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Directories, Recycling; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; Library Services * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Library Services, Not–Just–Books Lending; LOAN ONLY, Power Tools; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling Network, Database for Trading/Re–use (NO FEE); Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Bank; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Saw Horse; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Arts & Crafts; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Sewing/Quilting/Kniting/Crochet, Knitting Circle; Social Event, Sewing/Quilting/Knitting/Crochet Circle; Social Events, Party / Festival; Tool Bank, Community; Tools * (ANY/ALL Types); Tools, Drill; Tools, Garden Tools; Tools, Hand Tools (Srewdrivers, etc.) * (ANY/ALL Types); Tools, Masonry Tools * (ANY/ALL Types); Tools, PowerTools * (ANY/ALL Types); Tools, Prybar; Tools, Saw * (ANY/ALL Types); Tools, Tape Measure; Tools, Tool Set, Electricians Tool Set; Tools, Tool Set, Plumbers Tool Set
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Transition Towns (Transition Network); Tribal Communities
Updated Jan 6, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9902

Somerville Yogurt Making Co–Op (NOT FREE)

Open Business* · Open

Somerville, MA

Web sites.google.com/site/somervilleyogurtcoop/home
Service Temporary

Services offered: Events, Potluck Meals; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Dairy * (ANY/ALL Types of Dairy Products: Milk, Cheese, Eggs, etc.)
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9799

Somverville, Places to get Free Meals

Info/Hotline · Open

Free Meals
Somerville, MA
Service Temporary

From the Project Bread website:
http://www.projectbread.org/site/DocServer/2008_Project_Bread_Funded_Programs.pdf?docID=3281

Catholic Charities – Somerville Food Pantry
Somerville – Cambridge Elder Services
Somerville Homeless Coalition – Project SOUP
Updated May 3, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4317

Herbert Simpson Co–op (housing cooperative)

Shelter · Open

Somerville – Davis Square, MA
Service Temporary

Do you like giant potlucks with lots of friends and new faces, music, movies, and adorable tiny humans? If so, you might be a good person to join our humble but mighty co–op in Davis Square. We are seeking a new housemate starting April 1st or earlier –– $775 rent (plus $200 per month for food and utilities)

About our co-op:

We value community, and hope to find a sixth member of our house who can add to the lovely homey feeling we have with each other. We are a more tightly-knit group than your average set of housemates (or even than your average co-op). We have all the usual co-op trappings, including a house account which we use to buy our CSA and groceries (mostly organic), and we like to host fun events like music soirees, storytelling nights, and indoor and outdoor movie nights. But, most importantly, we act like a small family: we share our lives and take care of each other.

About us:

There are five humans and one cat currently living in the house: a couple in their early 40s, their six-month-old baby, and two men in their mid-to-late 20s (...and the cat is nine years old). Among us are entrepreneurs, teachers, computer programmers, musicians, and travelers.

About our house:

We live in the top two floors of a classic Somerville house. Our apartment is beautiful and spacious, with a big kitchen (gorgeous gas stove) and two full bathrooms. It's newly renovated, with central AC. There is storage and free laundry in the basement. We have a shared driveway if you have a car, but the walk to Davis Square is 5-7 mins. The available room is the largest bedroom in the house with a massive walk-in closet.

About you:

We are looking for someone who enjoys hanging out with housemates but also has some of their own interesting passions. Ideally, you have experience living with groups and you look forward to inviting cool people to the social events we organize in our lovely home. Bonus points if you love cooking, playing instruments and activism.

About life with a baby:

The non-parents in the household can attest that living with a baby has been less challenging than you'd think. The parents do chores like everyone else, and we are now hosting events just like we did before the babe. And, as for the crying, current housemates haven't been disturbed. The house is fairly soundproof, the baby is fairly calm, and his adorableness supersedes any mild inconvenience.

If that sounds like a place you'd like to live, please fill out this mini-application <https://docs.google.com/a/mail.goucher.edu/forms/d/1NR13R1GiJhk4C2p1xwP9D-LbBqr--tURyUlIg-dDMs0/viewform>. We look forward to hearing from you!

Yours,
Herbert Simpson Coop

Services offered: Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co-Housing, Co-Op Housing, Intentional Communities; New "business models", housing
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Mar 11, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9932

Somerville/Medford, Gift Shop 4GoodVibes, free bagged lunch for those in need

Open Business* · Open

Somerville / Medford, MA

Web www.facebook.com/4GoodVibess/posts/2263792610588926
Service Temporary

4GoodVibes offering free bagged lunch with activities Food

Hello! We are 4Goodvibes, a gift shop located in Somerville and Medford MA with over 220 local artists in our shop! 4GoodVibes opened in 2017 by 4 sisters (Emily, Becka, Sarah and Rachel Pierce) who grew up in Medford. We believe in bringing our community closer through the positivity, the power of art and supporting local artisans. We also hold creative workshops for all ages!
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID-19
Updated Mar 18, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10198

Somerville/Medford, Magoun Square, Daddy Jones Bar: free food, meal deliveries, coordinating w/other restaurants to do the same

Donor · Open

Somerville / Medford, MA

Web www.facebook.com/daddyjonesbar/photos/pb.139045476187154.–2207520000../2814737978617877/?type=3&theater
Service Temporary

Daddy Jones Bar offering free meals, groceries, and delivery to those in need; they're coordinating with other restaurants in Magoun Square Food

Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19

Updated Mar 18, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10199

Millstone Housing Cooperative

Shelter · Open

Somverville / Davis Square, MA

Web www.millstonecoop.org
Service Temporary

from the site:

Millstone Co–op is a community of 11 people living in a three–story apartment house in Somerville MA.
History

Founded in 1999, the co–op originally consisted of 8 friends living on two floors pooling money for food (and you can too). Eventually the house incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non–profit housing cooperative, although the house has never been tenant–owned.

In 2005, after a number of members left to start the Seedpod Co–op in Dorchester, the house dropped it's legal status and began functioning as an informal cooperative living arrangement or intentional community. In 2008, the remaining floor joined the co–op, and since then the co–op manages the entire house, with about 11–12 members.
Operation

We value local community, social justice, diversity, and environmental sustainability, and we try to make choices in what we buy, eat, and do that reflect these values. We make decisions by consensus and place an emphasis on open communication. We also engage in random projects, art, music, politics, events and discussions.

Membership includes chore sharing, cooking and attending weekly house meetings. We share house food, eat three vegetarian dinners together per week, host a monthly community potluck brunch, buy food in bulk, get CSA produce, grow vegetables, make bread and yogurt, and raise chickens for eggs. Learn more about what we do and how you can get involved.
About the house:

3 story house, 11 bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms
Directly on the Bikeway, a 5–7 min walk to Davis Sq T, buses even closer
2 shared kitchens, 2 shared living rooms, 1 shared library/guest room
6, that's right, 6 porches!!
Wireless & wired internet, washer and dryer
Off–street parking for cars and bikes, basement workshop, loads of storage space
Lovely backyard, vegetable garden and four chickens!

Services offered: Advocacy, Housing, Fair Housing; Food, Dairy * (ANY/ALL Types of Dairy Products: Milk, Cheese, Eggs, etc.); Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"
Campaigns: Bartering Network; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Edible Communities

Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9798

Alliance For Animals

Animal Shelter · Open

232 Silver Street, South Boston, MA 02127

Phone 617–268–7800
Web www.afaboston.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Animals, Community Outreach Programs; Animals, Animal Care Services * (ANY/ALL Types)

Updated May 23, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4402

St. Michaels Orthodox Church / St. Michaels Community Meal

Walk–in Resource · Open

16 Romanian Avenue, Southbridge, MA 01550

Phone 508–765–5276
Service Temporary

Meal Served: 1st,3rd & 4th Thursday 4:30PM–6:30PM

Source: http://www.foodbank.org/PDF/agencylist.pdf Dated October 2012.
Updated Oct 23, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9386

American Red Cross, Pioneer Valley Chapter – 5/11 MA Tornado (VOLUNTEER RECEPTION CTR.)

Volunteer Camp · Open

Red Cross
506 Cottage St., Springfield, MA 01104
Phone 413–737–4306
Web www.redcrosscwm.org/general.asp?SN=6466&OP=8195&IDCapitulo=B55LB113WJ
Service Temporary

"Individuals interested in volunteering must present in person at the Pioneer Valley Chapter headquarters at 506 Cottage Street in Springfield starting at 9am on Thursday morning, June 2. Volunteer candidates will be required to fill out an application, be screened for interest and available opportunities, and complete a background check."

Vol center: American Red Cross Pioneer Valley Chapter at 506 Cottage St., Springfield, MA 01104 or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013. For further information about the work of the Pioneer Valley Chapter, please visit www.redcrosscwm.org or call 413–737–4306.

RC Updates: http://newsroom.redcross.org/

posted at: http://www.wmmrc.org/

American Red Cross requesting Medical Reserve Corps assistance

Dear MRC Unit Leaders,

The American Red Cross has requested assistance. ARC is facing significant gaps in staffing for shelters in the gulf area, for current operations with the tornadoes as well as anticipated operations for flooding. The pool of local ARC volunteers has been tapped, but is insufficient. ARC is currently looking for licensed or certified health and mental health volunteers who may be willing, able and approved to deploy as a ARC volunteer to support general shelter operations. ARC health/mental training is a plus, but they are willing to take individuals without the training (and will provide just in time training). Note: This is not a Federal or State deployment of MRC volunteers. This is a voluntary activation to support a partner organization.

If you have volunteers that you would approve for deployment, please tell them to contact the local Red Cross chapter (www.redcross.org) to begin the activation process and to receive just–in–time training. Note that these MRC volunteers must meet the following Red Cross eligibility criteria. For Disaster Health Services the individual must:

a. Have an active and unrestricted license (i.e. RN, LPN, LVN, NP, EMT, MD, DO) AND b. Current CPR For Disaster Mental Health the individual must: a. Have an active and unrestricted independent license and masters degree as a clinical social worker, psychologist, professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, psychiatric nurse, or psychiatrist OR b. Have an active and unrestricted state license/certification and masters degree as a school psychologist or school counselor OR c. Have an active and unrestricted state license and a bachelors degree (BSN) as a registered nurse and American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) certification in mental health nursing ARC has agreed to accommodate groups who wish to deploy together. Any questions should be directed to the local ARC chapter. Thank you for your consideration and willingness to help.

For more information contact:

Brenda Brouillette
Emergency Service Director – Western MA
Deputy Director – Chapter Services
American Red Cross
Pioneer Valley Chapter
506 Cottage Street
Springfield, MA 01104
413–233–1005 (direct)
413–265–0683 (cell)
413–785–0929 (fax)
www.redcrosscwm.org

Services offered: Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Reception Center, VRC
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; American Red Cross
Updated Jun 3, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8523

City of Springfield (Project Bread's Summer–Free–Meals program)

Info/Hotline · Open

City Run
Springfield, MA
Web www.springfieldcityhall.com/COS/celebrat–summer–meals.0.html
Service Temporary

from the website:

Springfield is one of four communities throughout the state piloting Project Bread's "Better Summer Meals" program, which was developed in partnership with the Harvard School of Public Health. These nutritional menus feature fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and low fat dairy products. In addition, many sites are serving fruits and vegetables from local farmers as part of Project Bread's Locally Grown Foods Initiative. Children who have access to nutritious meals throughout the summer return to school in the fall ready to learn.

The Summer Food Service Program in Springfield is a resource available to help families cope with the skyrocketing cost of food and gas. The goal is to make sure children and teenagers have access to free meals when school is out. The Kiley Middle School site is open to any child or teen who wishes to attend Monday to Friday for lunch from 11:30 A.M. until 12:30 P.M. and for snack from 2:30 until 3:00 P.M. through August 8. There are 47 additional summer meals sites in the city (no registration or identification is necessary). The meals are provided by Springfield Public Schools, Springfield Girls Club Family Center and the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts. Parents who want more information on where their children can access free meals in Springfield this summer can call Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline at 1–800–645–8333 or visit www.meals4kids.org.

About Project Bread
As the state's leading anti–hunger organization, Project Bread is dedicated to alleviating, preventing, and ultimately ending hunger in Massachusetts. Through The Walk for Hunger, the oldest continual pledge walk in the country, Project Bread provides millions of dollars each year in privately donated funds to 400 emergency food programs in 126 communities statewide. Project Bread also advocates systematic solutions that prevent hunger in children and that provide food to families in natural, everyday settings. For more information, visit www.projectbread.org.

Services offered: Meals * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated May 3, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4312

MSPCA–Western New England Animal Care and Adoption Center

Animal Shelter · Open

Springfield, MA

Contact MSPCA–Western New England Animal Care and Adoption Center
Email ebernard@mspca.org
Web www.mspca.org/wne
Serves Springfield, MA
Service Temporary

FROM THE SITE:

MSPCA Assists with Tornado Relief

MSPCA Assists with Tornado Relief Efforts for Displaced Animals

MSPCA at Nevins Farm Takes in 12 Dogs and 5 Guinea Pigs from Hard–Hit Springfield Shelters

METHUEN Mass., June 2, 2011,– The MSPCA at Nevins Farm is opening its doors to a number of homeless dogs from shelters in the Springfield area, in an effort to alleviate the strain placed on those facilities after yesterday's tornadoes. Both the Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center and the Dakin Pioneer Valley Humane Society are transferring dogs to the MSPCA, allowing them to address an overflow of stray animals and requests from displaced citizens who need assistance in housing their owned animals.

Six dogs arrived this morning from the Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center and are currently being evaluated by MSPCA staff. An additional six dogs are expected to arrive shortly from Dakin Pioneer Valley Humane Society, along with five guinea pigs that are available for immediate adoption. The staff hopes to have some of the dogs available for adoption as soon as this weekend.

"The MSPCA stands ready to assist wherever and whenever needed," said Mike Keiley, Director of the MSPCA's Noble Family Animal Care and Adoption Center. "The MSPCA at Nevins Farm is fortunate to have flexible space and a dedicated group of volunteers and staff willing to put in extra effort to support other shelters and our community when a natural disaster affects companion animals. We are always willing to assist our shelter partners whenever there is a need to relocate animals in an emergency." Keiley added that the MSPCA facility is also designated as an American Red Cross relief partner in instances of natural disasters and emergency response efforts.

In addition to providing support to the affected animal shelters of Springfield, the MSPCA at Nevins Farm's Equine Ambulances are currently on stand–by to assist with the transport of any equines injured in the tornadoes in the western part of the state. The Equine Ambulance is on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year through veterinary referral.

Keiley is hopeful that many of the transferred dogs will find homes this weekend, allowing the adoption center the opportunity to take in more animals from affected shelters. For those interested in adoption of these and other animals, visit www.mspca.org/adoption to learn about the adoption process, or call (978)687–7453 ext. 6101.

FROM THE SITE:

Residents of Springfield, Chicopee, Holyoke, West Springfield and Hampden:
If you have found a stray or injured animal, please call Thomas J. O'Connor (TJO) Animal Control and Adoption Center on Cottage Street in Springfield for assistance at 413–781–1484.

Residents Outside TJO's Service Areas:
To assist stray or injured animals found outside the service areas for Thomas J. O'Connor, please contact the animal control officer for the city or town where the animal was found. That number is available through the police department.

Surrenders:
People with a need to relinquish their own pet may call other MSPCA Animal Care and Adoption Centers for help.

Additional animal shelters in western Massachusetts include:

Dakin Pioneer Valley Human Society (DPVHS)
Greenfield/Amherst area
413–781–4000
http://www.dpvhs.org/

Berkshire Humane Society in Pittsfield
413–447–7878
http://www.berkshirehumane.org/

These facilities have varying guidelines regarding the acceptance of animals. It is imperative to contact them in advance of surrender.

Reporting Cruelty:
People concerned about the treatment or care of an animal are encouraged to report suspected cruelty or neglect to MSPCA Law Enforcement at 1–800–628–5808. The MSPCA Law Enforcement department will remain in western Massachusetts. Calls will be answered Monday through Friday during regular business hours.

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

Services offered: Animals, Adoption, Animals for Adoption; Animals, Medical, Ambulance, Equines; Animals, Rescue, Animal Rescue Services; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Shelter, Animals, Animal Shelter; Shelter, Animals, Small Pet/Animal Emergency/Evacuation Shelter
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms
Updated Jun 4, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8548

OES (Office of Emergency Preparedness), Springfield, MA

Info/Hotline · Open

OEM – Office of Emergency Preparedness
Raymond M. Sullivan Public Safety Complex; 1212 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104
Phone 413.787.6720 / Fax: 413.787.6735 / Emergency number: 413.846.6226
Web www.springfieldcityhall.com/COS/index.php?id=dept_emergency
Service Temporary

rhassett @ springfieldcityhall.com

Services offered: Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Residents
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; Government, City/Town Agency
Updated Jun 3, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8528

Springfield Partners for Community Action – 6/2011 MA Tornadoes (DONATION DROP SITE & DISTRIBUTION)

Supply POD · Open

MAIN OFFICE:; 721 State Street, Second Floor; (Donations dropped at rear of bldg.), Springfield, MA
Phone 413–263–6500
Web www.springfieldpartnersinc.com
Service Temporary

This organization is distributing relief supplies for survivors of the 6/2/11 Tornadoes in MA. Check their website for updated information about distribution dates and details.

FROM THE SITE:

BREAKING NEWS
Springfield Partners and The Food Bank of Western Mass. will again distribute food, water and personal care items on Monday to those in need of food due to the tornado.

Distribution will again be in the rear parking lot of Springfield Partners 721 State St. offices (use Monroe Street, next to the rear entrance of Walgreen's), on Monday June 6 from 2:30 p.m. until about 5 p.m.

We are seeking donations of water and personal hygiene items. Items may be dropped off after 8 a.m. Monday morning at the rear entrance of 721 State.

Springfield Partners also has beds & mattresses (twin and bunk) available for distribution; to make a pickup appointment please call 413-263-6500.

Services offered: Distribution, Disaster Relief Supplies; Donations, Drop-Off, Collection Site Location; Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Furniture, Bed, Bunk Bed; Furniture, Mattress * (ANY/ALL Types of Mattresses) ; Services, Family, Children, Child Care Program; Services, Weatherization Services; Toiletries, Personal Hygiene Products * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Water, * Bottles (ANY/ALL Types of Bottled Water)
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes-Floods-Wind Storms; Computers for Western Mass [reorganizing 2011 data, please ignore]
Updated Aug 26, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8544

Stone Soup Collective, Cooperative Farm and CSA

Open Business* · Open

Springfield, MA
Web valleyworker.org/members/stone-soup-farm
Service Temporary

Services offered: Social Enterprise (low-profit BUSINESS)
Campaigns: Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/ Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 14, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9810

Mental Health Crisis Line/Coalition of Responders

Walk-in Resource · Open

statewide, MA
Phone (800) 495-0086, Crisis Line: (800) 981-4357
Web www.masspartnership.com/esp
Service Temporary

Provider Directory: http://www.masspartnership.com/provider/pdf/2012ESPDirectoryFIN4912.pdf

andrea.hall @ bmc.org

Every ESP provides behavioral health crisis assessment, intervention and stabilization services, 24 hours per day/7 days per week/365 days per year, through 4 service components: Mobile Crisis Intervention (MCI) services for youth, adult mobile services, ESP community based locations, and community crisis stabilization (CCS) services for ages 18 and over. The operating hours for the ESP community based locations are noted in the ESP Directory. Mobile Crisis Intervention services for youth are available 24 hours per day/7 days per week. The operating hours for adult mobile services are 24 hours per day/7 days per week: during this time period, mobile services will be available from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at any/all locations, and from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. this service will be available in residential programs and hospital emergency departments. CCS services are available 24 hours per day/7 days per week and can be accessed through the ESP.

Also this group has gathered materials for a conference, including how police, crisis, and community-based mental health services can work together to improve responses to veterans and others with emotional disturbances.
COStaffDev@dmh.state.ma.us

http://www.facebook.com/UMassCMHSR/posts/459305640751254

Services offered: Advocacy, Individuals w/Mental Illness; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Mental Health Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Trauma Counseling Services; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, Disabled Services; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Crisis Hotline; Hotline, Crisis Hotline (For Survivors of Disaster); Hotline, Health Information/Resource Hotline; Information Resource, ADA & Useful Info for Disabled Folks; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Services, Outpatient; Mental Health Services; Resource Databases for Supplies/ Services (NO FEE)
Updated May 25, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9153

Neighbor Brigade [Massachusetts-based, volunteer gruop, rides, meal delivery etc]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Statewide [see towns/chapters at website], MA
Web www.neighborbrigade.org
Service Temporary

Since incorporating in 2010, Neighbor Brigade has grown to over 30 chapters, with new chapters on the way. We currently have a presence in the communities below. Please click on the town to visit their chapter page, to request assistance, join as a volunteer, or just learn more about the chapter.
Don't see your town listed? Consider starting a chapter! Also, some chapters may accept volunteers from neighboring towns.

Current Neighbor Brigade chapters listed alphabetically by town:
Massachusetts

Acton/Boxborough, MA
Ashland, MA
Bedford, MA
Berkley, MA
Billerica, MA
Braintree, MA
Cohasset, MA
Concord / Carlisle, MA
Dedham, MA
Easton, MA
Franklin, MA
Lexington, MA
Mansfield, MA
Maynard, MA
Medway, MA
Mendon, MA
Natick, MA
Needham, MA

North Attleboro, MA
Northborough / Southborough, MA
South Boston, MA
Stow, MA
Sudbury, MA
Wayland, MA
West Bridgewater, MA
West Springfield, MA
Winchendon, MA

New Jersey

West Essex, NJ

Rhode Island

Barrington, RI

Washington

Brier Terrace, WA

Services offered: Transportation, Ride Service (FREE or Sliding Scale)
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Apr 14, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10281

Sterling Animal Shelter (a "no kill" shelter)

Animal Shelter · Open

Animal Shelter/Services
17 Laurelwood Rd, Sterling, MA 01564
Phone 978–422–8585
Contact write/call for details
Email staff@sterlingshelter.org
Service Temporary

Needs list from website:

* Cat Litter (the shelter goes through 500 pounds or more per week!)
* Cleaning Supplies (Trash Bags, Bleach, Windex, etc.)
* Liquid Laundry Detergent and Liquid hand soap
* Paper towels, paper plates
* Newspaper and old towels and blankets
* Fire wood – cut, split and seasoned please
* Help raising money and awareness (through conventional means and through the Internet)

Services offered: Animals, Animal Care, Foster Homes For Pets of Disaster; Animals, Animal Care Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Animals, Rescue, Animal Rescue Disaster/Evacuation Services; Animals, Rescue, Animal Rescue Services; Animals, Rescue, Disaster Response Teams, Pets, Volunteer; Animals, Rescue, Rescue Referrals; Animals, Sanctuary, Animal Sanctuary; Shelter, Animals, Animal Shelter

Campaigns: Humane Society of the United States, The
Updated Dec 3, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3902

Stow Food Pantry @ The First Parish Church

Walk–in Resource · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
353 Great Rd; The First Parish Church; Route 117, Stow, MA
Phone (978) 897–4230
Web stowcommunitychest.org/pages/stowfood.html
Hours Twice Monthly, Fridays from 9 am to 11 am
Service Temporary

The First Parish Church,
Route 117, PO Box 437,
Stow, Ma. 01775.
Telephone: 978–897–4230

Financial Contacts:
Judi Toop (978) 897–3038 judi82@comcast.net
Kim Manning (978) 456–2721 themanningclan@yahoo.com

The Stow Food Pantry is a non–profit, all–volunteer organization dedicated to the distribution of food to those in need serving the communities of Acton, Bolton, Boxborough, Lancaster, Maynard, and Stow, Massachusetts.

Established 1990

All Volunteer Group..
Non Profit..
Community Based..
Distribute Food Twice Monthly..
Serve Surrounding Communities.

Supported through:
Individual donations
Community organizations
Food drives

We collect, pack, and distribute food twice a month on Fridays from 9 am to 11 am. All clients come with a written referral from a member of the clergy, social worker, or other community resident who can substantiate their need.

The Stow Food Pantry wishes to thank the many people and organizations who support us through donations and time. Their care and consideration is greatly appreciated each and every week.

Volunteers makes these efforts possible. Please call 978–897–4230 to volunteer your time.

The Stow Food Pantry works cooperatively with:

– Project Bread
– Massachusetts Emergency Food Assistance Program
– Worcester County Food Bank

Services offered: Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Facility: Food, Emergency Food Center; Food, Canned, Meals * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Food, Distribution, Emergency Food Program; Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Hotline, Food Bank/Pantry Hotline (Find Emergency Food Help); 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); Vouchers * (ANY/ALL Types); Vouchers, Food Vouchers
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Government, State/County; Project Bread
Updated Nov 20, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1535

MetroWest Free Medical Program

Medical Facility · Open

Sudbury, MA
Web www.metrowestfreemedicalprogram.org
Service Temporary

Congregation Beth El on Hudson Road in Sudbury offers free medical care to anyone asking for it including no cost or low cost medications. Social services are also offered. This program has been going–on for quite some time and is provided by volunteers. Of course, all of the doctors, nurses and other professionals are certified and licensed. Information is kept private and referrals can also be provided. Spanish and Portuguese translation is available on the phone and at the clinic. It takes place in the sanctuary which is converted into a clinic on Tuesday evenings. A second location is now available at the First Parish Church,

Framingham. Information on the program is available at: www.metrowestfreemedicalprogram.org which also includes the current month's schedule.

from the site:

Sudbury Location - Walk–In Services:

* General medical care for acute and chronic illnesses for adults and children
* Work physicals
* Social Services and screening for resources and referrals
* Mental Health screening and referrals
* Prescriptions for medications
* Referrals for labs and X–rays
* Application assistance for health insurance
* Specialist Services offered monthly:
o Diabetes Clinic
o Orthopedics
o Psychiatry
o Dermatology – by appointment only, please call for an appointment

What to bring to your visit: Mass Health or Health Safety Net Card or letter.

If you have not applied for health insurance coverage, please bring a picture ID and proof of income with you to complete your health insurance application.

105 Hudson Rd., Sudbury
508–656–0740 – English
508–656–0741 – Portuguese & Spanish

Open most Tuesday evenings for walk–in medical care and specialty services.
Check Calendar for the most recent schedule.
105 Hudson Rd., Sudbury
508–656–0740 – English
508–656–0741 – Portuguese & Spanish

Also Framingham location

Services offered: Assistance, Application Assistance for Health Insurance; Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Health Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Mental Health Resources; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Counseling ($ NOT FREE) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Medical, Education, Health Awareness; Medical, Facility, Clinic, Free Clinic; Medical, Facility, Clinic, Outpatient Clinic; Medical, Services, Assessment, Medical Needs Assessment; Medical Services, Dermatology; Medical, Services, Diabetes Testing; Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Services, Physical Examinations; Medical Services, Prescriptions; Medical, Services, Preventive; Medical, Services, Public Health Education / Awareness; Medical, Services, Screening, Blood Pressure Screenings; Medical, Services, Screening, General Health; Medical, Volunteer, General, Medical Volunteer Services; Mental Health, Counselors/Psychologists; Mental Health Services; Translators, Portuguese/English, Volunteer; Translators, Spanish/English, Volunteers; Volunteer, Medical, Psychiatrist
Updated Jun 4, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9160

Presbyterian Church

Walk–in Resource · Open

Faith–based Humanitarian Outreach
330 Concord Road; Route 27 and Concord Road., Sudbury, MA 01776
Phone (978) 443–9151
Web www.pcsudbury.org/mission.html

Rev. Dr. D. William McIvor

Our Outreach and Service Mission Statement is:

We are called to reach out, in our service and in our finances, to those outside our faith community who need our help. (See Matthew 25:31–46) As a team, we encourage everyone in the church and community to participate actively in Christian outreach and service, and facilitate and coordinate their participation.

We encourage you to participate in any of the following outreach and service opportunities. Some are opportunities to give financially to those who need our support. Others are opportunities for you to get personally involved in service to others. Either way, these will be experiences of Christian giving of ourselves and our resources that you won't soon forget. Also see our Outreach and Service Bulletin Board in the upstairs hallway just outside the church office.

PRESBYTERIAN COFFEE PROJECT

The Presbyterian Coffee Project is a new way to help people in need while enjoying fellowship and an excellent cup of coffee. Presbyterian congregations that participate are supporting fair trade––practices which complement our mission with farmers in

Latin America, Africa and Asia, as well as our commitment to stewardship of the natural environment. We purchase this coffee for our Fellowship use.

You can purchase coffee at wholesale prices by using the order form on the web or available in Fellowship Hall.

WORSHIP AT WINGATE

Worship at Wingate began in 1990 as a project of PCIS Deacons in response to the concerns of the family of the late Edith Person. Mrs. Person was a devout Presbyterian who had been relocated from Florida to the Wingate Nursing Home in Sudbury and there found herself without an outlet for worship in the tradition meaningful to her. The Wingate worship–fellowship outreach became an immediate success, not only for Edith but also for many other residents of the facility. Worship at Wingate was then and remains to this day the only Protestant worship conducted at the facility.

The Worship at Wingate monthly worship is enthusiastically embraced by residents, and praised by their families and the Wingate staff. The program has grown significantly. From a handful of residents, attendance has more than tripled and now averages 30 and occasionally reaches highs of 40+. Volunteers (many from our Junior, Senior and Confirmation Classes) have led worship, provided music and engaged Wingate residents in fellowship on the third Sunday of each month. Each resident receives a bulletin–order of service with hymns at each service. The Wingate staff notes that many residents keep them at their bedside after the service and between our visits. Special Christmas cards commemorating Christ's special meaning for older folks were distributed to each resident congregant and special provision is always made for time with those unable to attend the service.

More help is needed, particularly in getting patients/residents from their rooms to the service. Simply put: the more volunteers we have…the more opportunity the Wingate folks will have to get to the only Protestant worship service they have! Volunteers are also needed to provide special music and to lead worship.

The commitment required is generally not more than one hour once a month. If you can help (whether each month or once or twice a year) please contact Pete Raymond or leave a message at the church office 978–443–9151. The need is great. We don't want to neglect somebody because we haven't the manpower to get to them. It's only an hour spent with some wonderful folks for whom the hour means so very much.

SALVATION ARMY MIRACLE KITCHEN

On the second Friday of the month, every two out of three months, our church sponsors a dinnertime meal at the Salvation Army soup kitchen in Framingham. This has proven to be an excellent way that people can become involved in a very rewarding mission. This activity is organized in such a way that there are many ways an individual can participate, yielding a wide variety of opportunities. You can cook a meal, and/or you can help us serve.

Sudbury Food Pantry

The Sudbury Food Pantry supports over 100 families in the Sudbury area.

Please leave any donations of food, soap, diapers, etc. in the baskets in our entryway.

The food pantry needs volunteers to distribute food at the Food Pantry at Our Lady of Fatima Church. If you could volunteer a few hours on 2 to 4 days a month, please contact a member of O&S.

Neighbor to Neighbor

SURPRISED? Yes, there is need right in our own backyard in Sudbury!

Over the last six (6) years, a small portion of our mission dollars have gone to support the "Neighbor To Neighbor" program, a partnership of our church's Outreach and Service Team with the Town of Sudbury social worker. Did you know that some of the needs satisfied through your offerings were:

· Short term interim medication for an 80 year old widow with breast cancer who could not afford her doctor's prescribed dosage.

· Life long monitoring (You know: I've fallen and I can't get up) for 6 months for an 82 year widower.

· Hearing aid for single mom, deaf in both ears and unemployed.

· Short term fuel assistance for 79 year old widow whose husband died, and she had no money or understanding how to manage finances.

· Tuition to day camp at Longfellow's Children's Center for a 10 year old with behavior problems.

· Phone bill payments for terminally ill mom, with mentally ill husband and 2 small children.

These are only a sampling of the many short term emergency needs we have been able to respond to through God's love and your pledges and offerings.

Senior In–Home Fix–It Program: We need people to do very small odd jobs for local elderly who live at home. They need help with such simple things as getting up on step stools to change light bulbs.

Middlesex County Prison Coordinating Committee

An organization that the Outreach and Service Team supports is the Middlesex County Prison Coordinating Committee (MCPCC). This one–of–kind citizen group is composed of members of the faith community who monitor and support programs relating to county–level corrections. The committee is led by a dedicated executive board that meets once a month.

The committee accomplishes much with very little, all toward “a ministry of the whole prison system… The correctional officers, the staff, the administration, and the prisoners.” Some MCPCC activities have included:

Collecting used books for the prison library
Facilitating discussion of prison issues
Collecting winter jackets and sweatshirts
Advocating for chapel space
Supporting a chaplain’s discretionary fund
Encouraging treatment programs for gambling, drug and alcohol abuse
Awarding prizes for art and poetry contests
Advocating on behalf of officers and staff concerning salaries and working conditions

The MCPCC has had a long and successful life thanks in part to our donations through the Outreach and Service Team. Money donated goes toward paying a small stipend to the committee’s coordinator, as well as for other minor expenses including postage for their monthly newsletter.

SEASONAL OUTREACH

January – Roxbury Church Social Impact Center

The RPC Social Impact Center, Inc. is partnering with the Roxbury Presbyterian Church to raise funds to renovate space in the lower level of the Roxbury Presbyterian Church. This space will be used for the Social Impact Center’s existing academically–focused after–school program, for a planned computer education center, for youth outreach, and for other community–focused activities such as poetry readings, drama, etc. In addition, the space will continue to be used for weekly AA meetings and for other community gatherings.

Here is an article on Roxbury Presbyterian Church and its pastor, Hurman Hamilton.

February – Camp Wilmot

This offering supports the Camp Wilmot program. Our contributions go to bringing children to summer camp – children that will not be able to go without some assistance – and other needs of the camp. Many of the campers we once assisted have become the backbone of summer camp at Camp Wilmot and in turn have encouraged an ever growing number of youth from other churches throughout New England to take part.

March – MATE (Mission At The Eastward)

MATE is a cooperative parish which brings together nine congregations in Central Maine, and works with partner congregations from away. Sharing in worship, pastoral ministry and outreach with the larger community, Mission at the Eastward witnesses to the Gospel's promise of wholeness. Our offering supports their housing ministry which rehabilitates housing for people in central Maine who would not otherwise be able to afford to fix up their houses to withstand the Maine winter.

April – One Great Hour of Sharing

Contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing make a difference in the lives of people worldwide. This offering supports the mission work of the Presbyterian Church and our interfaith partners. It provides emergency relief to victims of disasters. Our gifts keep working, helping people to rebuild their villages, their homes, and their lives long after the world’s attention to the immediate disaster is past. Another part of this offering helps poor communities find and develop new sources of food and clean water. We help to improve health standards and literacy. We provide modest loans to poor people seeking to start small businesses in order to become self–supporting. We help resettle refugees from famines and wars, and we provide ministries with homeless children in the inner cities of the world. One Great Hour of Sharing, nearly 50 years old, continues to respond to needs equally critical as when it was first created.

May – Youth mission fund auction

Each May, we hold an auction to raise funds to sponsor our youth on a mission trip. The youth have gone to Georgia, North Carolina, Michigan, and other places, where they have helped with housing rehabilitation, repair of church and community facilities, and just making a difference in some peoples’ lives. The funds also sponsor additional youth activities during the year.

June – Little Children of the Philippines

This offering funds the pre–schools of the Little Children of the Philippines, or LCP. The LCP mission is to help impoverished children through strong, caring Christian communities. The building blocks of this mission are the parent empowerment program, the basic health program, the sponsorship program, and the program for handicapped children. In the pre–schools, children come to get a strong foundation for success in formal school. They get a nutritious snack and vitamins to help with persistent malnutrition. They get access to basic health care, and they learn about Jesus.

Lee Betts at PCIS on May 21, 2000

We encourage you to also sponsor a Philippine child to help them through their school years. Many have contributed this way and have found it to be a great way to help others who cannot help themselves but give back in their own way.

August – MATE

A group of 15–20 people from our church spend a week in Maine working directly on the houses. For example, last summer we replaced uninsulated windows in an elderly woman's trailer, and a drafty front door in an elderly woman's home. This is a great way to become personally involved in helping others and to join others in Christian fellowship.

September and December – Framingham Resource Center

Just before school starts, and just before Christmas, you can Sponsor a Child by buying needed clothing and school supplies. You receive the name and basic information about a child. You shop for that child and we collect our contributions and take them to the center where they are distributed to the children. It is a great way to help a child to be ready for school, or to have a little for Christmas that they would not otherwise have

October – CROP Walk

The 24th Annual CROP Walk for the Hungry takes place in Concord on a Sunday in October. Kicking off at 2:15pm from First Parish in Concord, Lexington Road in the center of Concord, participating walkers will again enjoy the autumn beauty of some of Concord's most historic country roads, as they walk to raise money for the hungry of local communities and around the world. Come early and enjoy music on the First Parish green, starting at 1:30pm in front of First Parish Church.

Local funds raised are allocated to five area community supper/pantry programs: the Open Table in Concord, the Community Supper in Acton; the Sudbury Community Food Pantry, the Maynard Food Pantry, and the Bedford Community Table/Pantry. In addition, the CROP Walk supports Church World Service in its current relief efforts worldwide, including the continuation of the "All Our Children" campaign in Iraq, to provide medical and surgical supplies to hospitals and to fill significant gaps in general health services for youth. Two renovations recently completed were a children's home in Beit al Tutul and the Karbala Pediatric Institute. For more details, see the Church World Service web site at <www.churchworldservice.org>.

November - Joshua Matenjwa Presbyterian Church in Limuru, Kenya

We sponsor individual students in Limuru, where they would not be able to go to high school without our support. We provide Christmas dinner and classroom supplies for the church Sunday School.

December -

Christmas Joy fund

Presbyterians have long celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ by giving generously to a Christmas season offering. Fifty percent of the receipts to the Christmas Joy Offering are distributed to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs that provide support to retired and active church workers and their spouses and families. The other fifty percent supports the eight Presbyterian–related racial ethnic schools and colleges through the National Ministries Division of the General Assembly Council.

Operation Christmas Child

Christmas is about sharing the gift of God’s son, Jesus Christ, with the world. Our church is providing you with the unique opportunity to share Christ with a needy child by using a simple shoe box! A child overseas can receive your shoe box, hand delivered, along with Christian literature in his or her own language. The boxes are fun and easy to fill with small toys, school supplies, and other gifts.

Alternative Christmas Fair

Each year in December, we hold an alternative Christmas fair at the church to provide an opportunity for you to purchase Christmas presents in a way that helps artisans in 40 countries around the world. Most of the goods come through SERRV, and organization that provides a way for us to find gifts and crafts from those disadvantaged artisans from around the world. We also provide Presbyterian Coffee and an opportunity to give the gift of an animal through Heifer International.

Habitat for Humanity

We are proud to have created the partnership with the Boston Presbytery in building a townhouse in Roxbury through Habitat for Humanity Boston.

Services offered: Construction, Home Repair, Volunteer Services; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Food Distribution, Meals, Soup Kitchen; Services, Senior Programs
Campaigns: Habitat For Humanity
Updated Jul 8, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1546

Sudbury Food Pantry @ The Presbyterian Church

Walk–in Resource · Open

Food Pantry
160 Concord Rd, Sudbury, MA
Phone (978) 443–7725
Web www.pcsudbury.org/mission.html

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The food pantry needs volunteers to distribute food at the Food Pantry at Our Lady of Fatima Church. If you could volunteer a few hours on 2 to 4 days a month, please contact a member of O&S.

Other projects at: http://www.pcsudbury.org/mission.html

Services offered: Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Diapers * (ANY/ALL Types/Sizes); Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public)
Updated Jul 8, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1536

Baptist Church of All Nations

Walk–in Resource · Open

Social Services
61 Winthrop St, Taunton, MA 02780
Phone (508) 822–3454
Contact Reverend Luz Celeniar Tirado
Email PastorLucy@aol.com
Web www.thebcan.org/page/page/3719183.htm
Service Temporary

Administration:

Patricia C. Silvia

tbcoan61@verizon.net

Angela Skerritt
Chairwoman of the Women's Missionary Fellowship
upnths@juno.com

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Advocacy, Womens Rights; Community Service Program; Counseling, Spiritual; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Women's Services; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Program
Campaigns: 2010 Massachusetts Flooding; 2010 New England Flooding; American Baptist Churches–USA; LTRG, Long Term Recovery Group; Tri–State LTRG (New England)
Updated Jun 13, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5942

Church of Restoration

Info/Hotline · Open

Social Services
PO Box 348; 133 High St, Taunton, MA 01780
Phone 508 822 2294
Contact Pastor: Reverand Cynthia Corrieg
Service Temporary

Services offered: Counseling, Spiritual
Campaigns: 2010 Massachusetts Flooding; 2010 New England Flooding; 2010 Snow & Ice Storms; 2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; LTRG, Long Term Recovery Group; Tri–State LTRG (New England)
Updated Jun 13, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5940

Citizens For Citizens, Inc. (CFC)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Community
1 Taunton Green, Taunton, MA 02780
Phone (508) 823–6346
Web www.cfcinc.org

From the website:

It is CFC's mission to:

A. Assist members of the low–income community by the provision of services and programs which attack the cycle of poverty.

B. Advocate on behalf of low–income people with governmental agencies, private agencies and the community–at–large.

C. Be a major player in the Human Services Network so that all present a unified front in attacking the causes and effects of poverty.

SENIOR PROGRAMS:

Foster Grandparent Program
(508) 679–0041

Foster Grandparents serve children with special needs throughout Fall River and Taunton areas while providing added income for elderly residents who enjoy working with children.

Senior Aide Program
(508) 679–0041

Seniors with limited income are given the opportunity to earn extra income while providing communities with invaluable skills. The program also provides training and job location assistance for seniors 55 years of age and older.

RSVP
(508) 679–0041

Retired Senior Volunteer Program participants 55 and over are placed in worthwhile activities in public and private non–profit agencies throughout the service area.

CHILD CARE PROGRAMS:

After School Child Care ~
Provides after school and vacation child care services. Call (508) 675–2154.

Extended Child Care ~
Provides after school and vacation child care for children on site at public schools. Call (508) 675–2154.

Family Child Care ~
Provides home–based child care for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Call (508) 324–7517.

HEALTH PROGRAMS:

Family Planning~
Comprehensive family planning services.
In Fall River, call (508) 679–0198.
In Taunton, call (508) 823–6924.

Greater Fall River Teen Opportunities & Prevention Program (T.O.P.P.'s) TOPP's members work with staff to provide primary teen pregnancy prevention programs. Call (508) 675–2157.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
Serving Taunton and Attleboro. Provides dietary assessment and counseling, nutrition education, food checks, immunizations.
Taunton (508) 823–6346; Attleboro (508) 226–4543; Norton (508) 285–0235; Seekonk (508) 336–2909; Mansfield (508) 261–7465.

Taunton Reaching Youth (TRY)
Teen pregnancy prevention coalition involving teens, parents, schools and community leaders. Call (508) 828–9242.

ENERGY PROGRAMS:

Fuel Assitance
(508) 679–0041

Fuel Assistance programs in Fall River and Taunton ~ Assists eligible households pay their heating bills during the winter season or until all benefits are exhausted. Clients receive

various discounts such as telephone discounts, electric discounts, and gas and oil discounts. Eligibility is based on annual gross household income, family size and annual heat consumption. Income guidelines are established by the federal government. Clients must document a minimum of four consecutive weeks of income or any number not to exceed the prior 52 weeks. Proof of residence is required for all new applicants. Social Security numbers are required of all household members over 18 years of age.

Heating Assistance Program (Heart WAP)
(508) 675–2157 Ext. 135

Provides homeowners and some tenants with repairs and replacement of heating systems. The program operates in the Greater Fall River, Greater New Bedford and Greater Taunton areas. People who meet the federal income eligibility guidelines or households who meet state eligibility criteria which applies to the elderly, handicapped and households with children under six years of age. A tenant must be on Fuel Assistance to receive minor service. The landlord must also be on Fuel Assistance for the tenant to receive major service. Proof of income and ownership is required. The owner is required to sign an agreement allowing the heating system to be evaluated and where warranted, repairs or replacement to be conducted.

Weatherization Assistance Program

Provides insulation, air sealing and storm windows at no cost to homeowner or tenant. The program operates in the Greater Fall River and Greater New Bedford areas. The program serves people who meet the federal income eligibility. Interested people should contact the WAP office at 675–2157 Ext. 133.

Services offered: Financial Assistance, Housing, Rental Assistance; Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance; Fuel, Gas, Gasoline; Medical, Services, Family Planning; Services, Employment, Paid Gigs, Paying Jobs; Services, Family, Children, Child Care Program; Training, Services, Employment /JobTraining ; Volunteers, Elder/Senior Volunteers (This facility accomodates Elder Volunteers); Vouchers, Food Vouchers; Youth Program
Campaigns: Head Start Program; WIC (Women Infants and Children)
Updated Apr 27, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1020

Franklin Area Survival Center (Thrift Store, Food Pantry, Household stuff, some free to disaster survivors)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Turners Falls, MA 01376
Web franklinareasurvivalcenter.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Facility: Community Center; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types); Furniture, Furniture Bank; Household Goods (big) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Household Items (small) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Thrift Store; Warehouse, Warehouse Space
Updated Dec 3, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9755

2011 MA Tornado – INDEX

Info/Hotline · Open

Various, MA
Service Temporary

(MAVOAD) –
One year after the June 1st Tornado tore through parts of western Massachusetts there are still unmet needs as families seek to rebuild their lives. Three Long–Term Recovery Groups (LTRG) formed in the hardest hit areas and have been coordinating essential assistance for those impacted. These largely volunteer–led collaborations have been providing for the needs of individuals and families while they continue to recover from the storm.

In coordination with FEMA, Massachusetts Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (MAVOAD) is seeking additional help for these individuals and families. Continuing needs include skilled laborers, committed volunteers, office space and financial

donations which can immediately be applied to critical needs. For those interested in providing support please contact Boston Cares at disasterrelief@bostoncares.org or 617.420.2298.

For individual interviews and more detailed statistics in each area please contact:
http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/local-volunteer-groups-request-support.html

Tornado recovery center to open on March 15
March 14, 2012
http://www.thereminder.com/localnews/westspringfield/tornadorecoverycen/

July 1, 2011
http://www.preservationnation.org/magazine/2011/story-of-the-day/massachusetts-recovers-after.html

6/2/11
MEMA's Judge said people should stay away from affected areas, if possible, so state and federal crews can continue their search and rescue and cleanup efforts.

HOW TO HELP –

Dial 211: This call service is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and provides residents with information on community services such as disaster relief, finding shelter and food assistance.

http://hubbub.wbur.org/2011/06/02/massachusetts-tornado-help

MEDIA FULL COVERAGE –
http://www.masslive.com/
http://www.wbur.org/

MEDIA Articles-
http://www.kktv.com/news/headlines/Tornado_in_Springfield_MA_122981013.html
http://www.wickedlocal.com/hamilton/news/x530603346/HW-dodges-storm-Gov-Patrick-declares-emergency-calls-on-National-Guard-as-tornadoes-rage
http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2011/06/tornado_tears_through_pioneer.html

DONATION/Drop-off & RESOURCES –
Capstone General Contracting, Inc
http://gccapstone.com/2011/06/02/donations-for-massachusetts-tornado-victims/
MORE at:
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8526

MEALS & DISTRIBUTION –
meals and personal care items –
http://www.springfieldpartnersinc.com/
Salvation Army (mobile food cantee)
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8538

VOLUNTEERS –
(SEE HOW TO HELP)
Volunteer Reception
Red Cross
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8523
WBUR
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8536

SHELTERS –
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8521

ANIMALS –

Craigslist (listing for lost or adopt)
http://westernmass.craigslist.org/pet/
http://westernmass.craigslist.org/pet/2417951464.html
http://westernmass.craigslist.org/laf/

FACEBOOK –
https://www.facebook.com/gccapstone
https://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/pages/I-Survived-The-Massachusetts-Tornadoes/124094861004930

TWITTER –

FOR a list of supporting organizations go to:
https://reliefdb.org/items/4855

Services offered: Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Media, Online News Reports; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms
Updated Sep 4, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8527

ANIMAL SHELTERS – MA – DIRECTORY/INDEX

Animal Shelter · Open

Various, MA
Web www.animalshelter.org/shelters/Massachusetts.asp
Service Temporary

This website is a link to a statewide directly of Massachusetts Animal Shelters.

Services offered: Shelter, Animals, Animal Shelter; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms
Updated Jun 4, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8547

Boomerangs (thrift store, donation collection center) Supports AIDS Action

Open Business* · Open

Various, MA
Web www.aac.org/site/PageServer?pagename=boomerangs_donations
Service Temporary

See website for various locations in Boston, Jamaica Plain, Cambridge, etc

From the website:

WE ACCEPT

New, gently used and vintage clothing

We're always looking for more men's clothing, more great vintage pieces, and more women's plus size clothing. We accept women's, men's and children's clothing in good condition. We do not accept used pajamas, undergarments or gym wear.

Furniture

Free pickup is available for furniture items! Just call 617–309–7220 or fill out our online form. We accept living room, bedroom and dining room furniture in good condition.

We cannot take mattresses, futons or sleeper sofas. If you live with furry friends, please clean pet hair off items prior to donation; some of our volunteers and customers are allergic.

Media

We accept books in good condition (no periodicals or encyclopedias). We accept records, CDs and movies in their original cases (no home videos please). We are always looking for current fiction and non–fiction and more rock and pop on vinyl.

Housewares

We accept artwork, picture frames, unused candles, vases, collectibles and giftware.

Kitchenware

Dishware, glassware, flatware and gently used cookware.

Linens
We accept curtains, table cloths and placemats.

Electronics

We only accept items in working condition, including stereo equipment (especially turntables), DVD players, ipods, lamps and small kitchen electronics.

Accessories
We are always looking for jewelry, purses, wallets, hats, scarves and belts. We also accept gently worn shoes.

WE DO NOT ACCEPT
– Mattresses and futons. Includes futon frames and sleeper sofas. Resale of mattresses is prohibited by Massachusetts health regulations.
– Computers. Includes monitors, printers, and PCs because we are unable to properly clear and test systems. Also, disposal is costly if the items are unusable.
– Sheets, bed pillows, and towels. We are unable to sell used bedding, but the MSPCA on South Huntington in Jamaica Plain will use these items in their animal shelter.
– Large appliances. Includes stoves, washer/dryers, etc. We are unable to test and store these items. The AIDS Action Committee can sometimes use full size refrigerators for clients. Check with client services at 617–437–6200. For other appliances check with the Building Materials Resource Center to see if they can use the item.

– Kitchen Cabinets, building materials, and used paint. We are unable to sell these items, but check with Building Materials Resource Center to see if they can use them.
– Old TVs. Televisions must be cable ready. We do not accept older console or wood–paneled models. All TVs must be tested before the donor leaves. We can only take them if sound works, picture is clear, and they're ready for cable hookup.
– Small appliances with filters. Includes air conditioners and most humidifiers because the sale of used filter items is prohibited by Massachusetts health regulations.
– Used toys. We only accept brand new toys. Used toys can pose a health and liability risk. We also do not take opened puzzles or board games. Check with Cradles to Crayons for used toy donations.
– Baby products strollers, car seats, and cribs. We can never take items that hold children. There are liability risks involved, and we are unable to keep up with re–calls on these products. Check with Cradles to Crayons.
– Food. We are not licensed to sell food. Please donate unexpired items to your local food bank. Visit the Greater Boston Food Bank for more information.
– Encylopedias and periodicals. These items become outdated quickly and are difficult to sell. We also can not take any books with water damage or mold because of health risks.
– Skis and golf clubs. Unfortunately these items just do not sell. We understand that they are costly new, but we have trouble selling them even when we price them very low. Also, they are difficult to safely display.
– Very large exercise equipment (e.g. Bowflex Machines). Small bikes and stair steppers are great. Treadmills are fine as long as they are in working condition.
– Furniture that is broken, damaged or missing pieces. A store manager will evaluate furniture based on its condition and how much room we have available in the store. Some items, such as large office furniture may be refused based on available space.
– Personal items. Undergarments, used foot spas, used toiletries, used socks, etc. We are unable to sell these items due to customer health concerns. Brand new toiletries are accepted.

Services offered: Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Clothing, Consignment Shop ($ NOT FREE); Donations, Pickup, Pick Up Service; Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types); Kitchen, Cooking, Cookware * (ALL/ANY Type of Cookware); Kitchen, Service, Dishes * (ANY/ALL Types); Thrift Store; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Nov 30, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8759

DONATION DROP SITES – 2011 MA Tornadoes (INDEX)

Donor · Open

Various, MA
Service Temporary

Links to Donation Collection Sites – 6/11 MA Tornadoes:

SEE LINK FOR FULL details –
http://gccapstone.com/2011/06/02/donations–for–massachusetts–tornado–victims/
please contact our office at (508) 799–4463 for drop off and pick up information, or to see what items you can doante. If you need use to pick up your donations, we can arrange for pick up. For drop off, please drop it to our location at:

51 Union Street, Suite 118
Worcester, MA 01608
(Next door to Maxwell Silverman)

Tornado relief donations accepted by volunteer at Old Navy's stores
http://www.metrowestdailynews.com/news/x606699735/Tornado–relief–donations–accepted–by–volunteer–at–Old–Navys–stores

First Church of Monson – See link for more details!
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8542

Springfield Partners for Community Action (Donation/Distribution)
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8544

Services offered: Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms
Updated Jun 4, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8526

FACEBOOK – 6/2011 MA Tornadoes – INDEX

Info/Hotline · Open

Various, MA
Service Temporary

This dbase record is an index of related 6/11 MA Tornado Facebook pages:

Monson Tornado Watch 2011:
http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_156032417796074

I Survived The Massachusetts Tornadoes:
http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_156032417796074#!/pages/I–Survived–The–Massachusetts–Tornadoes/124094861004930

Springfield, Massachusetts Tornado Info
http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_156032417796074#!/home.php?sk=group_215037375195889

Tornado de ayuda en espanol:
http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10150146322192150.337772.665997149#!/pages/Tornado-de-ayuda-en-espanol/212466325450946

Services offered: Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes-Floods-Wind Storms
Updated Jun 6, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8539

Massachusetts Storm Assistance Centers – 6/2011 MA Tornado – INDEX

Walk-in Resource · Open

SEE NOTES, Various, MA
Service Temporary

June 03, 2011 – For immediate release:
PATRICK-MURRAY ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES MASSACHUSETTS STORM ASSISTANCE CENTERS FOR COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY TORNADOES
State agencies to offer support services in Springfield, Monson/Palmer, Southbridge
BOSTON – Friday, June 3, 2011 – The Patrick-Murray Administration today announced the opening of three Massachusetts Storm Assistance Centers in Springfield, Monson/Palmer and Southbridge that will provide vital supports for individuals and families impacted by severe weather in the region earlier this week. Governor Deval Patrick has called on agencies across state government to work collaboratively to meet the immediate health, human service, housing and employment needs of those affected by the storms.

"The people I have met over the past couple of days are shaken, but resilient, and ready to re-build their lives. By consolidating all available services in one place, these Storm Assistance Centers will make it easier for them to do just that," said Governor Patrick. "We stand alongside those affected by these devastating storms to help wherever we can."

“While visiting these communities following the devastating storm, the Governor and I witnessed first-hand the incredible work of public safety officials and first responders,” said Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray. “As these communities recover and rebuild, these storm assistance centers will provide individuals, families, neighborhoods and the business community with the critical resources that they all need right now.”

"In the wake of this horrific disaster, these recovery centers will offer vital services and bring much-needed relief to folks who have endured so much over these past few days,” said Senator John Kerry. “There’s a lot of work to be done, but we’re prepared to do everything in our power to help the people of Springfield rebuild their community and move forward with their lives.”

“As we work together to move forward from this disaster, I encourage Massachusetts residents impacted by the severe weather to take advantage of these resources," said Senator Scott Brown. "While the damage inflicted was truly devastating, I am hopeful these Centers will be a valuable tool as we begin the re-building process.”

"Having visited every community impacted by the tornados, I know firsthand that many people need help. These Centers will provide critical assistance and is another indication that the recovery process has begun. But I will continue to do everything I can to help the people of western and central Massachusetts who are in need," said Congressman Richard E. Neal.

“I commend Governor Patrick for taking quick action to help the children and families in need. No one could have imagined the devastation in western and central Massachusetts on Wednesday left by violent storms and tornadoes," said Senate President Therese Murray. "Our hearts go out to those who have lost so much and the families and loved ones of those who were killed and injured. We must all work together and support our fellow citizens during this difficult time.”

"I applaud the Administration for opening these support centers," said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo. "I plan to work closely with Governor Patrick, Senate President Murray, and the Representatives of the cities and towns struck by this disaster to alleviate the pain, suffering and damage caused by Wednesday's tornadoes. This is something we’re going to work on together for as long as it takes to make these communities whole again."

Agencies of the Executive Offices of Health and Human Services, Housing and Economic Development, and Labor and Workforce Development will be on site in all three communities and will offer meetings with area residents to help them resolve their urgent needs for health, nutrition, housing and employment services.

Secretary of Health and Human Services Dr. JudyAnn Bigby has sent representatives from the Departments of Transitional Assistance, Mental Health, Public Health and Veterans' Services; and the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind to each of the centers to provide personalized assistance to impacted residents.

“We are ready to provide a range of health and human service supports to the individuals and families who were affected by these powerful storms,” said Secretary Bigby. “Our dedicated staff are committed to supporting those who have suffered difficult losses and enrolling them in services and programs for which they may be eligible." Staff will be on site to help individuals and families obtain cash assistance and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, seek crisis counseling support services, and enroll in a range of other available benefits.

Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Greg Bialecki will ensure that the storm assistance centers will are staffed by public and private sector economic development leaders and non–profit partners who can offer impacted businesses and homeowners advice on available state and federal resources that can assist with repairs, rebuilding and relocation. Additionally, the Division of Insurance will also be represented by experts who can help guide consumers through the insurance claims process. The Administration is also working with landlords to secure temporary office space for impacted businesses in downtown Springfield.

"Our homeowners and business owners are the backbone of our communities and we are committed to connecting them with the resources that are available so they can rebuild," said Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Greg Bialecki. "These centers will offer guidance on a wide array of assistance, from Small Business Administration funding to business relocation and reopening tools to tips on how to file insurance claims. We stand behind all of the people whose lives and livelihoods have been uprooted and we will not rest until everyone is back on their feet."

Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development Joanne F. Goldstein has dispatched the state's Rapid Response team to help staff each of the three centers. The Rapid Response teams will assist impacted employees with filing for unemployment benefits and include a Spanish speaker at each center. Additionally, a business representative will be available to discuss programs and grant opportunities available to employers and businesses impacted by the storm.

"During this time of need, it is important to provide fast and easy access to unemployment benefits and job training opportunities to those employees impacted by the storms," said Secretary Goldstein.

Individuals and families impacted by the storms are encouraged to visit one of three new Massachusetts Storm Assistance Centers listed below. The Centers will be open today from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. thereafter, including Saturday and Sunday, until further notice:

Springfield: Department of Transitional Assistance Office
95 Liberty Street, Springfield
(413) 858–1000

Palmer: Department of Developmental Service Central/West Regional Office
171 State Avenue, Monson/Palmer Line, 01069
(413) 283–3411 or (800) 323–3123

Southbridge: Department of Transitional Assistance Office
1 North Street, Southbridge
(508) 765–2400

The Governor declared a state of emergency in Massachusetts on Wednesday following tornado activity that produced high winds, significant property damage, power outages and loss of life. This declaration was amended Thursday to include only those four counties hit hardest by the storms: Worcester County, Hampshire County, Hampden County and Franklin County.

Since the storms passed through Massachusetts on Wednesday evening, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) has coordinated federal, state, local, voluntary and private resources following the disaster.

Services offered: Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Housing, Relocation Assistance for Disaster Survivors; Assistance, How to, File Disaster Disability Benefits; Assistance, How To, File Disaster Unemployment Claims; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Counseling, Crisis Counseling; Financial Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms
Updated Jun 6, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8545

Massachusetts, Department of Transitional Assistance, Monetary and Other assistance

Info/Hotline · Open

various, MA

Web www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dta
Service Temporary

Services offered: Assistance, Housing, Relocation Assistance for Disaster Survivors; Assistance, How To, File Disaster Unemployment Claims; Assistance, How to, File Food Stamp Application; Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Assistance, How to, Housing, Filing, Zoning/Building Permits; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, How To, Navigating Disaster Survivor Insurance Process ; 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, Shelter Referrals, Youth Focused; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Financial Assistance Programs; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types)

Campaigns: Government Housing Authority; Government, State/County; Government, State Government Department/Agency
Updated Oct 22, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9377

Red Cross Newsroom – 6/2011 MA Tornadoes

Info/Hotline · Open

Red Cross
Various, MA
Web newsroom.redcross.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; American Red Cross
Updated Jun 6, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8524

Salvation Army – 6/2011 MA Tornadoes

Info/Hotline · Open

Various, MA
Web www.use.salvationarmy.org/use/www_use_mas.nsf/vw–dynamic–index/9BCC90CB7C82033880256E99001320A4?Opendocument
Service Temporary

Find help at the link above.

http://www.use.salvationarmy.org/use/www_use_mas.nsf/

from the website:

THREE SALVATION ARMY EMERGENCY DISASTER SERVICES (EDS) MOBILE CANTEENS RESPOND IMMEDIATELY TO MASSACHUSETTS TORNADOES!

We are asking for monetary donations toward tornado relief in Massachusetts. A $10 minimum donation can be made by texting the word TSAMA10 to 85944.

Services offered: Donations, Disaster Fund; Food Distribution, Canteen, Mobile Food Canteen; Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; Salvation Army; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Jun 6, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8538

SHELTERS – 6/2011 MA Tornadoes – INDEX

Shelter · Open

Red Cross & Unaffiliated Shelters
Various, MA
Web app.redcross.org/nss–app
Service Temporary

6/11 MA Tornado Shelter Map:

http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2011/06/map_western_massachusetts_shel.html

Shelters for tornado victims have been set up in West Springfield, Springfield, Wilbraham, Palmer and Monson.

Greenleaf Community Center | 1188 Parker St., Springfield, MA

Springfield Rescue Mission | 148 Taylor St., Springfield, MA

Central High School | 1840 Roosevelt Ave, Springfield, MA

Minnechaug Regional High School | 621 Main St., Wilbraham, MA

Converse Middle School | 24 Converse St., Palmer, MA

Red Cross shelters that have opened to serve survivors of the 5/11 MA Tornadoes.

6/23/11 – NSS

Mass Mutual Center
1277 Main Street
Springfield ,MA 01103

Shelter Capacity : 1000
Current Residents : 42

Quarry Hill Community School
43 Margaret Street
Monson ,MA 01057

Shelter Capacity : 100
Current Residents : 0

West Springfield Middle School
31 Middle School Dr
West Springfield ,MA 01089

Shelter Capacity : 0
Current Residents : 0

Coburn Elementary School
115 Southworth St
West Springfield ,MA 01089

Shelter Capacity : 100
Current Residents : 0

Central High School
1840 Roosevelt Ave
Springfield ,MA 01109

Shelter Capacity : 2322
Current Residents : 0 (was 240 on 6/5)

Minnechaug Regional High School
621 Main St.
Wilbraham, MA 01095

Shelter Capacity: ?
Population: 0

SOURCE: http://www.wwlp.com/dpp/news/local/hampden/List-of-shelters-for-tornado-victims

List of shelters for tornado victims
Places to go in the event of an emergency

Updated: Thursday, 02 Jun 2011, 1:18 PM EDT
Published : Wednesday, 01 Jun 2011, 8:33 PM EDT

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (WWLP) – 22News is working for you with a list of local shelters for victims of Wednesday's severe weather.

Greenleaf Community Center
1188 Parker St.
Springfield

Springfield Rescue Mission
148 Taylor St.
Springfield

St. Francis Xavier Church
475 Main St.
West Springfield

Birchland Park Middle School
50 Hanward Hill
East Longmeadow

Hampden Senior Center
104 Allen St.
Hampden

Converse Middle School
24 Converse St.
Palmer
(this is for people in both Palmer and Monson)

St. Francis Xavier Church 475 Main St. West Springfield, MA

Westfield hasn't yet set up a shelter, but if people need help, they can go to the Command Center Station #2.

http://www.wwlp.com/dpp/news/local/hampden/List-of-shelters-for-tornado-victims
http://www.ktvq.com/news/tornadoes-touch-down-in-massachusetts/

Services offered: Meals, Shelter Served Meals (Evacuation/Emergency); Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Shelter, Red Cross Shelter Updates

Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; American Red Cross; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Jun 23, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8521

VOAD, Massachusetts

Info/Hotline · Open

VOAD (State Level)
Various, MA

Phone 617 274–5282
Contact Keith Stefanelli
Email stefanellik@usa.redcross.org
Web massvoad.org/news/?page_id=55
Service Temporary

http://massvoad.org

FROM THE SITE:

Massachusetts Tornado Help - Call 211
Posted on June 2, 2011 by admin

Thank you to all who have contacted Massachusetts VOAD to help victims of yesterday's tornadoes with donations and services. Coordination of all help and donations is now running the United Way's 211 service so please call 211
You may also donate to Mass. VOAD member organizations if you wish. They are linked under "organizations" on this web site.
Sincerely,
Chris Farrand (Chair), Luis Matnog (Vice–Chair), Kevin Hall (Secretary)

Below is an update (June 2, 2011) on the Massachusetts Tornado situation from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)

Massachusetts Tornadoes, Wednesday, June 1, 2011

At around 4:30 EDT on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 a line of severe weather crossed from western part Massachusetts heading east. Damaging tornadoes passed through the Springfield area. A second tornado is reported to have later struck the same region. It was reported that hundreds of homes were damaged and thousands of trees were down.

Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick declared a state of emergency effective at 7:10PM on June 1. Nineteen (19) communities are reported affected including the towns of: Westfield, Springfield, West Springfield, Monson, Agawam, Charlton, Oxford, Palmer, Sturbridge, and Wilbraham, among others. The Governor has directed that all non–emergency Executive Branch employees living or working in Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester Counties should not report to their workplaces Thursday, June 2. In addition, 23 schools were closed and 21 businesses in the affected communities on Thursday.

The National Guard has called up approximately 1,000 troops to assist in rescue and response efforts. Troops are being dispersed from three locations, one in Springfield, one in Ware, and one in Worcester.

At least four people have died as a result of the tornado. One person was killed in West Springfield when his car overturned, two in Westfield, and one in Brimfield. Details of those 3 fatalities have not yet been released.

Jane Albert of Baystate Medical Center told 22News that the hospital is caring for 25 people who are injured, 10 of whom are in the trauma unit. There are at least 20 other reports of injuries.

In Springfield, Mayor Domenic Sarno said that the South End, East Forest Park, and Sixteen Acres were the sections of the city that were hit the hardest. The Indian Orchard neighborhood also saw damage.

There was a total of more than 60,000 power outages in communities serviced by Western Massachusetts Electric Company. As of 8:49am Thursday, June 2, about 14,000 are still without power. Sandra Ahern from Western Massachusetts Electric Company reports that there are more than 80 utility poles down in the Sixteen Acres and East Forest Park neighborhoods, where she said that they do not anticipate power will be restored for a couple of days.

Voluntary Agency Efforts

Local volunteers are currently supporting relief efforts in Springfield and communities throughout the jurisdiction with sheltering, canteen and mental health counseling.

The American Red Cross reports 5 open shelters as of Thursday morning, with populations in each. Of the 5 shelters reported open, the Red Cross is managing 2 in Springfield, and 1 in Monson. In addition there are 2 Red Cross–supported shelters in collaboration with local emergency officials, and 1 community shelter that the Red Cross is looking to assist with. The Mass Mutual Center in Springfield reported approximately 400 people being sheltered at its height late Wednesday night, with approximately 200 people remaining this morning. There are approximately 45 people at the West Springfield location and 35 in Monson. Pet sheltering has not been set up at any of the shelters as of Thursday morning.

The Red Cross is supporting feeding efforts at the open shelters, in addition to feeding approximately 300 first responders at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, in collaboration with the Salvation Army, and approximately 150 first responders in Monson. The Red Cross is not engaged in mobile feeding at this time.

The Salvation Army has set up a canteen service at the Command Post in Westfield to support first responders, and a canteen is also stationed in Brimfield. Canteen drop offs are occurring in Monson. The Salvation Army is also supporting canteen efforts at the Basketball Hall of Fame in collaboration with the Red Cross. The Salvation Army is beginning mobile canteen services, driving around affected communities, and providing psychological first aid as of 10am Thursday morning. 11 volunteers are currently engaged in Salvation Army activities, with approximately 5 additional volunteers working in the kitchens to prepare meals. 2 facilities in Springfield are on standby as possible temporary shelters if needed.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (WWLP) – In the aftermath of Wednesday's tornado damage , several major Western Massachusetts roads are closed for the Thursday morning commute. Here is a list of some major roadways that are closed.

SPRINGFIELD:

· Avoid downtown in general, South End; the less cars on the street the better for emergency crews working to assess threats (power lines, gas leaks) and remove obstructions (tree, debris)

Major closures:

· Plumtree Road from Allen Street onwards– impassible

· Main Street from State Street and southward

· Tinkham Road

· Parker Street from Wilbraham Road to Cooley Street

· Island Pond Road from Allen Street to Roosevelt Ave

WEST SPRINGFIELD:

· Union and Main run parallel– this is where the main impact occurred; basically the path of the tornado itself– this area is called the Merrick section of W. Spfld

· From Park and Union to Park and Main

· Union St. from Memorial Ave. to Park St.

· Main and Memorial

· All closed to all except emergency vehicles

· Police are essentially sealing off that entire area

· All obstructions are contained within that grid

WESTFIELD:

· Shaker Road– closed from Little River Road to Cardinal Lane

· Shaker Road closed at Canal Drive when coming in from Tannery Road/Ponders Hollow

· Entire section of Pontoosic Road from Feeding Hills Road to Crescent Circle (nearly the entire run of this road in the city)

WILBRAHAM:

· Tinkham Road is closed from Stony Hill Road to Bolles Road

· Monson Road is blocked–off from Main Street to Ridge Road

· Main Street and Stony Hill Road are open, but you are asked to use extreme caution

MONSON:

· Just avoid the entire downtown area of Monson

· There was significant damage to police building

BRIMFIELD

· Route 20 closed through the entire length of town

· Route 19 closed for the entire length of town

Services offered: Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); All Hands Volunteers; American Red Cross; Feeding America; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response; Mennonite Disaster Service; Salvation Army; United Way; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Aug 3, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6301

Northeast States Emergency Consortium (NESEC)

Info/Hotline · Open

Disaster Preparedness Coordination
1 West Water Street, Suite #205, Wakefield, MA 01880

Phone (781)224–9876
Web www.nesec.org
Serves Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont
Fee Yes
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There are a number of videotapes and brochures designed to help you and your family prepare for disasters and emergencies.

AND MUCH MORE!!!

Services offered: Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Community Groups; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Individual/Family; Documentation, Emergency Supply Kit Instructions; First Responder, NorthEast Region; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Governments/Community Groups; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Residents; Information Resource, Maps, Environmental Impact Tracking; Information Resource, Weather Updates/Warnings; News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage

Updated Oct 21, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2238

More Than Words (youth run bookstore/art/social/performance space)

Open Business* · Open

376 Moody Street, Waltham, MA

Phone 781–788–0035
Web mtwyouth.org
Service Temporary

info @ mtwyouth . org

Also, now in Boston!

Boston Store Info.

242 East Berkeley Street

Boston, MA 02118

Services offered: Books * (ANY/ALL Types); Business Internship Opportunities for Young Adults; Entertainment, Arts; Events, Community Meetings; Facility: Recreation Center; Facility: Theater/theatre; Jobs, Paying; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, for Teens; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Employment, On the Job, Training; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training, Job Training; Training, Micro–Economic Entrepeneurship; Volunteers, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Teen Volunteers (This facility accomodates Teen Volunteers); Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Program
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism

Updated May 29, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9156

Veterinary and Emergency Center of New England (Fur/Hair Collection, Nylon Drop Off–Site for OilSpill Hair Boom Effort)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Community Service
180 BEAR HILL ROAD, Waltham, MA 02454

Phone 781–684–8387
Web vescone.com
Service Temporary

To join the network of hair/fur collection, go to www.matteroftrust.org

This facility is collecting locally.

http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2010/06/10/local_salons_join_effort_to_collect_hair_and_fur_for_oil_cleanup/

Boston Globe Article

By Megan McKee
Globe Correspondent / June 10, 2010

Hair salons, pet groomers, and veterinarians in Waltham, Lexington, Acton, and Sherborn have joined a nationwide effort to collect hair and fur clippings for use in natural–fiber oil booms, which are being assembled by hundreds of volunteers in an effort to stem the environmental damage from the massive British Petroleum oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

“People are surprised about the concept,” said Marlene Maffei–Ryan, owner of the As You Like It Hair Salon in Acton. However, she said, once people understand the idea, they’re excited about it. Some clients have even had more hair cut off than they originally intended after hearing where the clippings were headed, she said.

“It’s been great. We don’t do anything with the hair anyhow. We bag it and trash it . . . It’s a good cause and it’s easy work for us,” she said.

The effort, which has brought in 570 businesses across Massachusetts, is being mounted by the group Matter of Trust on a website devoted to reducing the carbon imprint of dogs. The group is collecting clippings from salons, groomers, alpaca and llama farmers, individuals, veterinarians, and pet owners. The organization’s president, Lisa Craig Gautier, said she is receiving thousands of e–mails per day, and most are from those wishing to donate.

The organization sends out e–mails with addresses of warehouses where the donors should send clippings. Once there, volunteers stuff them into nylon stockings and tie off the ends. Then they’re ready for deployment.

Craig Gauthier said BP has decided not to use natural–fiber booms in its cleanup effort but rather rely on synthetic booms. But harbormasters in Florida have announced they will use the booms, Craig Gauthier said, and Matter of Trust is hoping the response to its campaign will help change the BP approach.

The organization has about 10 miles of boom ready to go.

“We don’t have anything against synthetic boom, but you have to drill oil to make it,” said Craig Gautier. “This is a renewable resource that we’re diverting from a landfill.”

Locally, Waltham’s Veterinary and Emergency Center of New England is one of the entities participating in the effort.

“We’re always shaving areas” on their animal patients for medical procedures, said Sharon Gately, spokeswoman for the center, “and it usually just goes to waste. I just thought it was such a good idea.”

Gately said the Waltham animal hospital also will have a bin out front to collect nylons; Craig Gautier said Hooters just donated 100,000 pairs.

At Lexington’s Blue salon, desk manager Michael Surette said the salon has already made four shipments thanks to the trashbag–size amount of clippings that are disposed of daily.

A neighbor of the salon has volunteered to collect and mail the bags of donated hair.

In Sherborn, Serena’s Groom Room is doing warm–weather shave–downs for pets, which means it is an opportune time to participate in the program, said owner Serena Keating.

“I think this is a really cool way for us being able to help a really bad situation,” said Keating. “This is a little more global for us. . . It’s something indirectly all of my customers have done a lot to help.”

In the meantime, Matter of Trust is using social media websites to round up volunteers in places like Alabama and Florida to stuff pantyhose with clippings, and the group is urging people to contact the government to press for the booms to be used.

The organization was founded in 1998 by Craig Gautier and her husband, Patrice Oliver Gautier, an executive at Apple Inc., and is involved in multiple efforts to promote the reuse of materials, both natural and manmade. The organization has made mats from hair clippings to clean up oil spills since 2000.

Craig Gautier is hoping her organization’s talks with BP and the federal government, as well as the the goodwill of tens of thousands of businesses and hundreds of thousands of individuals who are donating, will turn the tide at the oil company.

“We absolutely can put these booms in the water,” she said. “It’s really up to the people of North America to decide.

Megan McKee can be reached at megan.mckee@gmail.com.

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Animals, Animal Care Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Animals, Medical, Pet Clinic; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Recycling, Fur, Animal; Recycling, Hair, Collection for HairBooms (oilspill mitigation); Recycling, Hair, Human; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2010 Oil Spill Gulf of Mexico; Ending Pollution
Updated Jun 10, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5927

Waltham, Drive Through COVID 19 testing

Medical Facility · Open

Waltham, MA
Web afcurgentcarewaltham.com/lab-testing
Service Temporary

Residents of Waltham and adjacent communities with doctor's note

tel:781-894-6900
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID-19
Updated Mar 21, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10240

Wellesley Coronavirus Community Support Program (WCCSP) helping people during virus, deliveries

Volunteer Camp · Open

Wellesley, MA
Service Temporary

Wellesley Coronavirus Community Support Program (WCCSP) is an organization to assist sick people and their families in Wellesley deal with this virus. We have an educational Facebook group as well. We are trying to organize deliveries to people who need it and provide emotional support.

Volunteering, education WCCSPaction@gmail.com
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID-19
Updated Mar 18, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10194

Heirloom Farm CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) (mostly NOT FREE)

Open Business*

Westborough, MA
Web www.heirloomharvestcsa.com
Service Temporary

Services offered: Facilities: Farm, Urban (this site is a farm); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE)
Campaigns: Bartering Network; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9785

Eric's Greenhouse & Garden Center

Open Business* · Open

"Green" Resource
Westford, MA
Phone 978 629 9019
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 Nursery ("available" = this site is a tree/shrub Nursery); Landscaping, Organic Lawn Care Products ($ NOT FREE)
Updated Dec 31, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4048

UpCycle It! (local recycling network)

Walk-in Resource · Open

"Green" Community Service
Farmer's Market at the Common (see times below), Westford, MA
Contact Kristina Greene
Email kdfgreene @ msn.com
Web www.westfordfarmersmarket.com/upcycle.html
Service Temporary

Boston Globe article:
http://www.boston.com/lifestyle/green/articles/2010/10/10/reduce_reuse_upcycle/

Drop off locations:

Westford Farmers Market – Tuesdays 2:30 – 6:30pm June 22 – Oct 26, 2010 Starbucks (Littleton Rd., Westford)
J.V. Fletcher Library (near basement elevators)
Nabnasset Elementary Coldwell Banker (Boston Rd.)

Full UP TO DATE list of items accepted and preparation instructions:

http://westfordfarmersmarket.com/documents/UpcycleIt.pdf

The following list was uploaded in October 2010. Check the link above for an UP TO DATE LIST.

Drink Pouches:
ANY brand of drink pouch and their straw!
Capri Sun
Kool Aid
Honest Kids
Prep:
1) empty as much liquid as you can
2) cut off top, just above where straw goes
3) rinse and dry

Elmer's Glue:
ANY brand of glue bottle/stick/pen. Glitter glue too.
Prep: Clean as best you can, but don't worry too much. Leave cap ON.

Energy Bars
ANY brand of energy, granola, cereal bar or Rice Krispie Treat.
No more Pop Tart Wrappers.
Prep: empty crumbs

Chip Bags
ANY empty chip/snack bags, large and small sizes,
Examples:
All Frito Lay products Pita chips
Quaker rice cakes Tostitos
Pretzels Pirate Booty
Doritos Smart Food
Lays Fritos
Cheetos SunChips
Kame Rice crackers Cracker Jacks
Prep: empty crumbs

Cookie Wrappers
ANY brand of cookie wrappers – no plastic trays
Examples:
Fig Newtons Oreos
Chips Ahoy Vienna Fingers
Chips Deluxe 100 calorie snack packs
Animal crackers (Stauffer's)
Prep:
1) Empty crumbs
2) Empty plastic trays

Candy Wrappers
ANY brand or size of candy wrappers
Examples:
Hershey's
Hershey's Flipz
chocolate chip bags
Starburst, Tootsie roll, dum dum lollipop

Oral Care Products
ANY brand of tooth paste tubes, toothbrushes, denture cleaner/adhesive and any plastic packaging (no cardboard)
Prep: Please place the toothbrushes in a separate bag.

Coffee Bags
ANY brand of coffee bag – the ones with silver lining

Writing Instruments:
ANY brand of pen, mechanical pencil, marker, highlighter, dry erase marker, Sharpie, Crayola Twistables etc. - no wooden pencils

Corks:
ANY cork from wine or champagne, natural or synthetic

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Documentation, Environmental Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Recycling: Office Supplies, Pens; Recycling: Oral Care Products, Toothpaste Tubes (Plastic), etc; Recycling, Packaging Materials; Recycling: Packaging Materials, Drink Pouches; Recycling: Packaging Materials, Food packaging; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; TerraCycle
Updated Oct 13, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6518

Wild Oats Food Co-Op (NOT FREE)

Open Business* · Open

Williamstown, MA
Web www.wildoats.coop
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9792

Local Heroes (Care Packages for Overseas Military Servicemen/women)

Supply POD · Open

Non-Profit - Charity
PO Box 536, Wilmington, MA 01887
Phone 978-658-3000
Web www.mass-localheroes.org
Service Temporary

Local Heroes is a nonprofit organization dedicated to sending weekly care packages to local servicemen and servicewomen stationed overseas. Since its inception in November 2004, Local Heroes has sent out over 3,500 packages to our military across the globe.

LOCAL HEROES,Inc is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization working to support our local servicemen and servicewomen and their families. 100% of all donations received go directly to these local heroes.

Info@mass-localheroes.org

What We Need (for complete list & details)

Local Heroes takes great pride in assembling high quality care packages for our soldiers. We accept donations many different ways, including mailing them to our P.O. Box, depositing them in one our drop off locations at the Wilmington VFW or bringing them to the Wilmington Knights of Columbus on a Wednesday night when we do our packing.

Here are some items that the troops request:
http://www.mass-localheroes.org/whatweneed.html

Services offered: Distribution, Supplies, International Distribution of Supplies
Updated Sep 4, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1902

Food Pantry, Winchendon CAC

Walk-in Resource · Open

273 Central Street, Winchendon, MA 01475
Phone 978-297-1667
Service Temporary

Distribution: Mon. through Thursday, 9am-1pm

http://www.foodbank.org/PDF/agencylist.pdf

Services offered: Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Supplies, Regional Distribution; Facility: Food, Emergency Food Center; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public)
Updated Oct 23, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9396

Second Congregational Church of Winchester, The (2010 Flood LTRC, Northern Mass)

Walk–in Resource · Open

LTRC/Disaster Recovery Resources
485 Washington St., Winchester, MA 01890

Phone 781–729–1688
Contact Rev. Don Remick
Email remickd@macucc.org
Web www.winchester2cc.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Services for Special Needs Folks; Community Outreach Programs; Community Service Program; Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC), Case Management Roundtable Meetings; Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC), Unmet Needs Committee Meetings; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Church/Worship Services; Services, Disaster Recovery
Campaigns: 2010 Massachusetts Flooding; 2010 New England Flooding; 2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; EMA (Emergency Management Agency) Regional/County; Government, FEMA, DRC (Disaster Recovery Center); LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; LTRG, Long Term Recovery Group; Tri–State LTRG (New England); UCC ~ United Church of Christ; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Jun 7, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5913

Woburn Social Concern Network (all kinds of services! food pantry, household goods, childcare, etc etc)

Info/Hotline

Woburn, MA

Web socialconcern.org/index.php?q=node/9
Service Temporary

We envision a viable agency providing quality services that meet basic and changing community needs in–line with our mission.

Our Core Values

– Serving Those In Need
– Respect & Dignity
– Integrity
– Quality
– Recognizing & Developing Potential
– Diversity & Sensitivity

Our Services

– Childcare Options
– Food Assistance
– Information & Referral
– Family Skill Building Services

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Education, Parenting at–risk teens; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Family, Children, Child Care Program; Services, Family, Children, Daycare Services; Services, Family, General Family Assistance; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Education, Parenting; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Feb 19, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9639

Abby's House

Shelter · Open

Non–Profit
52 High St., Worcester, MA 01609

Phone (508) 756–5486
Web www.abbyshouse.org
Service Temporary

Abby Kelley Foster House, Inc. (Abby's House) was incorporated in 1976, and that year it opened one of the first overnight emergency shelters for women with or without children in the U.S. Abby's House was formed at the beginning of the battered women's movement there were no paradigms to follow in organizational development. Instead, the volunteers who ran the shelter listened carefully to the needs of the women and responded accordingly. The spirit of empowerment, sisterhood and mutuality embodied by the original volunteer activists continues to inform program delivery today.

Abby's House Facts

Abby's House is committed to ending homelessness, and in this spirit we have not expanded shelter services, rather we have greatly expanded our management of service–enriched, affordable housing. Beginning by renovating a former crack house into 16 beautiful, safe units of housing next to the emergency shelter, Abby's House now manages 78 units of housing in three locations near downtown Worcester, Massachusetts.

Every year at Abby's House

About 300 women and children stay in our emergency shelter, where they work with an advocate to achieve short–term goals and the stability needed to prevent future homelessness; over 100 women and children live in our long–term, service–enriched housing, where they work with advocates to achieve the highest possible level of independence; thousands of women speak with our emergency shelter advocate and obtain counseling and information on domestic violence and on emergency housing options; over 100 women access our Women's Center providing homelessness prevention programming to current and former shelter guests and residents; thousands of meals are served, and celebratory feasts are held at major holidays, including International Women's Day; thousands of community members receive our newsletter, A Bright Spot in the City, and many community groups hear Abby's House speakers talk about issues of women living in poverty; about 200 active and enthusiastic volunteers receive training that will help them to provide welcome and a sense of safety to women and children who are trauma survivors.

Abby's House collaborates with many organizations in the community that provide specific services, such as: housing, legal services, mental and physical health services; and education.

We provide our programs with the financial support of individuals, community groups, private foundations, family foundations and corporations. Eighty–nine cents of every dollar donated to Abby's House goes directly to programs for homeless and battered women and children.

Services offered: Counseling, Crisis Counseling; Counseling, Domestic Abuse Support; Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Homeless Shelter; Shelter, Women's Shelter; Thrift Store

Updated Nov 13, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1048

African Community Education (after–school program for children)

School · Open

Worcester, MA

Web www.acechildren.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Literacy Program; School * (ANY/ALL Types); School, Elementary; School, Kindergarten; Services, Youth Services, Crime Prevention Programs; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program

Updated Dec 3, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9757

AIDS Project Worcester

Walk–in Resource · Open

Non–Profit

85 Green St., Worcester, MA

Web www.aidsprojectworcester.org

Distributes food boxes weekly and holiday meals for people with HIV and their families; provides case management and alternative therapy services, peer support, adoption and foster care program.

Services offered: Advocacy, Volunteer, Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Deodorant; Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals; Meals, Mobile Meals; Services, Legal Assistance; Toiletries * (ANY/ALL Types); Toothpaste; Translators, Spanish/English, Volunteers; Transportation, Transportation Advice, Finding Transportation, Volunteer ; Tutor, Tutoring, Volunteer; Vouchers, Food Vouchers

Updated Oct 10, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1019

Andy's Attic [free clothing]

Volunteer Camp · Open

170 APRICOT STREET, Worcester, MA

Phone (508) 799–3325/ EXT. 50599
Web andysattic.org
Service Temporary

Andy's Attic is a non–profit 501(c)3 charitable organization run completely by student volunteers at South High Community School.

In the 2018–2019 school year, Andy's Attic filled over 2,000 bags of clothing for students and families throughout Worcester County.

With the hard work and dedication of South High Students and charitable donations, we were able to provide new socks, new undergarments, gently used clothing and even new sneakers to teenagers and their families.

Each day our students come to Andy's Attic during their free periods and after school to volunteer their time.

Students sort and put donations on shelves, fill orders, write thank you cards, track orders that have been sent out, write letters to organizations for donations, and make phone calls to organizations to let them know their orders are ready for pick up.

Services offered: Clothing, Adult Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types); Clothing, All Sizes, NEW Only * (ANY/ALL Types); Clothing, Baby/Infant Clothing, NEW Only * (ANY/ALL Types); Clothing, Children, New or Gently Used/CLEAN * (ANY/ALL Types); Mutual Aid; Volunteers, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types); Warehouse, Warehouse Space
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Gross Inequity; New "Business" Models
Updated Apr 3, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10563

Artichoke Food Co–Op (NOT FREE)

Open Business* · Open

Worcester, MA

Web www.artichokecoop.org
Service Temporary

Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9794

Central Mass PermaCulture Meetup

Walk–in Resource · Standby

Worcester, MA

Service Temporary

the last we heard of this group was this link, which no longer works http://www.meetup.com/Central–Mass–Permaculture/events/155299912/

But we know you're out there! so we're keeping this listing in as inspiration to find you all! please touch base if you know what's happened to the group

Also, here's a greater Boston permaculture Meet up group which looks similar:
https://www.meetup.com/Boston–Permaculture/

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Solar; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Environmental, Wildlife; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Disaster Mitigation, Economic, Community; Disaster Mitigation, Environmental; Documentation, Environmental Education; Events, Community Meetings; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Education, Energy Conservation; Information Resource, Environmental Education , Recycling; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Films/Cinema/Movies/Lectures; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Training Classes, Agronomy
Campaigns: 350.org; Alternative Societies; Bartering Network; Community Supported Agriculture (CSA); Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Farmer's Market, Local/Regional; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Transition Towns (Transition Network)
Updated Dec 28, 2019 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9844

Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance (CMHA) ~ Donations Clearinghouse (DCH)

Walk–in Resource · Open

7–11 Bellevue Street, Worcester, MA 01609

Phone (508) 791–7265
Web www.cmhaonline.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=54&Itemid=105
Eligibility Referral by Caseworker
Service Temporary

Furniture and other household goods available.

Walk–Ins Schedule:

Tuesdays, 9:30am–11:30am & 1:00pm–4:00pm
Wednesdays, 1:00pm–4:00pm
Thursdays, 9:30am–11:30am & 1:00pm–4:00pm

No Monday or Friday walk–in Hours

Eligibility:

Moving from Shelter to Permanent Housing
Domestic Violence
DSS Reunification
Elders At Risk
Fire and/or Flood Victim

Home repairs

Worcester senior homeowners can get help with home repairs from the Elder Home Repair program of the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance (CMHA). To qualify, homeowners must:

* be 60 years of age or older
* live in the house that needs repair
* need home repairs to correct unsafe housing

Elder Home Repair will make basic repairs, such as fixing stairs, doors, and ceilings, or minor plumbing and electrical problems. In most cases, homeowners must provide or pay for materials. Labor is free, but contributions are welcome.

To apply, call the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance (CMHA) at 508–755–1105. Repairs are usually scheduled on a first come, first served basis, unless there is an emergency. For more information, see Elder Home Repair.

Pet care

Cat and dog owners who cannot afford medical care for their pets can get help from the Second Chance Fund for Animal Welfare (SCFAW). SCFAW provides help in these ways:

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Spaying and neutering: SCFAW has "CatSNIP" spay/neuter clinics for pet cats, and a spay/neuter clinic and voucher program for stray/feral cats. Vaccinations are also provided if needed. Dog owners are referred to the Clinton Veterinary Hospital Canine Voucher Program.

Fees are affordable. For a schedule of fees and more information, see CatSNIP Clinics.
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Medical care for seriously ill or injured pets: Scratch's Patch–Up Fund (SPUF) helps pet owners whose dogs or cats are facing a medical crisis and who do not have the money to pay for the care their pets need. Pet owners must meet income limits and other requirements. Approval may take up to two weeks, so SPUF cannot usually help in emergency situations.
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Support for caregivers of homeless or feral cats: SCFAW provides traps, guidance, and financial assistance for the spaying/neutering of homeless or feral cats. See Feral Cat Services for more information.
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General support: SCFAW gives referrals and guidance to pet owners who must surrender their pets, or who need advice about caring for their pets.

To apply for financial help for spaying/neutering or SPUF medical care, you must fill out a Request for Pet Services. You can fill out the application and submit it online:

* SCFAW Vet Service Request – Online Form

For questions or support, call the Second Chance Fund for Animal Welfare hotline at 978–779–8287, or e–mail SCFAW at scfawcontactus@gmail.com.

For more information, visit the Second Chance Fund for Animal Welfare web site.

Snow shoveling

Worcester requires property owners to clear snow and ice from their sidewalks within 10 hours after it stops snowing. The cleared path must be at least 4 feet wide. Residents who don't shovel their walks currently face a $75 per day fine.

If you are not able to shovel your own walks, you can get help from:

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Worcester Snow Shoveling – Division of Elder Affairs:

Worcester residents, age 60 or older, who need help shoveling their walks and entranceways can get assistance from the city's Elder Affairs Division. Priority is given to residents with an urgent need for snow removal, such as medical appointments, access for caregivers, or citations for violating the city's snow removal ordinance.

Elder Affairs works with agencies such as the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance to provide snow removal services. To apply, call:
o Division of Elder Affairs: 508–799–1232

o Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance: 508–755–1105 (CMHA Elder Home Maintenance)

In some cases, you may be asked to pay a small fee for services. The Elder Home Maintenance program also provides other maintenance services such as mowing the lawn and cleaning rain gutters.
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Community organizations:

Worcester homeowners can get a referral for snow removal by calling the Worcester Department of Public Works (DPW) at 508–929–1300 or using the referral list on the DPW Sidewalk Snow Removal web page. Elderly homeowners and homeowners with disabilities can get free services. Other homeowners may have to pay a fee or donation.

Wheelchair ramps

Worcester residents with disabilities who need a wheelchair ramp to make their homes accessible may be able to get help from the Handicap Ramp Program:

* The Handicap Ramp Program is a community service partnership between local labor unions, such as the Worcester Firefighters "Ramp Gang" and Carpenters Local 107, and the United Way of Central Massachusetts.

Labor union workers donate their time and supplies to build handicap ramps for homebound residents of Worcester and other Central Massachusetts communities. The homeowners do not have to pay anything for the ramps. Ramps can be built throughout the year.

To apply, call the AFL/CIO Community Services Handicap Ramp Program at 508–757–5632.

If you cannot get a free wheelchair ramp, you may be able to get a loan to pay for the ramp:

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The Home Modification Loan Program gives loans to elders and people with disabilities to modify their homes so they can live independently.

Depending on your income, you may be eligible for a deferred payment loan that does not have to be repaid until you sell your house, or an amortized low interest loan. For income guidelines, see HMLP: Who Is Eligible?.

You can get an application and instructions on the HMLP web site HMLP: How Do I Apply?. For more information, see Home Modification Loan Program.

Services offered: Animals, Animal Care Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Animals, Medical, Spay / Neuter Program; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Referrals (For Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Information & Referral (For Seniors/Elders); Construction, Home Repair Services (For Seniors/Elders); Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Donations, Pickup, Pick Up Service; Donations, Pickup, Pick Up Service, Large Item Donation Pickup; Drivers, Local Pickup / Delivery, Volunteer; Elder Support, Volunteer; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance (For Seniors/Elders); Furniture, Furniture Bank; Medical, Equipment, Wheelchair Ramp; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Emergency Services, Senior/Elder; Services, Senior/Elderly Services; Services, Senior Programs; Services, Seniors, Lawn Care Services (For Seniors/Elderly); Services, Seniors, Snow Shoveling; Transportation * (ANY/ALL Types); Vehicle, Truck * (ANY/ALL Types); Vehicle, Truck, Box Truck
Updated Aug 3, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4703

Diggers Co–operative (landscaping, permaculture, etc)

Open Business* · Open

Worcester, MA

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

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

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

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

• Foodscapes
• Permaculture

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

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

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

Energy Barn Raising (free/donation requested energy saving retrofitting)

Volunteer Camp · Open

Worcester, MA

Web www.worcesterroots.org/projects–and–programs/worcester–energy–barnraisers
Service Temporary

The Worcester Energy Barnraisers strive to promote environmental sustainability as well as social and economic justice though collaborative home energy efficiency projects. We organize energy barn–raisings which empower and inspire diverse groups of people to take energy conservation into their own hands. Through barn–raisings, volunteers have the opportunity to learn valuable, replicable skills from team leaders that they can use to gain experience for green collar jobs, and apply at home to trim down energy consumption and heating bills while simultaneously reducing our collective carbon footprint. We are translating the negative effects of climate change into inclusive community solutions that are accessible to everyone.

See video at the above link

Website: www.energybarnraising.org
Email: energybarnraising @ gmail.com
Phone: 508–377–3932

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Energy; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Construction, Green/Energy Retrofit; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Education, Energy Conservation; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services, Weatherization Services; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Transition Towns (Transition Network)
Updated Apr 6, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9861

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

Shelter · Open

Worcester, MA

Web www.facebook.com/firehouseworcester
Service Temporary

from the Go! mailing list:

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

Please get in touch if interested.

Love,

DC

firehouseworcester @ gmail. com

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

Food Not Bombs – Worcester (FREE FOOD and other SHARING)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.facebook.com/pages/Worcester–Food–Not–Bombs
Service Temporary

Worcester
We cook every Saturday at noon and serve food at 2 behind City Hall.
Contact: 774–239–2670
Email us at: fnbworcester @ gmail.com

Services offered: Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Pay–what–you–can; Meals, Vegan; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Environmental Sustainability; Food Not Bombs; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Homelessness Relief Services; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Dec 2, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9749

Food Pantries, Worcester (c/o Worcester County Foodbank)

Walk–in Resource · Open

various, see notes, Worcester, MA
Service Temporary

AIDS Project Worcester
85 Green Street, Worcester, 01604
508–755–3773 x16
Distribution to their consumers only:
Tuesdays, 9 AM to 4:00 PM

Catholic Charities Food Pantry
10 Hammond Street, Worcester, 01610
508–860–2237
Distribution:
Monday through Friday, 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

Centro Las Americas
11 Sycamore Street, Worcester, 01608
508–798–1900, ext. 237
Distribution:
Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 9 AM to 12 PM.

Friendly House Pantry
36 Wall Street, Worcester, 01604
508–755–4362
Distribution: Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM.

Good Samaritan Food Pantry
39 Piedmont Street, Worcester 01610
774–253–1619
Distribution: Tuesday & Friday, 10AM to 4 PM.Great Brook Valley Food Pantry

Willis Center
176 Tacoma Street, Worcester, 01605
508–852–8905
Distribution: Monday, Thursday and Friday 8 AM to 4 PM

Jeremiah's Inn, Food Pantry
1059 Main Street, Worcester, 01603
508-755-6403
Distribution: Mon., Tue., Thurs & Fri., 9 AM to 2 PM.

John Street Baptist Church
43 John Street, Worcester, 01609
508-753-4991
Distribution: Saturday, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
during lunch meal.

Lighthouse Mission Food Pantry
165 Pleasant Street, Worcester, 01609
Distribution: Every Monday except 1st, 11 AM to 1 PM.

Loaves & Fishes Pantry
Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester
90 Holden Street, Worcester, 01606
508-853-1942
Distribution: 3rd Saturday of the month, 10 AM to 12 PM.

Mt. Carmel Outreach Ministry
24 Mulberry Street, Worcester, 01605
508-791-0731 or 508-755-4362
Distribution: Tuesday Only 9:30am-1:30pm
Orthodox Food Center

St. Spyridan Cathedral
102 Russell Street, Worcester, 01609
508-791-7326
Distribution: Saturday, 10 AM to 12 PM.

Pernet Family Health Service
237 Millbury Street, Worcester, 01610
508-755-1228
Distribution: Mon., Tues. and Weds. 1:00PM to 4:30 PM.

Plumley Village Food Pantry
Willis Center
16 Laurel Street, Worcester, 01608
508-799-6981
Distribution: Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Quinsigamond Village Neighborhood Ctr.
16 Greenwood Street, Worcester, 01607
508-755-7481
Distribution: Monday thru Thursday 9:30AM to 2:00PM and Friday 9:30AM-12PM

Revival Church - Fountain of Life
23 Coral Street, Worcester, 01604
508-791-5555
Distribution: Wednesdays, 6 PM to 8 PM.

St. Paul's Outreach
19 Chatham Street, Worcester, 01609
508-791-8455
Distribution: Tues., Wed. & Fri., 9:00 AM to 11:30AM;
Thurs., 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Salvation Army - Citadel
640 Main Street, Worcester, 01608
508-756-7191
Distribution: Mon. thru Friday, 10:00AM-12:00PM & 12:45PM- 2PM.

South Worcester Neighborhood Center
47 Camp Street, Worcester, 01603
508-757-8344
Distribution: Monday through Friday, 9:30AM to 1:20 PM.

South Worcester Neighborhood Ctr.- Green Island
50 Canton Street, Crompton Park, Worcester, 01610

508–753–4661
Distribution: Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 1:30 PM.

South Worcester Neighborhood Ctr. – Lakeside Center
54 Circuit Ave. South, Apt. 1 , Worcester 01603
No Phone on Site–call 508–757–8344 (SWNC Camp St.)
Distribution: Mon.–Weds. 10–2pm, Thurs/Fri 9:00AM–1PM

SVDP – St. Anthony's Pantry
Sacred Heart Church
596 Cambridge Street, Worcester, 01610
508–753–2555
Distribution: Thursday, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM; Saturday 10 AM to 1 PM. By appointment.

SVDP – St. Peter's Church
929 Main Street, Worcester, 01610
508–752–4674
Distribution: Wednesday, 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

Veterans, Inc. Food Pantry
69 Grove Street, Worcester, 01605
508–791–1213 x108
Distribution: 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month,
10 AM to 4 PM. Veterans Identification Required.

Wesley United Methodist Church
Carty Cupboard
114 Main Street, Worcester, 01608
508–799–4191
Distribution:
Mondays: 6 to 7 PM, Wednesdays: 1 PM to 3 PM
& Friday: 10 AM to 12 PM.

Please call ahead if first time visit or holiday.
Hours may vary and Emergency Assistance may be available between scheduled distribution days.

Recyclable/Reusable bags appreciated.–Please bring a bag.

Please visit the Worcester County Food Bank website monthly for updates :

http://www.foodbank.org/immediate_help/immediate_assistance.html
Rev. 10.12.12

Source: http://www.foodbank.org/PDF/agencylist.pdf

Services offered: Demographic Served: Hungry; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public)
Updated Oct 25, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9389

Funky Stuff (crafts and arts NOT FREE, worker–owned cooperative, FREE FOOD collection/distribution spot)

Open Business* · Standby

Worcester, MA
Service Temporary

we heard they are closed, but not sure, so changed the status to "standby"

Services offered: Entertainment, Arts; Events, Potluck Meals; Facility: Meeting space; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Canned ** (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Vegan; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Events, Party / Festival
Campaigns: Bartering Network; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Worcester Roots; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 28, 2019 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9801

Massachusetts Farm to Schol (training program for kids to learn about food production)

School · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.massfarmtoschool.org
Service Temporary

As posted on the Go Worcester List:

This is an AMAZING thing that we do with our kids, so apply!
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> On Dec 11, 2013, at 10:59 AM, "Burgess, Isabel" <IBurgess @clarku.edu> wrote:
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> Hey Go,
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> The Massachusetts Farm to School Project's Worcester Kindergarten Initiative is looking for interns and volunteers! The KI is a nutritional and agricultural education program for very young public school students here in Worcester. This semester, we are hoping to bring on a team of three interns and a group of five dedicated volunteers to help us with our work. If you are interested or would like more information, please email your resume and questions to Isabel at isabel@massfarmtoschool.org or Lauren at lauren@massfarmtoschool.org.
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> Thank you!
> Isabel
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> Isabel K. Burgess
> Kindergarten Initiative Evaluation and Education Specialist
> Massachusetts Farm to School Project
> isabel @massfarmtoschool.org
> (207) 632–9544
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Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Documentation, Volunteer Management Guidance; Events, Community Meetings; Facilities: Farm ("available" = this site is a farm); Facilities: Farm, Urban (this site is a farm); Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Youth Services; New "Business" Models; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; School * (ANY/ALL Types); School, Elementary; School, Kindergarten; School, New Educational Concept; Services, Family, Children, Recreation, Kid's Cafe Program (Youth); Training Classes, Agronomy; Training Classes, Education, Parenting; Training Classes, Gardening Instruction; Training, Farming, Organic; Training, Farming, Organic Farming; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Program
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Northeast Organic Farming Association; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 21, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9842

Massachusetts Veterans, Inc

Shelter · Open

Non Profit Community Center
69 Grove St, Worcester, MA

Phone vinperrone@massveterans.org
Web www.massveterans.org

Any veteran in need who applies to the shelter is eligible for service. Homeless veterans with meaningful ties to Massachusetts are given preferred consideration. Individuals unwilling to abstain from drugs and alcohol will not find Massachusetts Veterans Inc. an appropriate emergency shelter. For admittance and referral information, call the shelter 24 hours a day. (508) 791–5348.

When individuals progress from the shelter, they are encouraged to maintain contact and access shelter services as necessary so they achieve a positive transition to independent living. Individuals will meet with their caseworker to develop an individual transition plan.

Transitional services include, but are not limited to Feed–A–Vet Food Pantry, on–site and transportation to 12–step meetings, relapse prevention groups, clothing room, meals, socialization, and support from peers and staff

Individuals who are committed to living a self–sufficient, drug and alcohol–free lifestyle will benefit from the services offered at Massachusetts Veterans Inc.

Shelter, Foodbank, Training, Housing referrals

Summary of Services

Learn about:
MVI Employment & Training Program
Veterans Workforce Investment Program

Massachusetts Veterans Inc. Computer Academy
Mobile Education Center
Compensated Work Therapy / Veterans Construction Team
Culinary Arts Program

Employment & Training
The Massachusetts Veterans Inc (MVI) Employment & Training Program is designed to help reintegrate homeless veterans into the labor force. This program is employment focused. Veterans receive job counseling, pre–employment services, job training, job development and placement services. Supportive services such as clothing, shelter, referral to medical or substance abuse treatment, and transportation assistance are also provided.

Each veteran is assigned an Employment Specialist who interviews the client and works with him or her to develop an appropriate individual training plan. Our clients have access to a diagnostic career assessment survey software program that compares interests and abilities. The survey results are used to determine possible avenues of job search or additional educational opportunities. The combination of the interview and assessment helps to determine the individual's skill set and career goals. This assists the employment specialist when preparing a list of possible sources of employment.

Our clients receive classroom training in interview techniques, mock interviews, how to fill out job applications, resume and cover letter preparation, dress–for–success, and the various on–line search engines that provide access to jobs on the Internet. Employment Specialists assist each client with job searches, provide job coaching, help set up interviews, and provide transportation to interviews if necessary.

Our clients continue to receive support and follow–up services from both Employment Specialists and Case Managers after they are gainfully employed.

Employment Specialists develop and maintain working relationships with many local employers, a number of which conduct interviews at MVI on a regular basis. Companies are encouraged to actively recruit the veterans we serve.

If your company would like to be a part of this effort, please call us today!

VETERANS: Call us to find out if you're eligible to participate in the Employment & Training Program.

EMPLOYERS: Send us your job openings! We have a number of skilled and talented men and women eager to get back into the workforce. The qualifications of our clients are varied and diverse, so chances are, we'll be able to find a great match for your company!

Please contact an Employment Specialist at 508–791–5348 for more information.

Veterans Workforce Investment Program
The Massachusetts Veterans Inc. (MVI) received a Veterans Workforce Investment Program (VWIP) grant from the Department of Labor. This grant will allow MVI to provide training to veterans that have significant barriers to employment throughout Massachusetts. Veterans that qualify for training under this initiative include recently separated veterans, campaign/wartime veterans, veterans with service–connected disabilities, economically disadvantaged, women and minority veterans. Please call us to see if you qualify.

Qualified veterans will receive training free of charge in:

PC Technology
A+ Certification
Microsoft Certification Preparation

After successful completion of the training program(s), veterans will find expanded employment opportunities in fields such as:

Computer Support
Computer Applications
Office and Administrative Support
Customer Service

According to Massachusetts Department of Career Services and Department of Unemployment Assistance (DCS–DUA), these four fields are among the top 21 fastest growing occupations. Computer Support Specialists are in the highest demand with an anticipated 42% annual growth rate over the next ten years.

Training will take place at the MVI Computer Training Academy located at 69 Grove Street, Worcester. To learn more about the Veterans Workforce Investment Program or other programs at MVI, please contact Allison Alaimo at 508–791–0956, extension 130 or send e–mail to: allisonalaimo@massveterans.org.

Massachusetts Veterans Inc. Computer Academy

Massachusetts Veterans, Inc operates a Computer Training Academy at 69 Grove Street, Worcester and also holds classes in the Mobile Education Center.

The Computer Academy's objective is to teach marketable job skills that will help prepare students to reenter the labor force in this computer skills–driven economy. Staffed by qualified instructors, many with years of computer hardware and software

experience, the Academy offers comprehensive instruction and training in a small, intimate setting (most classes have fewer than 15 students).

Available curriculum includes basic and advanced skills, email, Internet, software, hardware, technical training, and nationally recognized certification preparation.

Courses include:

Literacy (Basic Skills)
PC Tech (Build, Repair & Maintenance)
A+ Certification Preparation
Microsoft Office Suite

Course Descriptions:

Literacy – Designed for those who have not had much exposure to computers, this course in basic computer skills teaches the novice how to navigate through the computer, and covers topics such as using a mouse, minimizing, maximizing and exiting a window, window components, toolbars, taskbars, desktops, paint, email, intro to Microsoft Word, and more. Classes are held mornings, afternoons, and some weekends and can be anywhere between 8 and 20 hours depending upon the needs of the student.

PC Tech: Build, Repair & Maintenance – This 1100–hour entry–level class is designed to give the student a good working understanding of the hardware and software in the modern PC. The student will learn in a hands–on environment that reinforces the lecture portion of the classes. Students receive comprehensive instruction in building, maintaining, and upgrading systems, including hardware items such as hard drives, CD ROM, DVD, floppy drives, memory, processors, motherboards and more. The software component includes operating systems and diagnostic software and navigating the Internet to download software, drivers, and manuals. Classes are 8–weeks, 20 hours/week.

A+ Certification (prerequisite: PC Tech course or equivalent) – This A+ certification preparation class is for people with a good understanding of software and hardware (preferably from our PC Tech class). Students that have not completed the PC Tech course may apply to the IT Department for a waiver. This is an intensive class primarily working from the A+ Certification book and lab manual. The course is largely self–directed with an instructor being present to assist students with any questions or problems. Lab periods will be available during the day and some weekends. After completion of this class, students should be prepared to take the A+ Certification Test. A+ Certification is nationally recognized. This is a 6–week, 20/hours/week course.

Microsoft Office Suite – Students may learn the entire Microsoft Office Suite including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, and Outlook (Mail & Calendar), or may customize their course load as they see fit. Each section is 8–hours. Courses are offered evenings, afternoons, and some weekends.

Mobile Education Center

The Mobile Education Center (MEC) launches a new dimension in Massachusetts Veterans Inc.'s quest to bring services to the people of Massachusetts. A 32–foot RV equipped with twelve Dell computers, the MEC assists us in our efforts to outreach our computer training services to both veterans and non–veterans.

On board are two generators that allow the classroom to be self–sufficient and maintain a pleasant learning environment. The vehicle is also equipped with a lift gate and can accommodate persons with disabilities.

Instructors teach computer literacy and the Microsoft Office Suite. Email assistance is also offered.

The MEC is available to community groups and companies and can be rented for training purposes, for corporate meetings, or made available to trade organizations for shows and conventions.

Compensated Work Therapy / Veterans Construction Team
Massachusetts Veterans, Inc. participates in a program managed by the Veterans Administration that incorporates work and therapy as a part of the individual treatment plan.

Compensated Work Therapy (CWT) is a therapeutic program administered by the VA that allows eligible veterans to earn money and work at regular jobs, either at the VA campus or through the Community Employment Program (CEP). The CEP places veterans in jobs with local employers; the VA pays the veteran's compensation. The employer receives an invoice from the VA.

Veterans Construction Team (VCT) operates in the same manner as CWT. However, all of the work VCT does is on government installations and involve working in the building trades.

Culinary Arts Program
Massachusetts Veterans has partnered with the Worcester County Food Bank to offer a Culinary Arts Training Program. Instruction takes place outside of the shelter at the Food Bank building. The course is 12–weeks in length. Our graduates have found employment in the food service industry as Sous Chefs and in Institutional environments.

Summary of Services
Safe, drug and alcohol–free environment
Emergency shelter for male and female veterans
24 hour staff

Three–phase rehabilitation program
Nutritional program – three meals per day
Case management and supportive services for all residents
On–site counselling services
MIV licensed counselors on staff
Certified veterans benefits counselor on staff
Community health link
Worcester VA clinic
Consultants
Assessment and referral services
On–site relapse prevention groups – VA clinic and Sheriff's Department
On–site Alcoholics Anonymous meetings
Compensated work therapy and supported work therapy
DVA Brockton and Bedford
Medical services
Free clinic
Podiatry clinic
Free eye exams and glasses
Chiropractic clinic
Nursing clinic – Worcester State College graduate students
Free legal services, on–site legal clinic – Worcester Bar Association
Access to detox services
Educational programs
Anger management
Relaxation and stress reduction
Health and nutrition
GED
Computer training
Limited transportation
Medical appointments
Job interviews
Work sites
On–site housing specialist – mobile outreach team
On–site employment specialist – mobile outreach team
Feed–A–Vet Food Pantry for all eligible veterans and their families
On–site laundry facilities
Access to clothing donations, clothing store
Women Veterans' Services – case management and support services for non–resident female veterans
Transitional support program for veterans who move on from the shelter

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals, Medical Resources Referral; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Facilities: Shower Facilities * (ANY/ALL Types); Facility: Veterans Benefits/Facility/Services; Fence Repair, Volunteer; Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Hotline, Health Information/Resource Hotline; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, For Homeless Residents; Meals, Hot Meals; Medical, Facility, Clinic, Free Clinic; School, Adult Education/Adult School; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Employment, Internship Program; Services, Homeless, Services for the Homeless; Services, Laundry Services (for Disaster Survivors); Services, Legal Assistance; Services, Veterans, Veterans Impacted By Disaster; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training, Services, Employment /JobTraining
Updated Jul 8, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1529

Nu Cafe (responsible food/business)

Open Business* · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.nucafe.com
Service Temporary

Services offered: Facility: Meeting space; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Recreation, Board Games
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 21, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9845

Nuestro Huerto (Community Urban Farm)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Worcester, MA

Web nuestrohuertoworcester.wordpress.com
Service Temporary

Services offered: Facilities: Farm ("available" = this site is a farm); Facilities: Farm, Urban (this site is a farm); Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Environmental Education , Recycling; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; New "business" models, Food Production/ Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Plants * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Food Not Bombs; New "Business" Models; Seed Bank / Seed Exchange / Seed Library / Seed Preservation; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worcester Roots
Updated Jan 21, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9948

SAGE Alliance, Worcester (Sustainable Economy Network)

Info/Hotline · Open

Worcester, MA

Web www.worcestersagealliance.org/?page_id=239
Service Temporary

Services offered: Assistance, for non–profits (In General); Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Potluck Meals; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Management Advice; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Food Not Bombs; Social Activists/ Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worcester Roots; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 13, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9834

Stone Soup, Worcester (collective space, meetings, events, training)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Worcester, MA

Web www.stonesoupworcester.org/stone–soup–mission
Service Temporary

Services offered: Events, Community Meetings; Events, Potluck Meals; Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Facility: Community Center; Facility: Meeting space; Meals, Pay–what–you–can; Meals, Vegan; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: Arts Community / Artist Network; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Environmental Sustainability; Food Not Bombs; Homelessness Relief Services; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 13, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9835

Straight Up Cafe (youth–run, community space)

Open Business* · Open

Worcester, MA

Web www.straightup–worcester.com
Service Temporary

from the site:

Straight Up Cafe and Community Center is a non–profit social venture of Straight Ahead Ministries, Inc. All donations and proceeds benefit youth in our aftercare programs who are learning to take responsibility for their lives through business and service opportunities.

You'll find Straight Up Cafe and Community Center adjacent to The New You, an upscale resale store operated by our youth.

Services offered: Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Advocacy, Social Justice; Events, Community Meetings; Facility: Meeting space; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; School, Adult Education/Adult School; Services, Employment, Internship Program; Services, Family, Children, Recreation, Kid's Cafe Program (Youth); Services, Youth Services, Crime Prevention Programs; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS); Training Classes, Business Skills; Training, Job Training; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Program
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Food Not Bombs; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 14, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9841

Worcester Community Fridge, Brook St [24x7 free food]

Walk–in Resource · Open

16 Brooks St Massachusetts League; of Community Health Centers, Worcester, MA
Web instagram.com/woofridge
Service Temporary

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Jul 12, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10460

Worcester Community Fridge, Southbridge St [24x7 free food]

Walk–in Resource · Open

300 Southbridge St, Worcester, MA
Web instagram.com/woofridge
Service Temporary

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Jul 12, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10459

Worcester FREE MEALS

Walk–in Resource · Open

Various, see notes, Worcester, MA
Service Temporary

Greater Worcester Housing Connection (formerly People In Peril: PIP)
701 Main Street, Worcester, 01610
508–757–8332
Meals served:7 Days Week (365 days year)
Breakfast 7:00–7:30AM, Lunch 11:00–11:30AM &
Dinner 4:00–4:45PM.

John Street Baptist Church
43 John Street, Worcester, 01609
508–753–4991
Meals served: Saturdays, 11 AM to 1 PM. Also has
emergency food box distribution at the same time.

The Mustard Seed
93 Piedmont Street, Worcester, 01609
508–754–7098
Meals served:
Monday through Saturday, Winter Hours: 4–6:30pm.
Sunday meal served at 12 PM.
(Summer Hours: 5–6:30PM)

Salvation Army Citadel–Sally's Place
640 Main Street, Worcester 01608
508–756–7191
Meals served:
Monday through Friday: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.
Sunday Dinner only.
Closed on Saturdays.

Source: http://www.foodbank.org/PDF/agencylist.pdf Dated October 2012.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Hungry; Facility: Food, Emergency Food Center; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Food Boxes, Emergency Food Boxes * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food Distribution, Meals, Soup Kitchen; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Breakfast; Meals, Dinner; Meals, Lunches, Misc.
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Oct 23, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9387

Worcester Fridge Downtown [24x7 free food]

Walk–in Resource · Open

44 Portland St (The Printer Building), Worcester, MA 01608
Web instagram.com/woofridge
Service Temporary

source: https://cambridgecitygrowers.wordpress.com/2020/11/27/give–and–or–take–from–your–local–community–fridge/

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Jul 12, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10457

Worcester Fridge Main St [24x7 free food]

Walk–in Resource · Open

910 Main St (Fantastic Pizza), Worcester, MA 01610
Web instagram.com/woofridge
Service Temporary

source: https://cambridgecitygrowers.wordpress.com/2020/11/27/give–and–or–take–from–your–local–community–fridge/

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Jul 12, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10458

Worcester Mobile Meals schedule

Walk–in Resource

Worcester, MA
Service Temporary

Services offered: Meals * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Mar 17, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10166

Worcester Poetry Collective (Poet Asylum)

Info/Hotline · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.poetsasylum.org/collective
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Arts Community / Artist Network; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 14, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9840

Worcester Roots (economic development for social justice, workshops, organizing)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.worcesterroots.org/about–2/about
Service Temporary

Co–Op workshops and collective organizing/learning

See materials: http://www.worcesterroots.org/calendar–of–events/co–ops/

WARNING: the online stuff is free, and some events are free, but the hard core training costs hundreds of dollars. I hear it's worth it. But just letting you know...

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Business Internship Opportunities for Young Adults; Business Services, Co–Op oriented; Business Services, Counseling for Small Businesses; Business Services, Facilitation / Mentoring / Consulting; Community Garden Program; Counseling, Career Counseling; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; Facilities: Farm, Urban (this site is a farm); Facility: Meeting space; Facility: Recreation Center; Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental, Reports of Greenwashing; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Recreation *(any/all types); Support for "All Local" Disasters; Training, Activism; Training Classes, Agronomy; Training Classes, Gardening Instruction; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Business; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Business, Specifically Co–Op; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Economics; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Finance; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Governance; Training Classes, Online/Virtual Training; Training Classes, Trade Skills, Training; Training Classes, Vocational; Training, Farming, Organic; Training, Farming, Organic Farming; Trainin, Social Awareness; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: 350.org; Alternative Societies; Bartering Network; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Farmer's Market, Local/Regional; Homelessness Relief Services; Neighborhood Network; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worcester Roots
Updated Apr 21, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9836

Worcester Shelter and Transitional Programs Listings

Shelter · Open

various, see notes, Worcester, MA
Service Temporary

Catholic Charities Youville House
133 Granite Street, Worcester 01604
508–753–3084

Daybreak
Confidential shelter for battered women. Other services provided include 24 hour Hotline, court advocacy, support groups and short–term counseling.
508–755–9030

Friendly House Shelter
87 Elm Street, Worcester 01609
508–792–1799
Short term shelter for homeless families with children.
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Veterans, Inc. Shelter
69 Grove Street, Worcester, 01605
508–791–5348
Shelter for homeless veterans.
Breakfast Lunch and Dinner Available to Vets.
(residents and non–resident Veterans)

Source: http://www.foodbank.org/PDF/agencylist.pdf

Services offered: Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Veterans; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Battered Womens Shelter; Shelter, Homeless Shelter; Shelter, Womens, Battered Womens Shelter
Campaigns: Catholic Charities
Updated Oct 23, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9390

Worcester Think Tank, hacker/tech workshops for kids/young adults (NOT FREE (but reasonable) community space)

School · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.worcesterthinktank.com/content/about–think–tank
Service Temporary

Services offered: Counseling, Career Counseling; Facility: Media Production Lab; New "Business" Models, Education; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, for Teens; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Computer Lab; Training Classes, Computers Skills; Trainining Classes: Multimedia production; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Program
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 14, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9839

Worcester, Mutual Aid Worcester

Volunteer Camp · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.facebook.com/groups/2845124148890444/?ref=share
Service Temporary
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Mar 21, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10223

Worcester Go List [GoogleGroup email list for events in or around Worcester]

Info/Hotline · Open

online, Worcester and the region, MA

Wonderful list local to Worcester, by people for people. Music, arts, food events, etc

Go–list@googlegroups.com
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Oct 16, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10746

2008 Ice Storm Shelters, Massachusetts

Shelter · Standby

Shelter, Emergency Winter Shelter
MA
Service Temporary

December 26th: It is our understanding that all ice storm shelters are closed. All residents still in need are being moved to semi–permanent housing.

December 21st:

All shelters are closed/standby EXCEPT FITCHBURG and Gardner is closing down, and people are being moved to other shelters (per Liisa Jackson). The shelters that we talked to are closed but are actually on "standby" awaiting a new storm that requires their assistance.

December 18th:

Call your local police/fire first to make sure the shelter is still open.
RECENTLY CONFIRMED AS *OPEN*(confirmation date in parenthesis):

Ashfield.....(12/16) Sanderson Academy,Rt 112 – Cape St DAY ONLY
Barre.....(12/18) Quabbin High School CAN TAKE MORE ROOM FOR 200, OPEN TIL 12/19, COULD STAY OPEN IF SOMEONE NEEDS THEM TO, TOWNS CONSOLIDATING TO THIS SITE
Fitchburg.....(12/18) Senior Center, 14 Wallace Avenue
Gardner.....(12/18) National Guard Armory, W. Broadway SLEEPING ONLY
Gardner.....(12/18) Sr Center WARMING ONLY
Harvard.....(12/16)Bromfield School 14 Mass Ave CLOSING MOVING TO NEW LOCATION, not many people left in shelters
Holden.....(12/18) Holden Senior Center, 1130 Main st
Holden.....(12/18) Wachusett Reg HSch, 1745 Main St WARMING,MEALS, SHOWERS
Hubbardston.....(12/18) Ron Burton Sports Camp 71 Morgan Road
Lunenburg.....(12/18) Turkey Hill Middle School 129 Northfield Road, open til 12/19
New Salem.....(12/18) New Salem Town Hall, open til 100% power
Plainfield.....(12/18) Plainfield Public Safety
Townsend.....(12/16) Hawthorn Brook School 64 Brookline Rd
Worcester.....(12/16) Doherty High School 299 Highland st, moving to Senior Center, Closing

Not confirmed since 12/15:

Charlton.....open? (not confirmed since 12/15) Middle School
Conway.....open? (not confirmed since 12/15) Elementary School
Cummington.....open? (not confirmed since 12/15) Town Hall
Florida.....open? (not confirmed since 12/15) Senior Center
Huntington.....open? (not confirmed since 12/15) Stanton Hall
Heath.....open? (not confirmed since 12/15) Senior Center 2 West Main S
Irving.....open? (not confirmed since 12/15)Senior Center
Lancaster.....open? (not confirmed since 12/15) Atlantic Union College Main St, Boy's Dorm & Girls Dorm
Leicester.....open? (not confirmed since 12/15) Middle School 70 Winslow Ave.
Oakham.....open? (not confirmed since 12/15)Center School
Otis.....open? (not confirmed since 12/15)Otis Town Hall
Oxford.....open? (not confirmed since 12/15) Senior Center 323 Main St
Paxton.....open? (not confirmed since 12/15)Anna Maria College, 50 Sunset Lane
Pepperell...open? (not confirmed since 12/15)Varnum Brook Elem Sch, 10 Hollis St
Petersham...open? (not confirmed since 12/15)Petersham Elementary School
Phillipston..open? (not confirmed since 12/15)90 State Road
Phillipston..open? (not confirmed since 12/15)
Princeton....open? (not confirmed since 12/15)Thomas Prince School
Rutland.....open? (not confirmed since 12/15)Naquag School 286 Main St
Sandisfield..open? (not confirmed since 12/15)Fire Station
Shrewsbury...open? (not confirmed since 12/15)High School
Shrewsbury...open? (not confirmed since 12/15)High SchoolSenior Center (daytime only) 97 Maple St
Shutesbury...open? (not confirmed since 12/15)Town Hall
Spencer.....open? (not confirmed since 12/15) Knox Trail Jr High,73 Ash Street
Sterling.....open? (not confirmed since 12/15) Chocks Middle School
Sterling.....open? (not confirmed since 12/15)First Church16 Meetinghouse Hill RoadWarwick.....open? (not confirmed since 12/15)Warwick Community School
West Boylston..open? (not confirmed since 12/15)Middle School 125 Cresent Road
Westminster....open? (not confirmed since 12/15)Westminster Elementary Academy Hill Road
Winchendon.....open? (not confirmed since 12/15) Murdock School 3 Memorial Drive

December 16th:

Call your local police/fire first to make sure the shelter is still open. If a shelter has a * next to it, it was confirmed open 12/16.

Ashburnham.....* Oak Mont Regional High School
Ashfield.....* Sanderson Academy Rt 112 – Cape Street DAY ONLY

Barre.....* Quabbin High School
Charlton.....Middle School
Chester.....Elementary School
Conway.....Elementary School
Cummington.....Town Hall
Dunstable.....*
Fitchburg.....Senior Center 14 Wallace Avenue
Fitchburg.....Memorial Middle School 615 Rollstone Street
Fitchburg.....Reingold School Reingold Ave
Florida.....Senior Center
Gardner.....* National Guard Armory West Broadway SLEEPING ONLY
Gardner.....* Sr Center WARMING ONLY
Harvard.....* Bromfield School 14 Mass Ave
Heath.....Senior Center 2 West Main St open
Holden.....* Holden Senior Center 1130 Main st
Holden.....* Wachusett Regional HSch, 1745 Main St WARMING, MEALS, SHOWERS
Hubbardston.....* Ron Burton Sports Camp 71 Morgan Road
Huntington.....Stanton Hall
Irving.....Senior Center
Lancaster.....Atlantic Union College Main St, Boy's Dorm & Girls Dorm
Leicester.....Middle School 70 Winslow Ave. open
Leominster.....* Southeast Middle School Viscoloid Ave
Lunenburg.....Turkey Hill Middle School 129 Northfield Road
Milbury.....High School Martin St.
New Salem.....New Salem Town Hall
North Brookfield.....High School 10 New School Drive
Oakham.....Center School
Otis.....Otis Town Hall
Oxford.....Senior Center 323 Main St
Paxton.....Anna Maria College 50 Sunset Lane
Pepperell.....Varnum Brook Elementary School 10 Hollis St
Petersham.....Petersham Elementary School
Phillipston.....90 State Road
Plainfield.....* Plainfield Public Safety (confirmed open til 12/17)
Phillipston.....?
Princeton.....Thomas Prince School
Rutland.....Naquag School 286 Main St
Sandisfield.....Fire Station
Shrewsbury.....High School
Shrewsbury.....Senior Center (daytime only) 97 Maple St
Shutesbury.....Town Hall
Spencer.....Knox Trail Junior High 73 Ash Street
Sterling.....Chocks Middle School
Sterling.....First Church 16 Meetinghouse Hill Road
Townsend.....* Hawthorn Brook School 64 Brookline Rd
Warwick.....Warwick Community School
West Boylston.....Middle School 125 Cresent Road
Westford.....Blanchard School
Westminster.....Westminster Elementary Academy Hill Road
Winchendon.....Murdock School 3 Memorial Drive
Worcester.....* Burncoat Junior High 179 Burncoat st
Worcester.....* Doherty High School 299 Highland st

December 15th:

http://bostonredcross.org/downloads/Ice%20Storm/IceStorm.htm

"The American Red Cross of Massachusetts Bay has closed all our shelters as all residents have returned home. If you are currently needing emergency shelter please call 2–1–1."

United Way – 211's list from December 13/14:

http://unitedwaytri–county.org/files/Shelters121508.xls

Services offered: School, Tent School (For Displaced Students); Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter
Updated Apr 8, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3970

2015 Blizzard Response, Massachusetts Facebook Page

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.facebook.com/groups/350321688488736
Service Temporary

Facebook page to collaborate, focused on Massachusetts...but can create one for other areas, if necessary
Campaigns: 2015 January Northeast Blizzard
Updated Jan 26, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9912

2015 Blizzard Shelters List for Massachusetts, January 2015

Shelter · Open

MA

Web www.whdh.com/story/27942572/list-of-emergency-shelters-and-phone-numbers
Service Temporary

List of emergency shelters and phone numbers
Posted: Jan 26, 2015 1:59 PM Updated: Jan 26, 2015 6:39 PM

ASHLAND:
Ashland Fire Department: 508-881-2323 if you have a need for emergency shelter

BARNSTABLE:
Shelter at Barnstable Intermediate School, 895 Falmouth Road, Barnstable. Opens at 6:30 p.m. Monday, will have pet shelter.

BOSTON:
Mayor's Hotline: 617-635-4500
Those seeking shelter should go to Central Intake, located at the Woods Mullen Shelter on 794 Massachusetts Avenue in the South End.

CAMBRIDGE:
DPW Snow Hotline: 617-349-4903 to report unshoveled or unsafe sidewalks

EASTHAM:
Shelter at Nauset Regional High School, 100 Cable Road, Eastham. Opens at 6:30 p.m. Monday, will have pet shelter.

FAIRHAVEN:
Shelter at Hastings Middle School, 30 School Street, Fairhaven. Opens at 10 p.m., no pets allowed.

FALMOUTH:
Shelter at Falmouth High School, 874 Gifford Street, Falmouth. Opens at 6:30 p.m. Monday, will have pet shelter.

HARWICH:
Shelter at Cape Cod Regional Technical School, 351 Pleasant Lake Avenue, Harwich. Opens at 6:30 p.m. Monday, will have pet shelter.

HUDSON:
Department of Public Works: 978-562-9333
Emergency Operations Center: 978-562-5565

LAWRENCE:
Department of Streets & Parks: 978-620-3350 to report snow issues.

LONDONDERRY, N.H.:
Fire Dispatch: 603-432-1124 for non-emergencies
Police Dispatch: 603-432-1118 for non-emergencies

NEWTON:
Customer Service Line: 617-796-1000, open at 9 p.m.
Emergency Operations Center: 617-796-2250 to report power outages and downed trees

RANDOLPH:
Department of Public Works: 781-961-0943
Randolph Police Department: 781-963-1212 for non-emergencies

SALEM:
Salem Announcements & Information Line: 978-745-INFO (4636)
Salem Department of Public Services: 978-744-3302 for emergencies
Salem Police Department: 978-744-1212 for non-emergencies

SANDWICH:
Shelter at Sandwich High School, 365 Quaker Meetinghouse Road, Sandwich. Opens at 6:30 p.m. Monday, will have pet shelter.

SCITUATE:
Shelter at Scituate High School, 606 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Scituate. Opens at 6 p.m. Monday, will have pet shelter.

SEEKONK:
Department of Public Works: 508–336–7407
If there is a power outage, warming center will be established at Hurley Middle School, 650 Newman Avenue, Seekonk

SOMERVILLE:
Department of Constituent Services: 617–666–3311 for non–emergencies

SOUTH YARMOUTH:
Shelter at Dennis–Yarmouth High School, 210 Station Avenue, South Yarmouth. Opens at 6:30 p.m. Monday, will have pet shelter.

STONEHAM:
Stoneham Police Department: 781–483–1212

WAKEFIELD:
Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department: 781–246–6363 to report an outage.

WAREHAM:
Warming center at Multi Service Center, 48 Marion Road, Wareham. Open as needed after power outages. No pets allowed.

WESTFORD:
Westford Police Department: 978–692–2161 for non–emergencies

WEYMOUTH:
Shelter at Weymouth High School, 1 Wildcat Way, Weymouth. Opens at 8 p.m.

WORCESTER:
DPW Customer Service: 508–929–1300 to report downed tree limbs, utility wires, or blocked roads. Also call if your home or apartment loses heat.

YARMOUTH:
Yarmouth Fire Department: 508–398–2212 for non–emergencies
Yarmouth Police Department: 508–775–0445, ext. 0 for non–emergencies

MEMA: 508–820–1456
National Grid: 1–800–465–1212
To report power outages to NSTAR: 1–800–592–2000
Campaigns: 2015 January Northeast Blizzard
Updated Jan 26, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9911

211 – Massachusetts (dial 2–1–1) to get social services and STORM HELP! w/ SHELTER LIST!

Info/Hotline · Open

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Web www.mass211.org
Service Temporary

UP AND RUNNING TO SUPPORT 2015 Northeast Blizzard!

See shelter list:

http://www.mass211.org/librarydocs/shelterlist830pm_1_26_15.pdf

Services offered: Hotline, Disaster Recovery Services Hotline for Survivors
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2015 January Northeast Blizzard; 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211)
Updated Jan 26, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8534

Access Strategies – Solidarity Economy Project – Funding for grassroots groups committed to building a "solidarity economy"

Donor · Open

MA

Web www.accessstrategies.org/funding/solidary–economy–initiative
Service Temporary

The Solidarity Economy Initiative (SEI) emerged from Access Strategies' Economic Democracy Fund and is a new Massachusetts based funding program developed by Access Strategies Fund, Boston Impact Initiative, the Center for Economic Democracy and the Solidago Foundation. As a capacity building program, SEI will provide funding, collective training and technical assistance to a cohort of Massachusetts based grassroots organizations. SEI seeks to build power and evolve strategies towards a long term social movement capable of transforming American capitalism into a just, sustainable, and democratic economy.

Massachusetts Movement Branches
The concept of a funded grassroots learning process came from a recognition that the energy to develop analysis, vision, and

leadership for long term transformation requires time and resources that organizations lack. At the same time, frontline groups are already evolving the field, seeding new co–ops, creating land trusts and practicing participatory budgeting. This learning process funds organizations to allocate staff time and support leaders to collectively develop more ambitious and long term organizing strategies for the grassroots sector.

Services offered: Advocacy, For Non–Profits; Advocacy, Social Justice; Assistance, for non–profits (In General); Business Services, Co–Op oriented; Business Services, Counseling for Small Businesses; Business Services, Facilitation / Mentoring / Consulting; Business Services, Micro–Lending; Fundraising Tools, for Non Profit Orgs; Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Grants, Civic Affairs; Grants, Community Development; Grants, Education; Grants, Start up Funding for Social Enterprises; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Management Advice; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jan 17, 2017 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10005

Accion

Info/Hotline · Open

Community Development
56 Roland St.; Suite 300; Boston, MA 02129, MA

Phone P: (866) 245–0783, F: (617) 625–7020
Contact contact us for details
Email info@accionusa.org
Web www.accionusa.org
Eligibility low and moderate income individuals wanting to start a business
Fee Yes, tiny, low interest loans
Service Temporary

See website to get an understaning of how Accion helps very small businesses get started:

Businesses Served

Catering:

Margaret Lofton and Jennifer Richardson, The Bakers Rack
Loan purpose: Purchase equipment
Clothing Stores:

Olavo Malgahaes, Monex
Loan purpose: Purchase inventory
Jessica Nickels, Kaleidoscopes Consignment Shop
Loan purpose: Rent a shop and expand inventory
Aidee Vasquez, Katherine's Boutique
Loan purpose: Purchase insurance and inventory
Cynthia Wake, The Hosiery Stop
Loan purpose: Purchase inventory
Martha Sierra, La Colombianita
Loan purpose: Purchase sewing machines
Contractor:

Donald Donnalson, DonCorp
Loan purpose: Cover operating costs
Richard Vauters, Vauters Home Improvement
Loan Purpose: Cover operating costs
Crafts Store:

Leonardo & Leticia, Artesanía
Loan purpose: Purchase inventory
Day Care Center:

Liliana Diaz
Loan purpose: Establish credit history and purchase toys/equipment
Taahirah Nadir: Clearhead Learning Center
Loan Purpose: Replace materials and repair building damaged by Hurricane Katrina
Event Planning:

Rosendo Ramon, Elite Catering and Event Planning
Loan purpose: Purchase inventory
Flower Shop:

Zobehida Naged, Baby Florist
Loan purpose: Advertising and email marketing
Gaming & Securities Directories:

Gary Locke, The Gaming Green Pages
Loan purpose: Web design and development
Hair Salon:

Monica Landrum, Monica Todd Salon
Loan purpose: Rent space and purchase equipment
Health Spa:

Alba Perez, Hallandale Health Spa and Clinic
Loan purpose: Cover building maintenance costs
Home Inspection:

Ron Baker
Loan purpose: Purchase office equipment
Landscaping:

Oscar Dolorier, Alan's Tropical Landscaping
Loan purpose: Purchase equipment
Multi–Service Store

Rene Rosas, Rosa's Services
Loan purpose: Purchase inventory
Nerma Albertorio, Services On Time
Loan purpose: Cover operating costs
Specialty Foods:

Deborah Taylor, Spreadable Fruits
Loan purpose: Purchase equipment and labels
Party Decoration Store:

Rafaela Diaz, La Sorpresa
Loan purpose: Purchase inventory
Pest Control Services:

Clemente Degross, Degross Exterminating Services
Loan Purpose: Purchase truck and equipment
Restaurants:

Marco Maciel, Basil in the Grove
Loan purpose: Purchase equipment
Oscar Torres, Atlanta Churros Company
Loan purpose: Purchase equipment
Talmadge Frazier, Brother Frazier's Ribs
Loan purpose: Repair BBQ trailer and pay for permits
Chih–wei Hung, Cha Fahn Tea Room
Loan purpose: pay for working capital
Mike & Danielle Smith, Mike's Coney Island Dog House
Loan purpose: Purchase equipment
Robert Stanley, School House Ice Cream and Yogurt
Loan purpose: Purchase equipment
Don Harding: The Cajun Grill
Loan Purpose: Cover Operating Costs

Services offered: Business Services, Counseling for Small Businesses; Business Services, Micro–Lending
Updated May 1, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2920

Acton/Concord/Maynard/Stow/Littleton/Chelmsford COMMUNITY SUPPERS / Food pantries 2014 listing

Walk–in Resource · Open

MA

Service Temporary

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FOOD PANTRIES:

MONDAY:

Open Table 978–823–0082
Clock Tower Place
Maynard, MA 01754
http://www.opentable.org
• Free dinner: Mondays 5:30–6:30 pm
• Pantry: Mondays 5:30–6:30 pm
Open to residents of all towns

TUESDAY/THURSDAY:

Sudbury Community 978–443–7725
Food Pantry
Our Lady of Fatima Church
160 Concord Rd.
Sudbury, MA
• Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:30–2:30pm
• Residents can use pantry 2x per month
Non–residents 1x per month.

WEDNESDAY

Acton Food Pantry 978–635–9295
Boxborough Business Park
235 Summer Road
Boxborough, MA 01719 (closed 4th Wednesday of month)
Registration requires proof of residency in Acton or one of its border towns.
Food pantry: Wednesdays 10–7 pm
Free clothing available at pantry

• On your first visit please bring a current drivers license, utility bill or rental lease that contains your address to provide proof of residency.

THURSDAY

Open Table 978–369–2275
First Parish Church

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

FRIDAY

Stow Food Pantry 978–897–4230
First Parish Church
353 Great Road, Stow, MA

• Letter of need required
• Open 9:00am–11:00
• 2nd and 4th Friday of the month
Non–residents 1x per month

SATURDAY

Lexington Food Pantry 781–861–5060
6 Meriam Street
Lexington, MA 02420

Open Saturdays 9:30–11
Letter of need required from Social Worker
Non–residents 1x per month

SUNDAY

Acton–Boxborough 978–877–1657
Farmers Market
June–October
Sundays 10–1, Pearl Street West Acton
The Acton–Boxborough Farmers Market (ABFM) accepts SNAP benefits. Use your EBT card to purchase fresh produce.

Services offered: Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals; Meals, Cooked Meals; Meals, Hot Meals
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated May 27, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9884

AidMatrix Donations Portal (NEEDS list) for Massachusetts

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.ndmn.us/massachusetts
Service Temporary

Campaigns: 2012 Hurricane Sandy; Aidmatrix
Updated Nov 16, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9549

Alzheimer's Association, Massachusetts Chapter

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
MA

Phone 800 272 3900, 617 868 6718
Web www.alzmass.org
Serves Statewide
Service Permanent

Information and Support

Services offered: Demographic Served: Alzheimer's Patients; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts
Updated Nov 19, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3853

Alzheimer's Disease Support Group

School · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
MA

Phone Hotline: 800 548 2111, or 781 369 1113, 781 369 1400
Service Temporary

The United Way/211 folks tell us that this group provides support for caretakers.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Alzheimer's Patients; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts
Updated Nov 19, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3854

Alzheimers Partnership.org (North Shore, list of centers, hotline)

Info/Hotline · Open

Senior Services
MA

Contact for info
Email info @ alzheimerspartnership.org
Web alzheimerspartnership.org
Service Temporary

See brochure, with adult daycare schedule.

http://alzheimerspartnership.org/uploads/ALZHEIMER_S_SUPPORT_GROUPS_-_Master.pdf
Updated Mar 6, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7704

Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence

Shelter · Open

Shelter To Victims of Domestic Violence and Other Crimes
MA

Eligibility men and women and children who are victims of domestic violence
Service Temporary

Shelter, "safe-home".

Cristina Lee, Assistant Director of Advocacy Services

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Advocacy, Domestic Violence; Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Short-Term Housing Referrals; Hotline, Crisis Hotline; Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); 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, Domestic Violence Intervention Services; Services, Women's Services; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Shelter, Emergency Shelter, Youth Focused; Shelter, Womens, Battered Womens Shelter; Translators, Chinese/English, Volunteer; Translators, Vietnamese/English, Volunteer; Translators, Volunteer * (ANY/ALL)
Updated Oct 5, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2875

Bostom Community Cooperatives ("Creating Permanent Affordable Communities") networking/sharing community

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web bcc.coop
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Community Service Program; Demographic Served: Artists/Artist Communities; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Donations, In-Kind Donation, Services; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co-Housing, Co-Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Housing, Online Housing Directory Resource; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling, Building Materials * (ANY/ALL Types); Recycling Network, Database for Trading/Re-use (NO FEE); Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Bank; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jan 6, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9905

Boston Area Housing Co-ops (directory of housing co-operatives)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web bostoncoops.org/directory

Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Housing, Fair Housing; Advocacy, Human Rights; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Online Database Resource; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Housing, Rental Listings; Housing, Subsidized/Low–Income Housing; New "business models", housing; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9788

Boston Area Mask Initiative [sewing masks for hospitals FACEBOOK GROUP]

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web t.co/B742GjHYJY
Service Temporary

Facebook group, you've got to be on Facebook and request to join the group. If you can't do that, pls contact us and we'll find a way to connect you.

Services offered: Masks, surgical masks, cloth
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Mar 26, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10247

Boston Cares (Volunteer Sign Up Center)

Volunteer Camp · Open

MA

Web volunteeringforagreaterboston.wordpress.com
Service Temporary
Campaigns: 2012 Hurricane Sandy
Updated Mar 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9649

Boston Center for Community Ownership (FREE: Learn how to start a Cooperatively Run Business!)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web bcco.coop
Service Temporary

Co–op 101 Courses! The business school for people who care about people, planet, peace!

Services offered: Advocacy, For Non–Profits; Advocacy, Social Justice; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Business Services, Counseling for Small Businesses; Counseling, Financial/Budget Counseling; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Management Advice; Legal, Services, Consultation for Non–Profit Organizations; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business models", housing; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; School, Adult Education/ Adult School; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Non–Profit Managers; Training Classes, Trade Skills, Training
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 13, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9825

Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Services (assistance w/citizenship paperwork and more!)

Walk–in Resource · Open

MA

Web www.bcnc.net
Service Temporary

Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center will be having a *naturalization clinic Saturday June 22nd*. During the clinic, we educate Permanent Residents on the citizenship process, assist them in filling out the application for citizenship including a fee waiver (if they are eligible), and refer them to free legal assistance. We offer services to any potential applicant *regardless of their country of origin and language spoken*, however applicants must be able to *speak basic English* in order to pass the naturalization exam and interview.

If someone is interested in more information or has questions about citizenship would like to register for our clinic they can contact myself (Krista) at 617–635–5129 x 1088 or by email at krista.senden @ bcnc.net. All applicants *MUST PRE–REGISTER* to attend the clinic.

Thanks for assisting me in spreading the message.

Krista

*Krista Senden *

Civic Engagement Coordinator

Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, Inc.
617–635–5129 x1088 • 38 Ash St. Boston, MA 02111 • www.bcnc.net

Services offered: Demographic Served: Immigrants; Demographic Served: Migrants; Demographic Served: Refugees; Demographic Served: Undocumented Individuals; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Victims of Political Crimes; Facility: Meeting space; Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Legal, Attorney, Pro Bono Attorney, Volunteer; Legal, Services, Volunteer; Services, Legal Assistance; Services, Legal Assistance (For Low–Income Families); Training, Activism; Training, Legal

Updated Jun 17, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9716

Boston Haitian Reporter

Info/Hotline · Open

Community
MA

Web www.bostonhaitian.com
Service Temporary

Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake

Updated Jan 15, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4979

Boston Home Center (down payment loans/grants for first time, income–eligible home buyers)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Service Temporary

source: http://www.boston.com/2014/01/27/guide/elZHSYcVpoGslwX4UIkuEJ/singlepage.html

Through its Boston Home Center (617–635–4663, cityofboston.gov/dnd/bhc), the city's Department of Neighborhood Development has three programs for first–time home buyers of one– to three–family homes or condos in Boston whose household income does not exceed 120 percent of the area's median — $90,600 for a family of two. You can get a loan for up to 3 percent of the purchase price for the down payment and closing costs for any kind or property, and up to $20,000 for the down payment and closing costs on a three–decker or for the purchase and rehab of a foreclosed property. The program also takes into account borrowers' assets. "If you've got $300,000 in the bank," says Sheila Dillon, director of the Department of Neighborhood Development, "we're not here to help you. You don't need us."

For every year you stay in the house, 20 percent of the down payment and closing cost payout is forgiven. So if you live there for only one year, you'd have to pay back 80 percent of the money, but if you stay five years, the money is considered a grant, and you're in the clear.

Services offered: Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Counseling, Financial, Home Buying Process; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Housing, Mortgage Assistance; Financial Assistance, Loans, Low Interest Loans; Financial Assistance, Loans, Micro; Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Grants, Community Development; Grants, Housing, Housing Related; Housing, Affordable Housing, Ownership Program; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types)

Campaigns: Government, City/Town Agency

Updated Feb 15, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9851

Boston News and Weather

Info/Hotline · Open

News Organization
MA

Web www.thebostonchannel.com/live–radar/5322371/detail.html
Service Temporary

Services offered: Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Media, Broadcast Media; Media Coverage; Media, Online News Reports; Media, Weather Reports, Regional; News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage

Campaigns: 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms
Updated Jun 1, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8520

Boston Prime Timers (GLBT)

Info/Hotline · Open

Community
MA
Web www.primetimersww.org/boston
Service Temporary

bostonprimetimers [at] uses [dot] org

Services offered: Demographic Served: Caregivers; Demographic Served: LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender); Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Events, Community Meetings; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Events, Party / Festival
Updated Apr 23, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7901

Boston Workers Circle [mutual aid]

Volunteer Camp · Open

MA
Web circleboston.org/the–mutual–aid–network
Service Temporary

join listserv:

https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/bwc–mutual–aid/join

Services offered: Mutual Aid
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 3, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10665

Camping, Massachusetts Directory

Shelter · Open

MA
Web www.campmass.com/campgrounds
Service Temporary

Services offered: Camping, Camp Sites * (ANY/ALL Types of Camping Services/Sites)
Updated May 17, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9869

Camping, State Parks ($6–12/night some w/showers, etc)

Walk–in Resource · Open

MA
Web www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/recreational–activities/massparks–campground–fees–generic.html
Service Temporary

May 2014:

Campground Fees
Coastal Campground

$17.00 Out–of–state resident per night fee
$15.00 MA resident per night fee

Coastal campgrounds include Nickerson State Park, Scusset Beach State Reservation, Horseneck Beach State Reservation, and Salisbury Beach State Reservation. PLEASE NOTE: there are no individual campsite fireplaces at Scusset Beach except at 5 tent–only campsites. There is a community firepit for everyone's use. Customers must use a portable fuel grill at this campground.

There is a $2 per night surcharge for camping fees at Salisbury Beach. In 2008, the Massachusetts Legislature established the Salisbury Beach Preservation Trust to bolster the long–term preservation and maintenance of Salisbury Beach. The Trust is funded by a $2 surcharge on each fee, to be collected for the 2009 season and forward.
Inland Campground

$14.00 Out–of–state resident per night fee
$12.00 MA resident per night fee

Inland category campgrounds include Clarksburg State Park, DAR State Forest, Erving State Forest, Granville State Forest, Harold Parker State Forest, Lake Dennison State Recreation Area, Massasoit State Park, Mohawk Trail State Forest, Myles Standish State Forest, October Mountain State Forest, Otter River State Forest, Pearl Hill State Park, Savoy Mountain State Forest, Shawme Crowell State Forest, Tolland State Forest, Wells State Park, Wompatuck State Park.
Limited Service Campground

$10.00 Out–of–state resident per night fee
$8.00 MA resident per night fee

Limited Service category campgrounds include Beartown State Forest, Camp Nihan Environmental Education Camp, Pittsfield State Forest, Willard Brook State Forest, Windsor State Forest.
Primitive Service Campground

$8.00 Out–of–state resident per night fee
$6.00 MA resident per night fee

Primitive Service category campgrounds include Boston Harbor Islands State Park, Chester Blandford State Forest, Federated Women's Club State Forest, Mt. Greylock State Reservation, Mt. Washington State Reservation, and Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.
Group Campsite

$25 For group of 1–25. Plus $1 per person over 25.
Safari Field Camping

$15.00 per unit
Cabins

$30.00 One room
$50.00 Three room
$50.00 Group
Yurt

$30.00 Small
$40.00 Large
$50.00 Group
Dump Station Fees

$15.00 Non–campers
Utilities

$3.00 Electric, Please note: Electric service is not sufficiently reliable to support medical devices.

$2.00 Water utility

Campground Types

Camping fees at Massachusetts Campgrounds are based on campground type. Each type is described below.

Established Campgrounds (Coastal or Inland fee categories)

These campgrounds offer flush toilets, showers, access to water, staffing, and interpretive programs. Some may offer electric or water hookups, dumping stations, or yurts and cabins. Individual campsites will be designated and include a parking area and table, grill and/or fire ring. Camp store or other developed amenities may be available.

Limited Service Campgrounds (Limited Service fee category)

These campgrounds offer toilets and access to drinking water. Some use self–registration and park staff may be off–site. Individual campsites are designated and generally include individual tables, grills or fire rings. Departmental programs may be available.

Primitive Service Campgrounds (Primitive Service fee category)

These campgrounds offer composting or pit toilets. Access to drinking water is not available, and customers are encouraged to bring one gallon per person per day for their camping stay. Showers are not available. The campgrounds are in remote locations, may require a strenuous hike and park staff may be off–site. Individual campsites are designated and may not include individual tables, grills or fire rings. Access to a public telephone is NOT available, and mobile telephone coverage is limited. Interpretive programs may be available.

Recreational Vehicle (RV) Camping

Most RVs require larger campsites and campers prefer access to electric and water hookups, and dumping stations. Areas recommended for RVs include Salisbury Beach, Scusset Beach, Wompatuck and Lake Dennison (no hookups). Be sure to reserve a site large enough to accommodate your RV or trailer.

Reservation Transaction Charge

Effective April 1, 2012, the transaction charge for making a camping reservation is $8.65 per transaction. The charge is non–refundable.

Services offered: Camping, Camp Sites * (ANY/ALL Types of Camping Services/Sites); Facility: Recreation Center
Campaigns: Government, State/County; Government, State Government Department/Agency
Updated May 26, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9882

Cape Cod restaurants, free food for kids in need

Donor · Open

MA

Web www.capecodtimes.com/news/20200317/cape-cod-restaurants-add-free-meals-to-menu-for-those-in-need
Service Temporary

Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID-19

Updated Mar 18, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10185

Cape Cod Volunteers (Find a Volunteer! Become one!)

Info/Hotline · Open

Volunteer Registry

MA

Web www.capecodvolunteers.org/volunteer
Service Temporary

Services offered: Assistance, Disaster Relief Assistance, Online Registration; Assistance, for non-profits, Collaboration Tool; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Online Database Resource; Disaster Relief, Volunteer; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Disaster Relief/Recovery, Cluster Meetings; First Responder, NorthEast Region; First Responder, Volunteer; First Response Teams, Volunteer; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Management, Volunteer Coordination Services; Management, Volunteer Management Resources; Medical, Volunteer, First Response, Volunteer Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Reception / Registration Site/Location, Volunteer; Resource Database for Volunteers; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Relief; Services, Disaster Response; Translators, Volunteer * (ANY/ALL); Volunteer, Long-Term Volunteer Opportunities; Volunteer, Long-Term, Volunteer(s); 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, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities; Volunteer, Virtual Volunteer Meeting Place (Blog/Forum/Discussion Board); Volunteer, Volunteer Referral Services; Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online; Volunteer Work Orders/Projects (provided by this facility)
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); AmeriCorps; Americorp VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America); Chamber of Commerce; Commission on Aging; Communities for Restorative Justice; EMA (Emergency Management Agency) Regional/County; Government, City/Town Agency; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government, FEMA, DRC (Disaster Recovery Center); Government, State/County; Government, State Government Department/Agency; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee

Updated Aug 16, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6168

CareGiver Resources (elder care)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.caregivingmetrowest.org/ResourcesinMetroWest/ResourcesByType.aspx
Service Temporary

Services offered: Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Counseling, Support Group for Caregivers; Demographic Served: Caregivers; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Databases for Supplies/Services ($ FEE-BASED, NOT FREE); Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services)

Updated Jun 6, 2017 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10013

CareGivingMetroWest.org (database of resources for helping people)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.caregivingmetrowest.org/ResourcesinMetroWest/OverviewofMetroWestResources.aspx
Service Temporary

Services offered: Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Community Service Program; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Counseling, Support Group for Caregivers; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services ($ FEE-BASED, NOT FREE); Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services)

Updated Jun 6, 2017 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10012

Center for Independent Living (serving disabled folks)

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit

MA

Phone See notes for contact #s, by town
Contact write for details
Email ktrudeau@chapa.org
Web www.chapa.org
Serves Various, see regions below in Notes.

Eligibility Persons with Disabilities (PWD)
Service Permanent

From the website:

Mission

Citizens' Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA) is the non–profit umbrella organization for affordable housing and community development activities throughout Massachusetts. Established in 1967, CHAPA is the only statewide group which represents all interests in the housing and community development field, including non–profit and for–profit developers, municipal officials, local housing providers and advocates, tenants, homeowners, lenders, consultants, property managers, architects, and others.

CHAPA's mission is to encourage the production and preservation of housing that is affordable to low–income families and individuals. CHAPA pursues its goals through advocacy with local, state and federal officials; research on affordable–housing issues; education and training for organizations and individuals; and coalition– and consensus–building among broad interests in the field.

CHAPA's Core Activities

CHAPA's core activities span four main areas – Housing Advocacy, Research, Community Education and Training, and Coalition Building.

Housing Advocacy

The agency uses its contacts with local, state and federal officials to encourage housing preservation and production through new programs, incentives and regulations. CHAPA is very active in the state's annual budget process and legislative agenda to ensure adequate housing resources are available for low income people. In addition, CHAPA frequently convenes meetings and forums between housing advocates and public officials to discuss policy priorities, program design and regulations.

Research

CHAPA produces frequent research reports on a wide variety of topics. Research findings are followed by concrete action steps, which aim toward real changes in public policy and programs. CHAPA's recent studies have covered a wide variety of topics, including: an assessment of statewide affordable housing needs; preserving the long–term affordability of subsidized housing; housing for people with disabilities and special needs; and expanding home–ownership opportunities.

Community Education and Training

CHAPA's education and training are designed to increase information–sharing among diverse sectors in the housing field and to build the capacity of organizations and agencies which develop and manage low income housing. Each year, CHAPA sponsors approximately 30 trainings which are attended by over 4,000 people.

Coalition Building

CHAPA frequently builds coalitions among groups that rarely come together to discuss common concerns. CHAPA's office serves as a central meeting ground at which all segments of the housing community can work towards a common agenda. CHAPA has formed several active coalitions in a variety of specific areas including special needs housing, non–profit housing development, elderly housing, smart–growth development and public housing.

Locations:

Ad–Lib Center for Independent Living
Serves Berkshire County
215 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
413–442–7047 Voice
413–442–7158 TTY
800–232–7047 Toll–free Voice
413–443–4338 Fax
www.adlibcil.org (December 2008, I could not get this website to work, if you need help in Western Mass, check w/Stavros Center below. TF)

Boston Center for Independent Living
Serves Greater Boston
60 Temple Place, 5th Floor
Boston, MA 02111
617–338–6665 Voice
617–338–6662 TTY
617–338–6661 Fax
www.bostoncil.org

Center for Living & Working
Serves Central Massachusetts

484 Main Street, Suite 345
Worcester, MA 01608
508-798-0350 Voice/TTY
508-797-4015
www.centerlw.org

Cape Organization for the Rights of the Disabled
Serves Cape & Islands
1019 Iyanough Road, #4
Hyannis, MA 02601
508-775-8300 Voice/TTY
800-649-5568 Toll-free Voice/TTY
508-775-7022 Fax
www.cilcapecod.org

Independence Associates
Serves South Shore
141 Main Street
Brockton, MA 02301
508-583-2166 Voice/TTY
800-649-5569 Toll-free Voice
508-583-2165 Fax
www.iacil.org

ILC of the North Shore & Cape Ann
Serves North Shore & Cape Ann
27 Congress Street, Suite 107
Salem, MA 01970
978-741-0077 Voice/TTY
888-751-0077 Toll-free Voice
978-741-1133 Fax
www.ilcnsca.org

MetroWest Center for Independent Living
Serves MetroWest
280 Irving Street
Framingham, MA 01702
508-875-7853 Voice/TTY
508-875-8359 Fax
www.mwcil.org

Northeast Independent Living Program
Serves Northeastern MA
20 Ballard Road
Lawrence, MA 01843
978-687-4288 Voice/TTY
978-689-4488 Fax
www.nilp.org

Southeast Center for Independent Living
Serves Fall River/New Bedford
Merrill Building
66 Troy Street
Fall River, MA 02720
508-679-9210 Voice/TTY
508-677-2377 Fax
www.secil.org

Stavros Center for Independent Living
Serves Hampden/Hampshire/Franklin Counties
210 Old Farm Road
Amherst, MA 01002
413-256-0473 Voice/TTY
800-804-1899 Voice
413-256-0190 Fax
www.stavros.org

Multicultural ILC of Boston
Serves Roxbury, Dorcester, Mattapan
110 Claiborne St.
Dorcester, MA 02124
617–288–9431 Voice
617–288–2707 TTY
617–265–2597 Fax
www.milcb.org

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Disabled/Handicapped; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Special Needs Folks, Seniors/Elders; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Health Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Disabled, Accessible Housing Referrals for Disabled; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Short–Term Housing Referrals; Community Outreach Programs; Community Service Program; Directories, Directory of Services, Disabled Services; Housing, Affordable Housing Builder, Gov't Sponsored; Housing, Affordable Housing, Ownership Program; Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Apartments; Housing, Fairly Priced Rental Housing for Disaster Survivors; Housing, Rental Listings; Information Resource, ADA & Useful Info for Disabled Folks; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Services, Disabled, Handicapped Ramp Build/Repair; Services, Disabled, Services for the Disabled (See also Senior Services); Services, Respite Program/Services
Campaigns: Government, US Deptartment of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)
Updated Dec 13, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3963

Center for Popular Economics – Consulting for Solidarity–based Economies

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.populareconomics.org
Service Temporary

The Center for Popular Economics is a nonprofit collective of political economists based in Amherst, MA. Since our founding in 1979, thousands of people have participated in our workshops and Institutes. Our programs and publications demystify the economy and put useful economic tools in the hands of people fighting for social and economic justice. We examine root causes of economic inequality and injustice including systems of oppression based on race, class, gender, nation and ethnicity.image0000

CPE provides a forum for activists, organizers, educators, and progressive economists to come together, learn from one another and work to build a movement for social and economic justice.

Learn about solidarity economics: http://www.populareconomics.org/resources/

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Advocacy, Voters Advocacy; Advocacy, Womens Rights; Advocacy, Worker Rights; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jan 17, 2017 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10006

Central Mass Food Pantry, Free Meals, Shelter and Transitional Assistance listings

Walk–in Resource · Open

various, MA

Web www.foodbank.org/PDF/agencylist.pdf
Service Temporary

Care of Worcester County Food Bank
October 2012

SOUP KITCHENS

ATHOL

Our Father's Table
Four Square Church
500 Main Street, Athol 01331
Meal served: 1st & 3rd Thursday, 4–5:30PM
Hot or Cold Meal served

Salvation Army Athol Kitchen
107 Ridge Ave.

Athol, 01331
978–249–8111
Meals served: Tuesdays, 5PM to 6PM and
4th Sunday of month, 5PM to 6PM

CLINTON

WHEAT Community Café
242 High Street, Clinton, 01510
Café 978–368–8547
Meals served: Sunday through Friday, 4:30 to 6 PM .

FITCHBURG

Our Father's Table, Inc.
Christian Faith Church
40 Boutelle Street, Fitchburg 01420
978–342–8522
Meals served: Tuesday & Thursday, Meals served at 5 PM.

GARDNER

Gardner CAC - Fellowship Table
First Congregational Church,
28 Green St., Gardner 01440
978–632–8700
Meals served: Thursdays at 4:30 PM.
Open September thru June -Closed in July/August

MILFORD

Community Supper Milford
Unitarian Universalist Church
23 Pine Street, Milford 01757
508–473–3589
Meals served: Every Sunday at 4:45 PM

SOUTHBRIDGE

St. Michaels Community Meal
St. Michaels Orthodox Church
16 Romanian Avenue
Southbridge, MA 01550
508–765–5276
Meal Served: 1st,3rd & 4th Thursday 4:30PM–6:30PM

WORCESTER

Greater Worcester Housing Connection (formerly People
In Peril: PIP)
701 Main Street, Worcester, 01610
508–757–8332
Meals served:7 Days Week (365 days year)
Breakfast 7:00–7:30AM, Lunch 11:00–11:30AM &
Dinner 4:00–4:45PM.

John Street Baptist Church
43 John Street, Worcester, 01609
508–753–4991
Meals served: Saturdays, 11 AM to 1 PM. Also has
emergency food box distribution at the same time.

The Mustard Seed
93 Piedmont Street, Worcester, 01609
508–754–7098
Meals served:
Monday through Saturday, Winter Hours: 4–6:30pm.
Sunday meal served at 12 PM.
(Summer Hours: 5–6:30PM)

Salvation Army Citadel–Sally's Place
640 Main Street, Worcester 01608

508–756–7191
Meals served:
Monday through Friday: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.
Sunday Dinner only.
Closed on Saturdays.

SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL PROGRAMS

FITCHBURG

Battered Women's Resources
Shelter for women & their children.
Confidential location
978–537–2306

Our Father's House
53–55 Lunenburg Street, Fitchburg 01420
978–345–3050
Male & Female Occupancy
Emergency & Transitional Shelter.

SHREWSBURY

Veterans, Inc. Residence
Independence Hall
59 South Street, Shrewsbury 01545
Shelter for homeless veterans.
508–845–6776

WORCESTER

Catholic Charities Youville House
133 Granite Street, Worcester 01604
508–753–3084
Daybreak
Confidential shelter for battered women. Other services provided include 24 hour Hotline, court advocacy, support groups and short–term counseling.
508–755–9030

Friendly House Shelter
87 Elm Street, Worcester 01609
508–792–1799
Short term shelter for homeless families with children.
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Veterans, Inc. Shelter
69 Grove Street, Worcester, 01605
508–791–5348
Shelter for homeless veterans.
Breakfast Lunch and Dinner Available to Vets.
(residents and non–resident Veterans)

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRIES

ATHOL

Salvation Army
107 Ridge Avenue, Athol 01331
978–249–8111
Distribution: Monday, Tues., Weds & Friday, 9:00 AM to 12 PM & 1 to 3 PM. Pantry Closed Thursday.

Lighthouse Food Pantry
Four Square Church
500 Main Street, Athol 01331
Distribution: 1st and 3rd Thursday, 4 to 5:30 PM.

AUBURN

Auburn Youth & Family Services
21 Pheasant Court, Auburn 01501
508–832–5707

Sept–June Hours: Tuesdays from 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Call for emergency situation.

BARRE

Barre Congregational Food Pantry
Barre Congregational Church
30 Park Street, Town Common, Barre 01005
978–355–4041
Distribution: 2nd Wednesday of the month,
10 AM to 12 PM.

BLACKSTONE
Blackstone–Millville Food Pantry
48 St. Paul Street, Blackstone 01504
No Pantry Phone–Please Visit
Distribution: Tuesdays 7 to 8 PM; Saturday 10 to 11 AM.

BROOKFIELD

Brookfield Ecumenical Food Pantry
St. Mary's Church, 4 Howard Street, Brookfield 01506
508–867–6262 (church)
Distribution: Wednesday 9:30 to 11 AM and
Saturday 9:30 to 11 AM; Call if Emergency.

CHARLTON

CHIP – IN Food Pantry
McKinstry Building, 37 Main Street, Charlton 01507
508–248–3292
Distribution: Monthly, 3rd Saturday, 9 AM to 12 PM.
Call if Emergency.

CLINTON

WHEAT Community Services
500 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Clinton 01510
978–365–6349 x14
Distribution: Tuesday, 1:00 PM–4:00 PM
Wednesday Seniors Day, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Thursday and Friday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

DOUGLAS
St. Denis' Church–Douglas Food Pantry
23 Manchaug Street, Douglas 01516
508–476–2002
Distribution: Monday 10 AM to 12 PM & 4 to 6 PM; Thursday 12 to 2 PM.

FITCHBURG

Care Services Project
Professional Services Building
356B Broad Street–4th Floor, Fitchburg 01420
978–345–4366
Program for people & families with HIV/AIDS. During
3rd week of month: open Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 12 PM and 12:30 to 4 PM. Call ahead for an appoint–ment.
Distribution Entrance at 356C–2nd Floor Location.

Leona E. Fleming Food Pantry At Green Acres
62 Normandy Road, Fitchburg 01420
978–342–8617
Distribution:
Tues.8:30AM to 4:30PM and Fri. 8:30AM to 1:30PM.

GVNA Community Services
35 Main Street, Fitchburg 01420
978–665–9078
Distribution: Wednesday, 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

Highland Baptist Church
27 Cedar Street, Fitchburg 01420

978–342–9646
Distribution: 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 9 to 11 AM.

MOC Elder Services
66 Day Street, Fitchburg 01420
978–345–8501, ext. 1

Senior Brown Bag
Salvation Army
739 Water Street, Fitchburg 01420
978–342–3300
Distribution: Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 12 PM &
1 to 5 PM.

United Neighbors of Fitchburg
Cleghorn Neighborhood Center: CNC
18 Fairmount Street, Fitchburg 01420
978–342–2069
Distribution: Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM
Appointments available for working clients. Call First.

GARDNER

Gardner Community Action Committee
294 Pleasant Street, 2nd Floor, Gardner 01440
978–632–8700
Distribution: Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 12 PM; Tuesday, 1 to 4 PM.

Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center, Inc.
268 Central Street, Gardner 01440
978–632–9601
Distribution: Monday through Friday, 10 to 11:30 AM & 1 PM to 4:30 PM.

Saint Vincent De Paul Society – Sacred Heart Church
166 Cross Street, Gardner 01440
978–632–0237
Distribution: Weekdays 10 AM to 5 PM. Please call to make an appointment.

GILBERTVILLE/HARDWICK

Tri–Parish Community Church Food Pantry
Hardwick Senior Center
179 Main Street (Rte 32), Gilbertville 01031
413–477–6707 or 413–477–6635
Distribution: 1st & 3rd Friday, 9:30 to 11:30 AM.
(During July and August, the first Friday only)

GRAFTON

Saint Vincent De Paul Society – St. James Church
89 Main Street, Church Hall, South Grafton 01560
508–839–5354
Distribution: 3rd Tuesday of month, September thru June, 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Call for emergency assistance on other days/times .

HOLDEN (Serves Wachusett Region)

Wachusett Food Pantry
Wachusett Extended Care
56 Boydon Rd., Holden 01520
508–829–2749
Distribution: 3rd Saturday of each month, 9 to 11 AM. Senior distribution is the day before, Fri. 10 to 11:30 AM.

LANCASTER
SDA Community Services
129 Bolton Road, So. Lancaster 01561
978–365–7152
Distribution: Tuesdays, 9:00 AM to 12 PM.

LEICESTER

Leicester Food Pantry
St. Joseph Parish

759 Main Street, Leicester 01524
508-892-7407
Distribution: Tuesdays 5-7 PM

LEOMINSTER

Catholic Charities-North County
196 Mechanic Street
Leominster, MA 01453
978-840-0696 or 800-232-0843
Distribution: Monday thru Friday, 8AM to 5 PM.
Alternate Appt based on Needs Assessment

First Baptist Church
Community Food Cupboard
23 West Street, Leominster 01453
978-537-2685
Distribution: 2nd Saturday 9-11am
Call for Emergency

Ginny's Helping Hands Food Pantry
52 Mechanic Street
Leominster, MA 01453
978-537-1387
Distribution: Tuesday thru Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM.

Ruth's Harvest Pantry
Leominster United Methodist Church
77 Hall Street, Leominster 01453
978-537-1356
Distribution: 3rd Thursday, 6 to 8 PM and
4th Saturday, 8 to 10 AM. Call if Emergency.

Spanish American Center
112 Spruce Street, Leominster 01453
978-534-3145
Distribution: Mon. through Fri. 9:00 AM to 12Noon.
Call for Appt.

SVDP- St. Leo's Church
108 Main Street, Leominster 01453
978-537-7257
Distribution: Monday, 6 to 7 PM, Wednesday, 4 to 5 PM.

MENDON

BCC Food Pantry at Bethany Community Church
15 Cape Road, Mendon 01756
508-478-0482 (Church Phone)
Distribution: Tuesdays., 10 AM to 1 PM and also 1st Tues-day of month at 5:30-7 PM.

MILFORD

Daily Bread Food Pantry
21 Exchange Street, Milford 01757
508-478-4225
Distribution: Tuesday & Thursday, 6 to 7:30 PM.

Salvation Army
29 Congress Street , Milford 01757
508-473-0786
Distribution Available: Mon. thru Thurs 9AM -12PM.

MILLBURY

Friends of Millbury Seniors
1 River Street, Millbury 01527
508-865-9154
Distribution: Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
The pantry is open to all ages, not just seniors.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

St. Joseph's Food Pantry
296 No. Main Street, North Brookfield 01535
508–867–6811
Distribution: 1st Thursday, 6:00PM–7:15PM &
3rd Thursday of month, 12:00PM–1:30 PM.
Call for Emergency

NORTHBOROUGH

Northborough Church of Christ
456 W. Main Street, Northborough 01532
508–393–7988
Distribution:
Sunday, 12:30 to 6 PM & Wednesday, 5 to 7 PM.
Call for emergency appointment on non–distribution day.

Northborough Food Pantry
Town Hall, 63 Main Street, Northborough 01532
508–393–6897
Distribution: Wednesday, 9 to 10:30 AM &
Thursday, 6:30 to 8 PM.

OXFORD

Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf
Community Center, 4 Maple Road, LL, Oxford 01540
508–987–1062
Distribution:
Thursdays 5:30PM to 7:15 PM, (except holidays).

RUTLAND

Rutland Food Pantry–SVDP
St. Patrick Church
290 Main Street, Rutland 01543
508–886–2206
Distribution:
2nd Thursday, 6PM—7PM , 4th Saturday, 9AM–12PM
Call if Emergency.

SHREWSBURY
St. Anne's Human Services
130 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury 01545
508–799–4169
Distribution: 3rd Monday of month 10AM–12noon &
6–7PM.
Emergency Distribution available during regular hours of: Mon, Tues, Sat 8AM–12noon, Wed 8AM–4PM, Thur. 8AM–8PM, Fri 8AM–1PM.

SOUTHBOROUGH

Southborough Food Pantry
Pilgrim Church
15 Common Street
Southborough, MA 01772
508–485–4847
Distribution: Tuesday, 7 to 8 PM; Fri., 10 to 11 AM.

SOUTHBRIDGE

Blessed John Paul II St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
279 Hamilton Street, Southbridge 01550
508–765–3701
Distribution: Tuesdays, 3 to 5 PM; Thursdays from 10AM to 12 PM.
Senior Program: 2nd and 4th Wed. 10AM to 12Noon.

Southbridge Food Share, Inc.
79 Elm Street, Southbridge 01550
508–764–6583
Distribution:
Monday , Wednesday and Friday: 10AM to 11:15AM.

SPENCER

Mary Queen of the Rosary Food Pantry
60 Maple Street, Spencer, 01562
508-885-3332
Distribution: Mondays & Thursdays, 10 AM. (Arrival re-quired before 11am). One Monday night per month for working households -please call for Monday night appt.

UXBRIDGE

People First Food Pantry
Community House
19 Douglas Street, Uxbridge, 01569
508-278-5506
Distribution: Wednesday, 11 AM to 1 PM & 6:30 to 8 PM.

WEBSTER

Webster-Dudley Food Share, Inc.
United Church of Christ
4 Church Street-Suite 2, Webster, 01570
508-943-9171
Distribution: Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 to 11:30 AM.
Please Call First

WEST BOYLSTON

West Boylston Food Pantry
First Congregational Church
26 Central Street, W. Boylston 01583
508-835-4462
Distribution: 3rd Tuesday of every month, 2 to 5 PM.

WESTBOROUGH

Westborough Food Pantry
Forbes Community House
9 East Main Street, Westborough 01581
508-366-3007
Distribution: Thursday, 9:15 to 11:15 AM & 7 to 8 PM.
Seniors Only: Tuesday, 10:00 to 11:00 AM.
Available to Westborough residents only.

WEST BROOKFIELD
Sharing Cupboard Food Pantry
First Congregational Church
36 North Main Street, W. Brookfield, 01585
508-867-7078
Distribution for All Ages: Wednesday, 10 AM to 12 PM; Thursday, 7 to 8:30 PM.

WHITINSVILLE

Northbridge Association of Churches (NAC)
Senior Center, 20 Highland Street, Whitinsville 01588
508-234-4599
Distribution for All Ages: Tuesday, 10 AM to 12 PM &
Thursday, 1 to 3 PM.

WINCHENDON

Winchendon CAC
273 Central Street, Winchendon, 01475
978-297-1667
Distribution: Mon. through Thursday, 9am-1pm

WORCESTER

AIDS Project Worcester
85 Green Street, Worcester, 01604
508-755-3773 x16
Distribution to their consumers only:
Tuesdays, 9 AM to 4:00 PM

Catholic Charities Food Pantry
10 Hammond Street, Worcester, 01610
508-860-2237
Distribution:
Monday through Friday, 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

Centro Las Americas
11 Sycamore Street, Worcester, 01608
508-798-1900, ext. 237
Distribution:
Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 9 AM to 12 PM.

Friendly House Pantry
36 Wall Street, Worcester, 01604
508-755-4362
Distribution: Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM.

Good Samaritan Food Pantry
39 Piedmont Street, Worcester 01610
774-253-1619
Distribution: Tuesday & Friday, 10AM to 4 PM.

Great Brook Valley Food Pantry
Willis Center
176 Tacoma Street, Worcester, 01605
508-852-8905
Distribution: Monday, Thursday and Friday 8 AM to 4 PM

Jeremiah's Inn, Food Pantry
1059 Main Street, Worcester, 01603
508-755-6403
Distribution: Mon., Tue., Thurs & Fri., 9 AM to 2 PM.

John Street Baptist Church
43 John Street, Worcester, 01609
508-753-4991
Distribution: Saturday, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
during lunch meal.

Lighthouse Mission Food Pantry
165 Pleasant Street, Worcester, 01609
Distribution: Every Monday except 1st, 11 AM to 1 PM.
Loaves & Fishes Pantry

Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester
90 Holden Street, Worcester, 01606
508-853-1942
Distribution: 3rd Saturday of the month, 10 AM to 12 PM.

Mt. Carmel Outreach Ministry
24 Mulberry Street, Worcester, 01605
508-791-0731 or 508-755-4362
Distribution: Tuesday Only 9:30am-1:30pm

Orthodox Food Center
St. Spyridan Cathedral
102 Russell Street, Worcester, 01609
508-791-7326
Distribution: Saturday, 10 AM to 12 PM.

Pernet Family Health Service
237 Millbury Street, Worcester, 01610
508-755-1228
Distribution: Mon., Tues. and Weds. 1:00PM to 4:30 PM.

Plumley Village Food Pantry
Willis Center
16 Laurel Street, Worcester, 01608
508-799-6981
Distribution: Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Quinsigamond Village Neighborhood Ctr.
16 Greenwood Street, Worcester, 01607
508–755–7481
Distribution: Monday thru Thursday 9:30AM to 2:00PM and Friday 9:30AM–12PM

Revival Church - Fountain of Life
23 Coral Street, Worcester, 01604
508–791–5555
Distribution: Wednesdays, 6 PM to 8 PM.

St. Paul's Outreach
19 Chatham Street, Worcester, 01609
508–791–8455
Distribution: Tues., Wed. & Fri., 9:00 AM to 11:30AM;
Thurs., 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Salvation Army – Citadel
640 Main Street, Worcester, 01608
508–756–7191
Distribution: Mon. thru Friday, 10:00AM–12:00PM & 12:45PM– 2PM.

South Worcester Neighborhood Center
47 Camp Street, Worcester, 01603
508–757–8344
Distribution: Monday through Friday, 9:30AM to 1:20 PM.

South Worcester Neighborhood Ctr.– Green Island
50 Canton Street, Crompton Park, Worcester, 01610
508–753–4661
Distribution: Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 1:30 PM.

South Worcester Neighborhood Ctr. – Lakeside Center
54 Circuit Ave. South, Apt. 1 , Worcester 01603
No Phone on Site–call 508–757–8344 (SWNC Camp St.)
Distribution: Mon.–Weds. 10–2pm, Thurs/Fri 9:00AM–1PM

SVDP – St. Anthony's Pantry
Sacred Heart Church
596 Cambridge Street, Worcester, 01610
508–753–2555
Distribution: Thursday, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM; Saturday 10 AM to 1 PM. By appointment.

SVDP – St. Peter's Church
929 Main Street, Worcester, 01610
508–752–4674

Veterans, Inc. Food Pantry
69 Grove Street, Worcester, 01605
508–791–1213 x108
Distribution: 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month,
10 AM to 4 PM. Veterans Identification Required.

Wesley United Methodist Church
Carty Cupboard
114 Main Street, Worcester, 01608
508–799–4191
Distribution:
Mondays: 6 to 7 PM, Wednesdays: 1 PM to 3 PM
& Friday: 10 AM to 12 PM.

Please call ahead if first time visit or holiday.

Hours may vary and Emergency Assistance may be available between scheduled distribution days.

Recyclable/Reusable bags appreciated.–Please bring a bag.

Please visit the Worcester County Food Bank website monthly for updates :
http://www.foodbank.org/immediate_help/immediate_assistance.html
Rev. 10.12.12 JJ

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Short–Term Housing Referrals; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town;

Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Bulk Distribution; Distribution, Supplies, Regional Distribution; Facility: Food, Emergency Food Center; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Food Bank (Public Distribution Available); Food Distribution, Food Bank (This Site Supplies Food Pantries/ Agencies); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Housing, Transitional Housing; Housing, Transitional Housing (For Battered Women/Children); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level); Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Relief; Services, Disaster Response; Services, Family, General Family Assistance; Services, Humanitarian Aid ; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; EMA (Emergency Management Agency) Regional/County; Government, FEMA, DRC (Disaster Recovery Center)
Updated Oct 23, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9397

Central Valley Tenants Union [organizing tools/legal/tactical templates]

Volunteer Camp · Open

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Web centralvalleytenantsunion.wordpress.com
Service Temporary

facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/CentralValleyTU/

The Central Valley Tenants Union (CVTU) is a solidarity network of tenants in Hampshire County, formed during the Covid–19 crisis. Committed to organizing for housing justice from below, we strategize together to defend access to housing. We are currently working to distribute up–to–date information and support those interested in organizing tenant associations and solidarity networks. We invite any tenants in Hampshire county and beyond to get in touch and join our efforts during this crisis.

*We live in the Kwinitekw (Connecticut River) Valley on unceded Nonotuck land. We acknowledge our neighboring Indigenous nations: the Nipmuc and the Wampanoag to the East, the Mohegan and Pequot to the South, the Mohican to the West, and the Abenaki to the North. We believe that our current predicament in which housing is exploited for the profit of the few at the expense of the many cannot be understood without the context of the original theft of this land from its original inhabitants.

Services offered: Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Housing, Fair Housing; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Services, Legal Assistance
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/ Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Unions
Updated May 3, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10426

Citizen Action Team RELIEF DATABASE (online listing of Social Services) Massachusetts

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
MA

Phone 978 808 7173, 978 266 2778 ask for Terra
Contact Terra Friedrichs
Email terra at citizenactionteam dot org
Web www.citizencommandcenter.org/facilities/list?state=MA
Serves Worldwide
Eligibility All people in need
Service Permanent

The Citizen Action Team RELIEF DATABASE is an online tool for locating social service organizations.

We also offer used computers to organizations that operate training centers, internet access points for disadvantaged groups, etc. Computers are not available for individuals or non–profits with revenues over $1 million/year.

For a complete listing of MASSACHUSETTS based social servcie orgs, please go to:

https://reliefdb.org/facilities/list?state=MA

There you will find a more complete listing of services that are available to Massachusettts. There are statewide organizations offering assistance for home heating fuel, housing, financial, training, medical assistance, etc, etc.

Also, check these links to fing orgs that serve nationally and/or globally:

https://reliefdb.org/facilities/list?state=US
https://reliefdb.org/facilities/list?state=WW

Scroll down to find organizations. To look for a specific social service, choose the "categories/items" button at the top of the page, scroll down and choose a category, then an item (use the "magnifying glass" button on the right).

TO USE THE TOOL to "Match" SERVICES TO NEEDS:

1. Register(upper left "log in")
2. Create a "new facility"
3. Set up a "needs list" of the services you or your client needs
4. Click "show needs matches" above the "needs list". The tool will automatically show the orgs that list the services needed.

For training on how to use the tool, call the helpline at the number above. Or write to ask questions or make an appointment.

Training tips can be found at www.citizencommandcenter.org. Scroll down and choose one of the listings.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Directories, Directory of Services, Case Management; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Disabled Services; Directories, Directory of Services, Grants Info, Listings, News & Referrals; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Directory of Services, Worldwide; Directories, Financial Assistance Programs; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Hotline, Donation Management Hotline; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Aidmatrix; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; United Way; VOAD (this org is not a member, but is "affiliated")
Updated Jan 29, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3860

Citizen Action Team, Allocated Items

Open

Private Citizen Volunteers
MA
Phone 978 369 4343, Christy
Service Temporary

This is the facility record where we keep the avails that are already allocated or "enroute". If you want to see the items/avails that are still available, please go to facility record: https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1505

Services offered: Computer, Desktop; Computer, Keyboard; Computer, Laptop; Computer, Monitor; Computer, Mouse; Computer, Peripherals, Misc.; Computer, Printer; Computer, Server; Computer, Spare Parts, CD drives; Computer, Spare Parts, Power Cords; Computer, Spare Parts, Wireless Transceiver Modules, PowerHouse Brand; Construction Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Electronics * (ANY/ALL Types); Electronics, Power, Extension Cords * (ANY/ALL Types); Electronics, Power Strips; Electronics, Power, UPS power supply; Storage, Storage Containers/Units
Updated Nov 19, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1508

Citizen Action Team, Incoming/Future Donations Drives

Open

Private Citizen Volunteers
MA
Phone 978 369 4343
Service Temporary

We are listing stuff here that we are going to be gathering over the coming months. If you think we should have a "future gathering" facility to distinguish between what is "in" versus what is "coming in", let us know.

Schedule for gathering (almost all stuff is used...sorry, it's the best we can do):

July/August: household goods, napsacks for school kids
Sept/Oct: coats, sweaters, blankets
Oct/Nov: holiday stuff

Always: computers...we have a ton of this stuff, including big old fax machines. if you have a technical person that can deal with older computers, and you want this stuff, give us a jingle...if you have a qualified location we'll send you a pallet or two...a qualified location is one that is case managing, and one that is staffed during regular business hours.

Services offered: Books * (ANY/ALL Types); Books, Children's * (ANY/ALL Types); 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 (Junior High); Books, Reading Books, Non–Fiction (see also: "Books, Non–Fiction"); Camping Gear, Sleeping Bags * (ANY/ALL Types) New or Gently Used/CLEAN ; Clothing, Baby/Infant, New or Gently Used/CLEAN * (ANY/ALL Types); Clothing, Hats, Winter; Clothing, Sweaters, New/Gently Used/CLEAN; Coats/Jackets, Children, New or Gently Used; Coats/Jackets, New or Gently Used/CLEAN * (ANY/ALL Types/Sizes); Coats/Jackets, Women's, Winter, New or Gently Used; Computer, Desktop; Computer, Keyboard; Computer, Monitor; Computer, Mouse; Flooring, Tile, Floor (sq ft); Gloves, Spring Weather (not ski gloves); Gloves, Winter / Snow; Household Goods (big) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Household Items (small) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; * KITS, BEDDING KITS, NEW or Gently Used Items; Linens, Bath, Towels, New or Clean/Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types); Linens, Bedding * (ANY/ALL Types of Bedding) New or Gently Used/CLEAN; Linens, Bedding, Blankets, New or Clean/Gently Used; Linens, Bedding, Comforters, New or Gently Used/CLEAN; Linens, Bedding, Sheets, Sheet Sets * (ANY/ALL Types, New or Clean/Gently Used); Scarves, Winter Scarves; Services: Legal Assistance for Disaster Survivors; Textbooks, Jr High, Math
Updated Nov 19, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1511

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

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

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

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

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

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

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

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

Co-Op 108 (Body Products) (NOT FREE, worker-owned, socially responsible)

Open Business* · Open

MA

Web coop108.com/buy-local
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Worker Owned Co-Operatives
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9762

Co-Operative Fund of New England (responsible lending/start up loans/advice/ training)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.coopfund.coop
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Housing, Fair Housing; Business Services, Counseling for Small Businesses; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Directories, Investment Firms (Responsible/ Sustainable); Financial Assistance, Loans, Low Interest Loans; Information Resource, Management Advice; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Training, Green Building
Campaigns: Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Government, Federal; Government Housing Authority; Government, Small Business Administration (SBA); Government, State/County; Government, US Deptartment of Housing & Urban Development (HUD); Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9795

Comcast free internet, Virus Response

Open Business* · Open

MA

Web www.internetessentials.com/covid19
Service Temporary
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID-19
Updated Mar 17, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10160

Cooperative Elder Services

Walk-in Resource · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit

MA

Phone 781 863 2261
Web www.elderdayservices.com
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/3855

COSTEP, Massachusetts Disaster Prep Focused on Cultural Resources

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web mblc.state.ma.us/costepma
Service Temporary

Services offered: Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level); Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Governments/Community Groups; Information Resource, Historic Preservation Resource
Campaigns: Government, State/County; Government, State Government Department/Agency; Government, US Government Program
Updated May 2, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9685

Disability Resources (Massachusetts listings, incl cash, housing, assistive tech, more)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.disabilityinfo.org/MNIP/DB/FSL/FactSheet.aspx?id=162
Service Temporary
Updated May 25, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9873

Dominican Development Center (immigrant rights)

Walk–in Resource · Open

MA

Web www.dominicandevelopmentcenter.org
Service Temporary

Recent projects:

Bill of Rights for Domestic Workers
The Dominican Development Center (DDC) works to improve the quality of life of immigrant communities residing in the Boston Area. We provide immigration referrals, a citizenship class, and advocate for immigrant workers rights.

Anti Domestic Violence
The Dominican Development Center recently headed out to help some women whose husbands resorted to domestic violence.

International Women's Day

As an effort to serve to the community, DDC has implemented the International Women's Day, an event in which hundreds of women participate every year.

Providing education and all kind of resources to our loved immigrant community.

Our volunteers drove an initiative to teach a number of classes to community leaders in Massachusetts about the importance of having leadership in the community to combat racisms and xenophobia.

Founded: 2007
Founder: Magalis Troncoso Lama

Areas of expertise:
Latin American Community Development, fundraising
Grass–root Leadership Initiatives
Immigration/citizenship programs/ESL
Bilingual programs

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Domestic Violence; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, International Policy; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant, Legal Services; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Demographic Served: Immigrants; Services, Immigration, Refugee Resettlement (See also "Assistance")
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; International Community, Dominican; International Community, Latino
Updated Jan 25, 2018 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10111

Edible Boston (magazine/regional resources/purveyors of locally/sustainably produced food)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.ediblecommunities.com/boston/resources/resources.htm
Service Temporary

This magazine is the local/regional "bible" for finding locally/responsibly produced food. It's forms a "meeting place" for fine food officianados in their search for local sources.

Go to the link above to see links to the advertisers, which I am constantly and pleasantly surprised, whenever I think I've found a NEW local farm or producer, and I check the link and they are already there.

I also use the link to find great places to eat.

Terra (2011), outside Boston

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Directories, Organic/Local Food Producers/Users; Documentation, Environmental Education; Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Food, Organic ($ NOT FREE); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Responsible Buying Guides; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; Recycling, Food; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training, Culinary; Training, Farming, Organic
Campaigns: Edible Communities; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Nature Conservancy; Northeast Organic Farming Association
Updated Sep 18, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8966

Eliot Community Human Services

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
186 Bedford Street; Lexington 02420–4436, MA

Phone 978–369–1113, 781 861–0890
Contact See link to contact list below.
Email See link to contact list below.
Web www.eliotchs.org
Serves MA Statewide
Service Permanent

See extensive contact list:

http://www.eliotchs.org/index.asp?actioncall=page.page_view&pgid=39

From the website:

Mental Health Services

* Residential Services

Eliot's Mental Health Residential Programs serve adult men and women with severe and persistent mental illness in both group homes and apartment settings. The adults living in these homes cultivate the skills they need to move to more independent settings, to reach personal goals, and to live satisfying and successful lives in a community setting.

* Clubhouse Program

Elm Brook Place and Renaissance House are clubhouse programs serving adults with chronic mental illness. This clubhouse, which is run by both members and staff, offers transitional employment placements that help members find or return to work. In addition, the evening and weekend social programs offer recreational activities and a gathering place on holidays.

* Vocational Programs

The Young Adult Vocational Program provides a comprehensive array of pre–vocational, vocational and educational services within a therapeutic environment for young adults between the ages of sixteen and twenty–five who have been diagnosed with a mental illness.

Youth Exploring Possibilities is a transitional age program for young adults in the Metro North and Greater Lynn areas. The program offers an innovative service delivery system which integrates skill building with therapeutic, personal growth and peer mentor components.

Insight Day Rehabilitation Service utilizes a psychosocial rehabilitation approach to promote the development of prevocational, social, recreational and daily living skills for adults with serious and persistent mental illness.

A variety of treatment modalities including individual, group, case management, occupational and recreational therapies are offered to assist in goal development, symptom management and recovery, interpersonal and social skill building.

Developmental Disabilities

* Residential Services

The Developmental Disabilities Residential Programs support developmentally disabled adults in staffed apartments and community residential programs. These residential supports provide opportunities for people to enrich their lives, develop personal skills and competencies, and enjoy a full range of community activities while developing a network of caring

relationships. Eliot manages four homes which serve developmentally disabled men and women and provides support for individuals living independently in their own apartments.

* Vocational / Day Services

The Kelliher Center provides community based day supports and employment supports for adults who are developmentally disabled. The Community Based Day Habilitation program provides opportunities for people to be involved with personal or community activities of their own choosing and to be involved with work activities consistent with their personal goals. The Employment Supports program provides support for people to achieve various work experiences, including supported and competitive employment within their communities. Within the Kelliher Center, people receive individualized training, supervision and compensation for their work.

* Elder Services

The Ombudsman Program provides weekly visits to elderly residents of twenty–four area nursing homes by volunteer Ombudsman, who are trained and supervised. Ombudsman talk with residents, observe the general conditions of the homes, and give the residents an opportunity to express any concerns. With the residents' consent, these volunteers act to ensure that all problems are investigated and addressed. Serious complaints of abuse, mistreatment, or neglect are reported immediately to the proper authorities for investigation. The Ombudsman Program is certified by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and is under contract with Minutemen Home Care.

* Youth Programming

Eliot Community Human Services has developed a network of youth programs that strive to create environments which promote positive growth and change through unique and innovative strategies. Our range of services are designed to provide youth with the values, skills and strengths necessary to face and overcome personal challenges in a way that will enable them to lead happy, healthy and productive lives.

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* Juvenile Justice Programs

The Eliot network of juvenile justice programs serves young men and women ages 12 to 21, who are in the care and custody of the Massachusetts Department of Youth Services. Our service models include short and long term residential care, independent living, and comprehensive assessments.

Each of these highly structured residential programs offer a full range of cognitive–behavioral groups including aggression management, pro–social skill building, substance abuse prevention, moral dilemma discussion and life management skills. In addition, a full schedule of educational, vocational, recreational, clinical and community service components provide a comprehensive intervention to juvenile offenders.

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* Social Service Programs

* STARR Programs

Eliot STARR programs serve children and adolescents from birth to 18 years of age who experience crises at home or in placement. These Department of Social Services funded programs provide a period of high impact, behaviorally and outcome oriented interventions that are designed to stabilize behavior, promote trusting relationships, and develop a comprehensive assessment and plan for a safe future in the community.

* Group Homes

Eliot Group Homes serve adolescents aged 13 to 18 referred by the Massachusetts Department of Social Services. These programs offer long–term treatment and intensive clinical services aimed at preparing residents to return home or to transition into independent living situations upon their return to the community.

* Outpatient Services

The Eliot Outpatient Programs offer outpatient mental health services to children, adolescents, adults and elders at our clinic locations in Concord, Everett and Lynn. Services include diagnostic evaluation, individual, couples, family and group therapy, psychopharmacological services, psychological testing, information and referral, consultation, case management services, and 24–hour emergency coverage.

* Substance Abuse Services

Substance Abuse Counseling is available at our Everett and Lynn Clinics. Services offered include individual and group counseling, education and psychopharmacology for individuals, adults and families. We also provide court ordered treatment for Anger Management.

Driving Under the Influence (DUIL) treatment is a court referred education and counseling program for individuals charged with alcohol related driving offenses.

The Second Offender Program is a court affiliated program for individuals charged with multiple alcohol related driving offenses. Treatment requires court monitored abstinence and weekly attendance at Alcoholics Anonymous meetings in addition to weekly group meetings.

* Batterer Intervention Program

Our Batterer Intervention Program is a 40 week psycho educational program for court ordered and self referred perpetrators of domestic violence. The program assists individuals in recognizing and accepting responsibility for abusive behaviors and learning non–violent alternatives.

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* Emergency and Diversionary Services

* Emergency Services

Our Emergency Services Program provides mobile psychiatric evaluation, crisis intervention, stabilization and follow up for children, adults and elders in acute psychiatric distress, 24–hours per day, 365 days per year. Our service area is Everett, Lynn, Lynnfield, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Nahant, North Reading, Reading, Saugus, Stoneham, Swampscott, and Wakefield.

* Crisis Stabilization Services

Crisis Stabilization is a short term, 24 hour treatment program for adults, which provides intensive crisis management in a structured supportive milieu to stabilize clients in crisis, divert an inpatient admission, or serve as a clinical step–down service for clients transitioning from an inpatient setting. Services include therapy, medication evaluation and monitoring, crisis prevention planning, case management, and nursing.

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* Community Support Services

Community Support (CSP) provides community case advocacy, supportive services, assistance with self–care, referral, and linkage for adults with high rates of hospital readmission and inconsistent use of community resources.

* Family Stabilization Treatment Program

The Family Stabilization Treatment (FST) Program offers intensive, home based clinical and case management services to children and adolescents who have been diagnosed with a mental illness. Staff work with the child and their family to identify treatment goals and coordinate services, which support community based treatment and prevent out of home placement.

* Day Treatment Program

Our Day Treatment Program is a psychiatric and rehabilitative program for adults with a mental illness and/or a mental illness and substance abuse disorder. The program offers individualized goal oriented treatment in a structured milieu. Day Treatment offers a variety of treatment groups addressing issues including: substance abuse and recovery, coping skills, pre–vocational skill building, and family issues.

* Early Intervention Services

The Tri–City Early Intervention Program serves young children and their families who reside in Everett, Malden and Medford. The program provides comprehensive community based services to children from birth up to three years of age who are developmentally delayed, disabled or at risk due to premature birth, neonatal problems or environmental concerns. We also offer support and training to parents and caregivers. Our approach is family focused and parents play an active role in their child’s treatment. Services are provided at the program, in the child's home, and in other community settings.

* Homeless and Outreach Services

Eliot’s Homeless and Outreach Division consists of four specialized programs which span the Commonwealth. Services are designed to engage and assist economically disenfranchised individuals with severe and persistent mental illness, who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Our primary goal is to bring emergency and short term mental health treatment, case management, referral and linkage to individuals living in the streets and in shelters, Core to our mission is linking individuals with existing service delivery systems and permanent housing.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Housing, Long Term Care Residents (Seniors/Elders); Advocacy, Special Needs Folks; Advocacy, Special Needs Folks, Seniors/Elders; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals, Counseling, Childrens Counseling Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Services for Special Needs Folks; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Counseling, Crisis Counseling; Counseling, Crisis Intervention Counseling; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Substance Abuse ; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Group Home, Special Needs/ Mental Illness; Housing, Residential Group Shelter Home, Housing; Medical, Services, Rehabilitation Program; Mental Health, Rehabilitation; Mental Health Services; Mental Health, Vocational, Developmentally Disabled Folks; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Domestic Violence Intervention Services; Services, Employment, Job Assistance, for "at–risk" Job Applicants; Services, Social Services, General Social Services; Services, Special Needs, Early Intervention for Special Needs Children; Services, Substance Abuse, Intervention Services; Services, Substance Abuse, Outpatient Program (Drug/Alcohol); Services, Substance Abuse Treatment (Drug/Alcohology) ; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of

Instruction) ; Training Classes, Life Skills (Special Needs)
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Homelessness Relief Services
Updated Nov 20, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3851

Elks Clubs STATE LISTING (various resources, grants, etc)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Web www.elks.org/lodges/default.cfm
Service Temporary

List of 75 lodges
Updated May 25, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9870

Emergency Aid to Elderly (cash, etc)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Service Temporary

Emergency Aid to Elderly, Disabled & Children (EAEC)
800–249–2007, press 2 for cash assistance or call Transitional Assistance Office.

state funded program which provides cash assistance to those in need to stabilize their lives. Recipients receive EAEDC by meeting certain eligibility criteria.

Services offered: Assistance, How to, File Disaster Disability Benefits; Assistance, How to, File Food Stamp Application; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Information & Resource Referrals (For Elders/Seniors); Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Financial Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Services, Senior/Elderly Services
Updated May 25, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9872

Emergency Management Directors Listing

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Web www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema
Service Temporary

Hurricane Sandy 2012

Situational Awareness Statement
resources and information
Preparedness

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency

Responsible for coordinating federal, state, local, voluntary, and private resources during emergencies and disasters in the Commonwealth.

400 Worcester Road
Framingham, MA 01702 –5399
Ph: (508) 820–2000
Fax: (508) 820–2030
Campaigns: 2012 Hurricane Sandy; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency), County; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency) State
Updated Oct 28, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6256

End Family Homelessnes [statewide and metrowest advocacy]

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Web www.endfamilyhomelessness.net/fy2021–budget–priorities
Service Temporary

Legislative advocacy group

FY2021 BUDGET PRIORITIES

Please help to advocate for as many of these budget issues as you can. Advocating for these struggling families requires very little effort on our part, but the impact of our actions is significant. We hope you will respond to the alerts you receive from us this spring so that programs are fully funded and significant suffering can be avoided.

Mass. Rental Voucher Program (MRVP) – long term housing stability. MRVP is the most effective tool to immediately help families who are homeless or at–risk of homelessness secure homes they can afford. MRVP provides affordable housing for

families and individuals experiencing instability. $130M will increase the number of vouchers available, help preserve housing developments, and make programmatic fixes that will make vouchers more usable, and help tenants stay more stable in their housing. Funding MRVP at $130M will also increase the value of MRVP vouchers to better match current fair market values.
MRVP Funding Request: $130 million Budget line item: 7004–9024
Public Housing Operating Subsidy – supports 45,600 state–sponsored public housing units. Years of underfunding have left many housing authorities struggling to operate and keep units in good repair. The additional $6.5M will help provide up to 6% increase in local housing authority budgets to help operate and preserve this valuable resource.
Public Housing Funding Request: $78 million Budget line item: 7004–9005
Residential Assistance for Families in Transition. RAFT helps families that are at risk of homelessness remain housed. RAFT provides up to $4000 in a twelve–month period to help families pay security deposits, first and last months' rent, moving expenses, rent, utility and mortgage arrears and other housing–related expenses. With $27M, eligible households would be able to receive immediate resources to prevent homelessness. This includes $7M to begin to provide upstream homelessness prevention resources to households who have fallen behind on rent or mortgage payments but are not yet in the eviction or foreclosure process.
RAFT Funding Request: $27 million. Budget line item 7004–9316
Emergency Assistance Family Shelter and Services. Adequately fund and protect family emergency shelter and service programs, the "Safety Net"; and include funding and language to provide shelter to families at "imminent risk of staying in a place not meant for human habitation". In the first four months of FY'19 another 221 (18% of all approved families) were approved for EA only after staying in such dire circumstances. Since this policy was implemented by DHCD in 2012, over 3500 families were approved only after staying in unsafe places. (This does not include those who slept in unsafe places and were never approved for shelter.) In FY'20 though this language was approved in the budget, there is significant evidence that DHCD continued to require eligible families to sleep in emergency rooms before acceptance into shelter.
EA Funding Request: $185 million. And POLICY LANGUAGE CHANGE. Budget Line Item 7004–0101
HomeBASE, Massachusetts Short Term Housing Transition Program. HomeBASE offers families an alternative to shelter by allowing them to stay in their homes, move to new housing, or live with another family. This increase in funding by $2M will support these changes and reduce the number of families in shelters and motels.
HomeBASE Funding Request: $28 million. Budget Line Item 7004–0108
Housing and Services for Unaccompanied Youth and Young Adults Experiencing Homelessness. Provide increased housing and wraparound services to youth and eligible young adults experiencing homelessness and housing instability through the 10 regional agencies selected to administer this program.
Unaccompanied Youth Homelessness Prevention Funding Request: $8 million. Budget Line Item 4000–07

Services offered: Demographic Served: Homeless
Updated Mar 21, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10244

Endangered Species Reporting System

Info/Hotline · Open

Environmental Watchdogs
MA

Web linkinglandscapes.info/roads/home.html
Service Temporary

We are currently requesting information on (1) general wildlife roadkills; (2) vernal pool salamander migrations; (3) turtle crossing hotspots

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Environmental, Wildlife; Animals, Animal Care Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Documentation, Environmental Education; Government, Department of Agriculture; Government, Department of Wildlife & Fisheries; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Environmental Emergency Reporting; Hotline, Environmental Emergency Reporting, "at–risk" Wildlife; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Government; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; Information Resource: Wildlife Management; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Updated Mar 12, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5598

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

Enough Abuse [child abuse/emergency resources, Massachusets listing of orgs]

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.enoughabuse.org/states/massachusetts.html
Service Temporary

see website for links to massachusetts regiojs

Services offered: Demographic Served: Children; Demographic Served: Victims of Sexual Exploitation
Campaigns: Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression
Updated Sep 15, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10344

FEMA – Declared Disasters & Emergencies – Massachusetts

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Service Temporary

To find out if you qualify for assistance:

http://www.fema.gov/news/disaster_totals_annual.fema

Choose your state. Choose the button for "Hurricane Irene" or for whatever storm you are interested in. Note that the one for Irene may be under "Emergency Declarations", the second set of declarations. Then choose the button for "designated counties" to see if your county is there. Note the box on the right hand and choose the "tab" for "individual assistance" to see if your county is qualified to receive federal funds for individuals. Note that "Category B" declarations usually don't have any funds available for individuals. Only for towns and cities.

e–mails:

FEMA Flood Recovery Aid Continues To Rise In Bay State
Thu, 06 May 2010 07:14:25 –0500

Andover, Mass. ¬– State and federal recovery efforts following severe flooding in large areas of Eastern and Central Massachusetts in late March continued to show steady progress as the State/FEMA recovery entered its second month.

Massachusetts Water Main Break
Mon, 03 May 2010 13:31:32 –0500

Emergency Declaration number 3312 declared on May 03, 2010

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Federal Aid Programs For Massachusetts Emergency Disaster
Mon, 03 May 2010 13:48:12 –0500

Following is a summary of key federal disaster aid programs that can be made available as needed and warranted under President Obama’s emergency disaster declaration issued for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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President Declares Emergency Disaster For Massachusetts
Mon, 03 May 2010 13:47:04 –0500

WASHINGTON, D.C. –– The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) today announced that federal disaster aid has been made available to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to supplement commonwealth and local response efforts in the area affected by a water main break beginning on May 1, 2010, and continuing.

Source from:
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MEMA PIO
April 5, 2010
...
FEMA's announcement affirmed that the current Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance will now apply to individuals and businesses impacted by both flooding events last month – March 12–15 and March 29–30.
...
The President's action makes Individual Assistance (IA) Programs available to affected homeowners, renters and businesses in a seven–county area – Essex, Middlesex, Worcester, Suffolk, Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth Counties. State officials are reviewing data to see if any additional counties qualify to be added to the eligibility list.

IA Programs administered by FEMA and the Small Business Administration (SBA) include Individuals and Households Programs (IHP), Disaster Unemployment Assistance, Crisis Counseling, Legal Assistance, Tax Relief and Small Business Administration Disaster Loans.

Individuals and business owners who sustained losses in the designated counties can initiate the application process for assistance by calling the FEMA Teleregistration numbers: 1–800–621–FEMA (3362) or 1–800–462–7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired, or by registering online at www.fema.gov. The toll–free Teleregistration numbers will operate from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week until further notice

Mass. Residents Urged To Register For Disaster Assistance
Sat, 03 Apr 2010 00:56:18 –0500

FRAMINGHAM, Mass. –– Disaster assistance is now available for Bristol, Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk, and Worcester County residents who suffered losses related to severe storms and flooding beginning on March 12 and continuing. Disaster officials with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) urge people with uninsured or underinsured losses to register for help as soon as possible.

Mon, 29 Mar 2010 21:29:49 –0500
Federal Aid Programs For Massachusetts Disaster Recovery
Release Number: HQ–10–059Factsheet
Incident Type: Severe Storms and Flooding
Incident Period: March 12, 2010, and continuing
Bristol, Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk, and Worcester Counties.

full reports at:
http://www.fema.gov/news/event.fema?id=12571

New And Old Disaster Scams Emerge In Bay State

SEE FULL REPORT AT:
http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=50923

...
If you notice suspicious activity in your neighborhood, or suspect someone is trying to commit fraud by coming to your door or contacting you by phone or mail, immediately call your local police department at 911.

Then report it to the State Attorney General's office at Public Inquiry & Assistance Center Hotline at (617) 727–8400 Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (TTY) users 617) 727–4765. The Elder Hotline can assist citizens over the age of 60 at (888) 243–5337. Internet users can file an "e–complaint" at https://www.eform.ago.state.ma.us/ago_eforms/forms/piac_ecomplaint or you can download a printed copy of the e–complaint form and mail it to:

Office of the Attorney General
Public Inquiry & Assistance Center (PIAC)
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108
Campaigns: Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security
Updated Aug 30, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5697

FEMA DRC's

Walk–in Resource · Open

MA

Web asd.fema.gov/inter/locator/drcLocator.jsp
Service Temporary

FULL DRC –
Brimfield:
Clothing, Bedding, Toys, towels, shoes, socks

Services offered: Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Distribution, Disaster Relief Supplies; Linens, Bath, Towels, New or Clean/Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types); Linens, Bedding * (ANY/ALL Types of Bedding) New or Gently Used/CLEAN; Shoes, * New or Gently Used/CLEAN * (ANY/ALL Types); Socks, All Sizes, NEW Only, * (ANY/ALL Types); Toys, * NEW or Clean/Gently Used – Kids In General (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; Government, FEMA, DRC (Disaster Recovery Center)
Updated Jun 26, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8675

Fenway Health

Walk–in Resource · Open

Health Care Outreach
MA

Phone 617 927 6202
Web www.fenwayhealth.org/site/PageServer?pagename=FCHC_srv_services_home

Service Temporary

Services:

Medical Care
Behavioral Health
Dental Care
Eye Care
Pharmacy
Complementary Therapies
Alternative Insemination
HIV, Hepatitis & STD Testing & Services
LGBT Family & Parenting Services
Substance Abuse Services
Support Groups
Toll–Free Listening Lines
Violence Recovery Program
Bisexual Health
Transgender Health
Women's Health
Senior Services
Financial Assistance & Health Insurance

Topics in their RESOURCES section:

TOPICS

LGBTI Health Information Websites
HIV/STD and Safer Sex Websites
LGBT Tobacco Cessation Programs
Alcohol and Substance Use
Violence Prevention Programs and Resources
LGBT Racial and Ethnic Minority Resources
LGBT Youth Resources
LGBT Family and Parenting Resources
LGBT Seniors Resources
Healthcare Proxy and AdvanceDirectives
Coming Out Support
Bisexual Support
Transgender Support
Intersex Support

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Health Referrals; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Counseling ($ NOT FREE) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Crisis Counseling; Counseling, Emotional; Counseling, for Caregivers; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Group Counseling; Counseling, Post Disaster Counseling; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Counseling, Support Group for Caregivers; Counseling, Support Group (Post Disaster); Events, Community Meetings; Financial Assistance, Medical Expenses; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Health Information/Resource Hotline; Medical, Education, Health Awareness; Medical, Education, HIV/AIDS Awareness; Medical, Facility, Clinic ($ Fee–Based Sliding Scale); Medical, Facility, Clinic, Outpatient Clinic; Medical, Services, HIV Palliative Care; Medical, Services, Infectious Disease; Medical, Services, Laboratory / Lab Services; Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Services, Outpatient; Medical, Services, Preventive; Medical, Services, Screening, General Health; Services, Substance Abuse, Outpatient Program (Drug/Alcohol); Services, Substance Abuse Treatment (Drug/Alcohology) ; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Events, Party / Festival; Training Classes, Caregiver Training; Training, Medical, Education, AIDS/HIV Workshops; Training, Medical, Education *(ANY/ALL Types); Training, Medical, Education, General Health; Training, Medical, Education, Health Education for Survivors * (ANY/ALL Types); Training, Medical, Education, HIV/AIDS, Coping With HIV/AIDS
Campaigns: Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Apr 23, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7896

Find Food (Greater Boston Food Bank) Online Database MEALS and Food Pantries

Walk–in Resource · Open

MA

Web www.gbfb.org/need–food/index.php
Service Temporary

FANTASTIC online searchable database for meals and pantries...

The first comprehensive online database of community–suppers in Massachusetts.

also:
Dear all,

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

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

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

Thank you!
Tanya Nguyen
Updated Oct 2, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9718

First Connections (div. of JRI, Inc)

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
MA
Phone 978 287 0221
Service Permanent

Family Support organization for children and families, birth through age 5

Services offered: Advocacy, Child Advocacy; Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Counseling, Support Groups, Parents; Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts
Updated Nov 20, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3492

Food Not Bombs – Massachusetts Listings (FREE FOOD – SHARING)

Walk–in Resource · Open

MA
Web foodnotbombs.net/massachusetts.html
Service Temporary

Regular food sharing, usually vegan, usually w/music. Donations go to help feed people at rallies and social justice events, and to generally share food in general.

ALL KNOWN GROUPS IN MASSACHUSETTS

This page was updated November 12, 2013
There are 14 known groups in Massachusetts

Beverly
beverlyfoodnotbombs@gmail. com
www. beverlyfoodnotbombs.blogspot.com
meet every Friday infront of the 1st Baptist Church on Cabot Street to cook and Serve at 11am every Friday on the Beverly Commons.

Boston/Cambridge
fnbboston@gmail.com
fnboston@lists.riseup.net
fnbboston.org
Fridays 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Park Street Station, Boston.
Sundays 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Central Square Station, Cambridge.

Brookline
PrymordyalSoup@aol.com

Greenfield/Franklin County Food Not Bombs
foodnotbombsgreenfield@ gmail.com

Hyannis
rifullgirl58@comcast.net
Sharing meals on Main Street. Email for details.

Lawrence
We share free food every SUN in front of the YMCA
wearethelast77@hotmail.com

Lowell
EVERY Saturday from 12–3 in Kerouac Park on Bridge Street.

Metrowest
Based out of Ashland and Framingham
foodnotbombsmetrowest@ gmail.com

Northampton
foodnotbombspv@gmail.com

Fridays
Around 3:00 pm in Pulaski Park
(right near the Academy of Music Bus Stop)
Meals and groceries

Sundays
Around 3:00 pm in Pulaski Park
(right near the Academy of Music Bus Stop)
Meals and groceries

Southbridge
southbridgefoodnotbombs@ gmail.com
google.com/ site/southbridefoodnotbombs/

Worcester
We cook every Saturday at noon and serve food at 2 behind City Hall.
Contact: 774–239–2670
Email us at: fnbworcester@gmail.com
And visit our facebook site at: www.facebook.com/pages/Worcester–Food–Not–Bombs

Pioneer Valley
foodnotbombspv@gmail.com
Fridays
Around 3:00 pm in Pulaski Park
(right near the Academy of Music Bus Stop)
Meals and groceries

Sundays
Around 3:00 pm in Pulaski Park
(right near the Academy of Music Bus Stop)
Meals and groceries

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Demographic Served: Artists/Artist Communities; Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender); Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Demographic Served: Social Peers; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Teens; Demographic Served: Teens, Troubled; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Vegan; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling, Food; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 350.org; Alternative Societies; Bartering Network; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Environmental Sustainability; Food Not Bombs; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Green–Rainbow Party; Homelessness Relief Services; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 2, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9748

Food Project, The (youth farming initiative)

School · Open

MA

Web thefoodproject.org/what–we–do
Service Temporary

Services offered: New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; School, New Educational Concept; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training Classes, Trade Skills, Training; Training Classes, Vocational; Training, Farming, Organic Farming; Training, Job Training

Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9784

Free Clinic Directory, Massachusetts (also can search by town)

Medical Facility · Open

MA

Web freeclinicdirectory.org/massachusetts_care.html
Service Temporary

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals, Health Referrals; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Medical, Facility, Clinic ($ Fee–Based Sliding Scale); Medical, Facility, Clinic, Free Clinic; Medical, Facility, Clinic, Outpatient Clinic; Medication, Rx, * Prescription Medicine * (ANY/ALL Types); OTC, Medicine * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Dec 29, 2016 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10003

Free Dental Care INDEX LINK

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.freedentalcare.us/st/massachusetts
Service Temporary

See link above.

3/2013 listings:

Holyoke Health Center
Holyoke Health Center – Holyoke
Holyoke, MA – 01040
413–420–2200
Their Dental Team sees patients of all ages, regardless of whether or not they have insurance. You can make an appointment, or you can come in for non–emergency urgent dental needs. Dental care is available to all patients, regardless of where you receive their medical care. Dental Care for adults
Chicopee Health Center
Chicopee Health Center – Chicopee
Chicopee, MA – 01013
413–420–2222
This Dental Team sees patients of all ages, regardless of whether or not they have insurance. You can make an appointment, or you can come in for non–emergency urgent dental needs. Care is available to all patients, regardless of where you receive their medical care. Care for adults and children,
Family Health Care of Worcester, Inc.
Family Health Care of Worcester, Inc. – Worcester
Worcester, MA – 1610
(508) 860–7910
Adult and Pediatric Dental Services are available to all registered FHC patients and their families. The department offers a full range of dental services for both adults and child
North Shore Community Health, Inc.
North Shore Community Health, Inc. – Salem
Salem, MA – 1970
(978) 740–0674
Open Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Evening Hours: Tuesday and Wednesday until 7:00 p.m. This clinic provides a variety of dental services, which include emergency services as well. They offers a sliding fee plan, depending on your family size and income it can reduce your charges for
Gloucester Family Dental Center
Gloucester Family Dental Center – Gloucester
Gloucester, MA – 01930–4836
(978) 282–8899
Open Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Evening hours: Tuesday until 7:00 p.m. At this facility they offer an array of dental services, which also include emergency services. A sliding fee plan is offered at this facility, depending on your family size and income it can reduce your charges
Chp Dental Center
Chp Dental Center – Great Barrington
Great Barrington, MA – 1230
413–528–5565
CHP's mission is to provide accessible care and services to improve the health and well being of residents of all ages living in Berkshire County and adjacent communities, regardless of insurance status, immigrant status, or ability to pay. The CHP Dental Center is a comprehensive general dentistry

Hsh Dental Clinic
Hsh Dental Clinic – Springfield
Springfield, MA – 01105–1112
413–731–9575
Permanent Clinic.
Massachusetts Mental Health Ctr
Massachusetts Mental Health Ctr – Jamaica Plain
Jamaica Plain, MA – 02130–3735
617–626–9300
Permanent Clinic.
Norwich Dental Care
Norwich Dental Care – Worcester
Worcester, MA – 01608–2421
508–755–1119
Permanent Clinic.
Action Health Services Mobile Dental Van
Action Health Services Mobile Dental Van – Winchendon
Winchendon, MA – 01475–1632
978–878–8110
Mobile Van Clinic.
Roxbury Dental Clinic
Roxbury Dental Clinic – Roxbury
Roxbury, MA – 02119–1868
617–541–3777
Permanent Clinic.
Ellen Jones Comm Dental Clinic
Ellen Jones Comm Dental Clinic – Harwich
Harwich, MA – 02645–1813
508–430–7710
Permanent Clinic.
Framingham Chc – Dental
Framingham Chc – Dental – Framingham
Framingham, MA – 01702–8302
508–270–2635
Permanent Clinic.
Lazarus House, Inc.
Lazarus House, Inc. – Lawrence
Lawrence, MA – 1842
(978)689–8575
Lazarus House Inc., spirtually based welcomes all in the name of God. It provides a continuum of care encompassing but not limited too: food, shelter, clothing, advocacy, job training, medical and dental care, a listening ear, a welcoming heart, the restoration of dignity and self respect to the poo
Outer Cape Dental Center
Outer Cape Dental Center – Wellfleet
Wellfleet, MA – 2667
(508)349–3131
We have been a part of the Outer Cape Community for over 30 years. Since Dr. Martinez's acquisition of the practice in 2003, initial updates were made to improve the interior of the office and the replacement of the old dental chairs and x–ray units. The second phase of the updates, which was
Lynn Comm Health Ctr Dental Prog
Lynn Comm Health Ctr Dental Prog – Lynn
Lynn, MA – 01901–1315
781–581–9832
Permanent Clinic.
Clinton Satellite Dental Center
Clinton Satellite Dental Center – Clinton
Clinton, MA – 01510–2556
978–368–0340
Permanent Clinic.
Whittier Street Health Center
Whittier Street Health Center – Roxbury
Roxbury, MA – 2120
(617) 427–1000

The Dental Department at Whittier Street Health Center offers extensive services for patients of all ages. These services include comprehensive exams and evaluations, X–rays, cleanings and check–ups, and composite (tooth–colored) fillings.A full r
South Cove Community Health Center
South Cove Community Health Center – Boston
Boston, MA – 2111
(617) 521–6700
Dental General dentistryOral surgery School fluoride treatment programHours:Monday – Friday: 9:00am –5:30pm Saturday: 9:00am – 3:00pm
South Boston Community Health Center
South Boston Community Health Center – Boston
Boston, MA – 2127
(617) 269–7500
South Boston Community Health Center's Dental Department provides comprehensive oral health care for children and adults. Our adult clinic offers a wide range of services from cosmetic work like veneers and bleaching to basic and preventive dental work

Services offered: Dental, Services * (ANY/ALL Types of Dental Services)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Mar 19, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9669

Free Food Fridges [Massachusetts list]

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.edibleboston.com/blog/2021/3/24/where–to–find–community–fridges–and–little–free–pantries–in–greater–boston–and–worcester–county
Service Temporary

[live links at the link above]

BOSTON

Allston Community Fridge
@Allstonbrightonfridges
1 N. Beacon Street

Brighton Community Fridge
@Allstonbrightonfridges
243 Faneuil Street

Dorchester Community Fridge
@dotcommunityfridge
1471 Dorchester Avenue

Earthy Boston – Fenway Fridge
@earthy.boston
506 Park Drive

Jamaica Plain Community Fridge
@bostoncommunityfridge
[looking for a new location]

Mattapan Community Fridge
@matcommunityfridge
1290 Blue Hill Avenue

Roslindale Community Fridge
@roslindalecommunityfridge
4140 Washington Street
Cambridge

Bridge Fridge
@communityforusbyus
157 Windsor Street

Coast Community Fridge (Riverside)
@cambridgecitygrowers
5 Callendar Street

Fridge in the Square (Harvard Square)
@cambridgefridge
52 Church Street
NEWTON

Newton Community Freedge
@newtoncommunityfreedge
420 Watertown Street
SOMERVILLE

Somerville Community Fridge
@somervillecommunityfridge
35 Prospect Street
WORCESTER

Fridge at the Bridge
@worcester_freefridge
300 Southbridge Street

Worcester Community Fridges
@woofridge
910 Main Street

Other fridges will be opening soon. Follow them on social media:

@hydeparkcommunityfridge
@lynncommunityfridge
@southbostoncommunityfridge
@southendfridge

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Jun 11, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10439

Free Food Listings [Massachusetts, food pantries AND more!]

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.freefood.org/s/massachusetts
Service Temporary

Services offered: Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Sep 26, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10373

Free Medical Clinics in Massachusetts (online listing by town)

Info/Hotline · Open

OnLine Resource
MA

Web www.freemedicalcamps.com/vcity.php?stateid=MA
Service Temporary

Congregation Beth El on Hudson Road in Sudbury offers free medical care to anyone asking for it including no cost or low cost medications. Social services are also offered. This program has been going–on for quite some time and is provided by volunteers. Of course, all of the doctors, nurses and other professionals are certified and licensed. Information is kept private and referrals can also be provided. Spanish and Portuguese translation is available on the phone and at the clinic. It takes place in the sanctuary which is converted into a clinic on Tuesday evenings. A second location is now available at the First Parish Church, Framingham. Information on the program is available at: www.metrowestfreemedicalprogram.org which also includes the current month's schedule.

Services offered: Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Health Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Medical Resources Referral; Dental, Facility, Dental Clinic; Dental, Mobile Dental Clinic; Dental, Services * (ANY/ALL Types of Dental Services) ; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Facility, Clinic, Free Clinic; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Jun 4, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4694

Free/Low Cost Dental Care (Low Income) INDEX

Info/Hotline · Open

Medical Care
MA

Web www.associatedcontent.com/article/4030/inexpensive_dental_care_in_massachusetts.html
Service Temporary

http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/4030/inexpensive_dental_care_in_massachusetts.html

Dr. David Leader

Like many dentists, I speak regularly with parents and children about dentistry. After a particularly well attended session in July, I was packing my bags, and I overheard a young child ask her father when she would see
a dentist. His sad reply was, "Honey, dentistry is for people who can afford it. We'll buy you a new toothbrush today." I do not know if I was meant to overhear that exchange, but I have an answer.

In Massachusetts, particularly in and around Boston some sites offer dental services at little or no cost to those who are not financially able to see a dentist in a private office. Often, only basic care is provided.

That is enough for most of us. Most people only see a dentist for checkups and the occasional simple restoration (filling).

One social safety net that has served the commonwealth for many years is Mass Health. Mass Health administers the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and Medicaid. Mass Health offers medical and dental benefits for children and young adults through many clinics and private dental offices. This program is available to residents of Massachusetts who pass a financial needs test (income of no more than 133 to 200 percent of federal poverty levels). If the young lady's father and mother earn no more than $38,712.00, per year than she would qualify. Information on eligibility and application is available online at www.state.ma.us/dma/, or call the Mass Health Enrollment Center at 1–888–665–9993.

The Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS) offers a new needs–based program for low cost dental care called "Massdentists CARE." This program is for children of low–income families. Call Andrea DeFeo of the Massachusetts Dental Society for an application at (800)342–8747.

Boston is fortunate to have three dental schools and two hygiene schools in or near the city. Treatment in a dental school is not usually free, but it is comparatively inexpensive. Fees at Tufts, BU, and Harvard's
dental school clinics are much less than the cost of similar treatment in a private office or clinic. Forsythe and Middlesex hygiene schools provide very inexpensive preventive care; if further treatment is needed you will be referred to the dentist or clinic of your choice. Receiving care in a dental or hygiene school takes longer than in a private office. Students and patients learn together in a cooperative atmosphere. Tufts, Forsythe, Harvard, and BU's clinics are very easy to reach by public transportation. For more information, contact the school of your choice at the following numbers:

• Boston University Dental School, (617) 638–4700

• The Forsythe Department of Dental Hygiene, (617) 262–5200

• Harvard School of Dental Medicine, (617) 432–1434, menu option #1

• Middlesex Community College Hygiene Clinic, (978) 656–3250

• Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, (617) 636–6614

Many community health centers such as the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center have dental clinics. Their dental clinics accept Mass Health and some offer a sliding fee scale based on income. The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center's dental clinic only treats children.

For victims of domestic violence, a grant will pay for dental care. Information on this grant is privileged. Only women's shelters have information on this grant. The treatment sites are secret, and all patients and their records are de–identified to protect their privacy.

Dental Service of Massachusetts, also known as Delta Dental Plan of Massachusetts provides funds for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Reimbursement Grant through their charitable foundation. This generous grant is administered by Dr. Kanchan Ganda of Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. Patients with HIV/AIDS receive comprehensive treatment within the dental school clinic all of which is paid for by the Ryan White Grant.

This is not a perfect answer. Mass Health does not cover dental treatment of most adults over the age of 21 except for emergency pain control and tooth extraction. Many clinics that offer free and low cost treatment have long waiting lists. Contact your state representative and senator (in Malden they are Reps. Christopher Fallon, Edward Connelly and Paul Donato, and Sen. Richard Tisei) to make sure that they know how much dental care is valued in their districts.

Bio of article writer:

Dave Leader is an Assistant Clinical Professor at Tufts Dental School in Boston, a family dentist in Malden, Ma, and an MPH/Health Communication Student at Tufts University. The Scleroderma Foundation named Dr Leader their 2008 Doctor of the Year. Dr Leader is studying for a Master of Public Health degree with a concentration in Health Communication at Tufts University and Emerson College in Boston. Married, father of 3 (two in college).

Services offered: Dental, Facility, Dental Clinic; Financial Assistance, Dental Assistance
Updated May 7, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5848

FreeFood.org (FREE FOOD listings, online database) (mostly just food pantries so far)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.freefood.org/s/massachusetts
Service Temporary

from the site:

About Free Food

Free Food is not associated with any government agency or nonprofit organization. We list Free Food centers throught the US.

[Not sure if they are positioning to start advertising or what. But they don't have a statement of principle...so not sure]

Services offered: Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Hungry; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Online Database Resource; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 3, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9754

Fuel Asisstance list of resources (for heating fuel)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Service Temporary

Fuel Assistance

Citizens Energy
http://www.citizensenergy.com/main/Home.html
(877) 563–4645
Allows families to purchase one time deliveries of discount home heating oil.

Good Neighbor Energy Fund (Salvation Army)
http://www.magoodneighbor.org/
(800) 262–1320 (413 area code residents)
(800) 334–3047 (Eastern MA)
For Utilities only. Income must be within 200 –275% of Federal Poverty Income Guideline. Those who qualify may receive up to $275 per household per heating session.

HEATLINE
(800) 632–8175 Call Heatline to find out which Community Action Program (CAP) serves your area. Eligibility based on low income & assets.
http://app1.ocd.state.ma.us/fuel/ (Look under fuel assistance for your town)(as of September 2013 under construction)

Mayor's Inspectional Services
http://www.cityofboston.gov/isd/
(617) 635–1010
Emergency # for the City of Boston

United Way of Massachusetts
http://apps.liveunited.org/myuw/luindex.cfm?id=browseCities&abbr=MA&app=
#211
Provides information & referral. Call for resources.

Services offered: Financial Assistance, Heating Fuel; Fuel, * (ANY/ALL Types); Vouchers * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated May 25, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9875

Good Earth Community Supported Agriculture RESOURCE WEBSITE (good info about how CSAs work)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Service Temporary
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9783

Good Neighbor Energy Fund (via Salvation Army)

Info/Hotline · Open

Social Services
MA
Phone 800–262–1320 (serving area code 413) or 1–800–334–3047 (serving area codes 508, 617, 781, and 978).
Web www.magoodneighbor.org/q&a.html
Eligibility see website
Service Temporary

First contact should be through the Boston office of the Salvation Army – 617–542–5420, ext. 512.

Of if the individual seeking assistance is an Acton Resident, they can call the Acton Council On Aging at 978–264–9643.

Eligibility:
(see http://www.magoodneighbor.org/assistance.html for current version):

Household
Size Total Gross Yearly Income

1 $20,420 to $28,078
2 $27,380 to $37,648
3 $34,340 to $47,218
4 $41,300 to $56,788
5 $48,260 to $66,358
6 $55,200 to $75,928
7 $62,180 to $85,498
8 $69,140 to $95,068

For each additional person, add $6,800 to $9,350

Emergency Grant Applications will be accepted starting December 1, 2007. All other Grant Applications will be accepted starting January 1, 2008. The grant per eligible household is $275 per season regardless of amount owed. Grants for a household must be paid directly to the vendor(s).

From their website:

Q. If there are other programs available, why is the Good Neighbor Energy Fund needed?

A. The federal and state energy assistance funds have strict income guidelines that disqualify many people who, because of unexpected circumstances, experience a temporary need for assistance.

Q. Where does the Good Neighbor Energy Fund get its funds from?

A. Appeals go out to the general public and the business community for contributions. Any contributions made by customers are recognized by the energy companies with various matching and giving programs.

Q. How does the fund work?

A. Requests for assistance go through The Salvation Army, which has income and household member guidelines for qualification. To qualify for assistance, an applicant's gross household income must fall between a specified percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines. Those who qualify may receive up to $275 per household per heating season.

Q. How do I make a donation?

A. Donations can be placed in the mint green GNEF envelopes, which are most prominently found in customers' energy bills, and returned to The Salvation Army. Other energy companies offer an "add a dollar" option which allows customers to increase their monthly utility bill payment by one dollar or more. Or, simply donate on–line via The Salvation Army web site. Of course, you can just send your check to The Salvation Army, 147 Berkeley Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116–5197. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the "Good Neighbor Energy Fund."

Q. Is there a minimum donation I have to make?
A. No. A donation of any size will help.

Q. Is my donation tax deductible?
A. Yes. The Good Neighbor Energy Fund qualifies as a non–profit, 501(c)(3) tax–exempt recipient.

Q. How do I know that the money I send in is actually being used to help people with their energy bills?

A. The Salvation Army is charged with maintaining a separate account for the Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund contributions and is responsible for distribution of those funds for the specific purpose of energy bill payment.

Q. At what time of the year does the Good Neighbor Energy Fund stop helping people with their energy bills?

A. The Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund disburses available funds throughout most of the year. The campaign to raise funds begins anew each January, when the demand for assistance typically begins its winter–weather climb.

Q. Who do I call for more information about making a donation or requesting assistance?

A. For more information about making a donation, call your energy company or the Salvation Army at 617–542–5420. To request assistance, please contact 800–262–1320 (serving area code 413) or 1–800–334–3047 (serving area codes 508, 617, 781, and 978).

Services offered: Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance; Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance (For Seniors/Elders); Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Social Services, General Social Services
Campaigns: Salvation Army
Updated Sep 22, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3547

Good News Garage (affordable cars for disabled and income qualified) some car repair?(not verified)

Walk–in Resource · Open

MA

Web www.goodnewsgarage.org
Service Temporary

Good News Garage of Massachusetts
http://www.goodnewsgarage.org
1–860–218–2968, contact persons are Kristen or Ryan.

Note: Currently only under contract from Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission. Will only take calls from MRC. Repairs donated cars to provide them to low–income individuals.

Many donated cars are repaired and provided to families in need. Some vehicles require excessive, costly repairs or would be too expensive for our recipients to maintain. These vehicles are sold and the funds help to refurbish a vehicle more appropriate for a client.

Services offered: Vehicle, Car; Volunteer, Car Repair
Updated May 25, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9876

Gulf Coast Works (See Bridge to Biloxi)

MA

Service Temporary
Updated Feb 18, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2893

Happy Cow (online database of vegetarian/vegan ~ responsible restaurants) (NOT FREE)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.happycow.net/north_america/usa/massachusetts
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Directory of Services, Worldwide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Food, Organic ($ NOT FREE); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Meals, Vegan; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Community Supported Agriculture (CSA); Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Social Activists/ Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jun 5, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9885

Harvard Alpaca Ranch

Open Business* · Open

MA

Web harvardalpacaranch.com/index.html
Service Temporary

from the website:

"Our alpacas our fortunate to have large areas of pasture to graze and stretch their legs. We strive to make our farm earth–friendly and sustainable. Our farm is completely powered by the sun, both through the solar panels on our roof and through the pasture grass we grow. We pride ourselves in providing our herd the highest quality facilities to ensure happy and healthy alpacas. Happy and healthy alpacas produce high quality fiber that we turn into first rate products."

"As we move forward with our dream, we have a number of objectives to accomplish:

· Create a welcoming and family–friendly farm that is accessible to all abilities.

· Build an extremely high quality herd of alpacas and breeding program.

· Provide a safe and healthy environment for our herd and all our visitors.

· Educate others about how amazing alpacas are.

· Produce a sustainable and earth–friendly product.

· Sell a variety of unique alpaca products in our store.

· Establish an alpaca therapy program, for those who want/need to utilize animal assisted activities/therapy.

We'd love to welcome you to our farm and show you around. We're open most weekends 10:00am to 5:00pm or contact us at harvardalpacas@gmail.com to let us know when you'd like to visit."
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 26, 2019 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10139

Hitchcock Shoes (extra wide) GOOD PRIVACY POLICY!

Open Business* · Open

MA

Web www.wideshoes.com/policy.html
Service Temporary

Feb 14 2017:

This is the web site of Hitchcock Shoes, Inc.,

which publishes the Hitchcock Wide Shoes for Men catalog and offers extra wide shoes for both men and women through our wideshoes.com online catalog. We have been an independent, family–owned business since our founding in 1951 and are not associated with any other catalog, direct marketer or other company. Our postal address is 225 Beal St., Hingham, MA 02043. We can be reached via e–mail at hitchcock@wideshoes.com or by telephone at 1–781–749–3260.

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If you sign up for our online newsletter, we may send you occasional e–mail announcements about special sales and new offerings but we promise not to abuse the privilege and you may unsubscribe at any time. We NEVER rent or sell our mailing or email lists to any other company or organization. Any information we have about you is strictly guarded and used only to help us serve you better.

If you give us your mailing address, we will add your name to our mailing list to receive our catalog, which is normally mailed six to nine times a year. Your name will not be rented, sold or in any other way shared with other companies, and we will promptly discontinue mailing to you if requested to do so. We also appreciate being told of unintentional duplicate mailings and being informed of change of address if you move.

Consumer Data and Transaction Security

The data you provide through our secure on–line ordering system is protected by an encrypted SSL connection. Only authorized Hitchcock supervisory personnel have access to our secure site. Once your order is entered into our proprietary order processing system on our internal network, it is accessible only by authorized members of our customer service staff to fill your order or to fill your customer service request. (We never contract with outside call centers.) All our customer information is stored in the well–supervised office environment of our Hingham headquarters and our computer programs and office procedures are specifically designed to safeguard all personal customer information included in order processing paperwork and computer files.

About "Cookies"

A cookie is simply a piece of information that is temporarily stored on your disk drive by the browser. We use cookies only in the following two ways:

(1) To keep track of the contents of your shopping cart while you are shopping. The information is kept for research purposes only after you submit your order. We do not sell or share this information for direct or targeted solicitations by any other companies or unrelated third parties.

(2) Your name and address information from the order form are put in a cookie to allow the form to fill in these items automatically the next time you use it.

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Services offered: Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics, GOOD PRIVACY POLICY
Updated Feb 13, 2017 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10008

Homeless Shelter Directory (online database)

Info/Hotline · Open

Housing Resource
MA

Web www.homelessshelterdirectory.org/cgi–bin/id/opensearch.cgi?city=acton&state=MA
Service Temporary

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Short–Term Housing Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Information & Referral (For

Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Shelter Referrals, Youth Focused; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Online Housing Directory Resource; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Services, Disaster Relief; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Battered Womens Shelter; Shelter, Day Shelter; Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Shelter, Emergency Shelter, Special Needs ; Shelter, Emergency Shelter, Youth Focused; Shelter, Homeless, Mens Homeless Shelter; Shelter, Homeless Shelter; Shelter, Womens, Battered Womens Shelter; Shelter, Women's Shelter

Updated Nov 10, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6770

Homeless Shelter Directory, Massachusetts

Shelter · Open

MA

Web www.homelessshelterdirectory.org/massachusetts.html
Service Temporary

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Short–Term Housing Referrals; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Homeless Shelter

Updated May 17, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9866

Homeless Shelter Directory, Massachusetts (MA Homeless Coalition)

Shelter · Open

MA

Web mahomeless.org/get–help/families
Service Temporary

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Short–Term Housing Referrals; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Homeless Shelter

Updated Jan 1, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9868

Homeless Shelters, Yellow Pages (Good list!)

Shelter · Open

MA

Web www.yellowpages.com/ma/homeless–cshelters
Service Temporary

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Short–Term Housing Referrals; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Homeless Shelter

Updated May 17, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9867

Hostel Listing for Massachusetts (mostly in Boston, some on the Cape/islands)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.hostels.com/massachusetts–state/usa
Service Temporary

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Short–Term Housing Referrals; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Hostel (NOT FREE); Housing, Online Housing Directory Resource; Housing, Transitional Housing; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types)

Updated May 25, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9878

Hunger Networks (to address hunger, run by Project Bread)

Info/Hotline · Open

Project Bread

MA

Web www.projectbread.org/site/PageServer?pagename=comm_hungernetworks
Service Temporary

Updated May 3, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4313

Interpretors Collective (translation services/mission)

Open Business* · Open

MA

Web interpreterscollective.org
Service Temporary

This appears to be both volunteer driven and a for–pay service. Not sure where the line is, but it appears to be worker–owned/run.

Services offered: Services: Translators, Interpretation Services; Translators, American Sign Language (For Deaf People), Volunteer Services
Updated Mar 19, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9934

Jane Doe, Inc Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Info/Hotline · Open

Advocacy Group
MA
Service Temporary

Reported in the Boston Globe 1/14/08:

Victims turned away from shelters more than quadrupled from 1,374 in fiscal 2003 to 5,520 in 2005

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Demographic Information; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Women's Services
Updated Oct 6, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2872

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

Volunteer Camp · Open

MA
Web www.massjwj.net
Service Temporary

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

Covid19 list of mutual aid networks:

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

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Employment, "At-Risk" Job Applicants; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Calendar, Community Events/Protest Actions; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Demographic Served: Immigrants; Demographic Served: LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender); Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Undocumented Individuals; Demographic Served: Unemployed; Demographic Served: Uninsured; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Victims of Environmental Injustice; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Events, Protest Actions; Hotline, Legal Advice & Referrals; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights, First Amendment; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Services, Legal Assistance; Services, Legal, Immigration Legal Services; Training, Activism; Training, Citizen Activism, Constitutional Law; Training Classes, Immigrant Worker Rights Instruction; Training, Government Policy; Training Government, Training on How it Works; Training, Legal
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID-19; Alternative Societies; Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Jobs with Justice; Neighborhood Network; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co-Operatives
Updated Apr 25, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9827

Judy Lugus

Open

Private Citizen Volunteers
MA
Phone 978-475-6361
Service Temporary
Updated Nov 19, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/474

Knights of Columbus (disability grants, etc, incl mental disabilities, $, etc)

Donor · Open

MA
Web massachusettsstatekofc.org
Service Temporary

Ask Catholic Church for name of Council member to obtain an application. You don't have to be Catholic to apply.
Funds are earmarked for children with special needs under age of 20 and all ages with intellectual disabilities. (7k available every 3 yrs. for home modifications, van purchase, medical equipment, hearing aids etc)

per: http://www.disabilityinfo.org/MNIP/DB/FSL/FactSheet.aspx?id=162

Services offered: Construction, Home Repair Services (For Seniors/Elders); Construction, Trailer Accessibility for Disabled People; Demographic Served: Disabled, Persons With Disabilities; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Special Needs; Directories, Directory of Services, Disabled Services; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Equipment, Wheelchair Ramp; Services, Disabled, Handicapped Ramp Build/Repair; Services, Disabled, Services for the Disabled (See also Senior Services); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"
Campaigns: Knights of Columbus (Local Civic Group)
Updated May 25, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9880

Lawrence Massachusetts Gas Explosion Survivors/Shelters Donations Needs List [link to updates]

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web cityoflawrence.com/718/Lawrence–Gas–Emergency
Service Temporary

The above link goes to the City of Lawrence website.

As of Saturday Sept 15, 2018:

Lawrence Senior Center (155 Haverhill St. – Enter from north of the City)

Donations of non–perishable foods, including: fresh and dried fruits, granola bars, small juice boxes, animal crackers, food for infants, nuts and trail mixes, applesauce, pudding, etc.

NEEDED:

Hand sanitizers,
alcohol pads,
socks,
underwear for kids and adults,
Blankets,
toiletries,
feminine products,
toilet paper,
towels

Here's another list of orgs seeking donations: https://patch.com/massachusetts/andover/merrimack–valley–explosions–how–help

Services offered: Donations * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Sep 15, 2018 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10128

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law

Info/Hotline · Open

Legal Services – ProBono
MA

Phone (617) 482–1145
Service Temporary

Populations: Residents of service area.

Service Area: Massachusetts.

Legal Areas: Employment and housing discrimination, education discrimination and school desegregation, voting rights, racial violence, and police misconduct.

Requirements: The committee seeks attorneys and paralegal to contribute six to eight hours a week or to work on a particular case or project.

Support: Orientation, reference materials, training, manuals and supervision.

Contact: Norma D'Apolito
294 Washington St, Ste 443

Boston MA 02108
Location: 294 Washington St
Suite 443
Boston MA 02108

Counties: Statewide

Categories:

EMPLOYMENT
HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS
CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES

EDUCATION
POLICE ABUSE
Updated Apr 13, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4275

Legal Advocacy & Resource Center

Info/Hotline · Open

Legal Services – ProBono
MA

Phone (617) 603–1700
Contact Rosa Previdi, Executive Director
Email rprevidi@GBLS.org
Web www.larcma.org
Service Temporary

Legal Advocacy & Resource Center

Mission: LARC operates a statewide free legal hotline that serves as the primary entry point for low–income callers in the Greater Boston area who believe they are experiencing legal problems. LARC staff provide civil legal information as well as referrals to appropriate legal and social service agencies.

Volunteer Activities: Undergraduate and law students can receive training to staff the hotline or work on specific projects. Attorneys may volunteer to staff the hotline, call back clients on specific legal topics such as foreclosure, SSI or bankruptcy or join LARC's pro bono employment panel which provides low–income clients with legal assessment and advice over the telephone from their office.

Populations: LARC focuses on low–income households but does not restrict services; intake screeners use income guidelines to determine eligibility for free/reduced fee services.

Service Area: All of Massachusetts

Legal Areas: Housing, domestic relations, consumer, employment, Social Security, and public benefits

Requirements: To staff the hotline, a minimum of 3 hours/week for 4 months is preferred; to join the pro bono panel, a commitment of 2 hours every couple of months is adequate. Note: Employment panel is for telephone consultation only and from your own office. All encouraged. Bilingual (Spanish) attorneys needed.

Short Term Opportunities: To staff the hotline, a minimum of 3 hours/week for 4 months is preferred; to join the pro bono panel a commitment of 2 hours every couple of months is adequate.

Support: Orientation to agency; training covering hotline legal areas; attorney supervision while staffing hotline; ongoing staff training and case review.

Boston MA 02114
Location: 197 Friend St
Ninth Floor
Boston MA 02114
(617) 603–1705 Administr
(617) 603–1700 Hotline o
(617) 371–1188 (fax)

Counties: Suffolk, Statewide

Categories:

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES
HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS
HEALTH CARE
FAMILY LAW (DOMESTIC ABUSE)
FAMILY LAW (DIVORCE & CUSTODY)
EMPLOYMENT
ELDERLY
SMALL CLAIMS
PROBATE
DISABILITY LAW
CONSUMER
BENEFITS
BANKRUPTCY
Updated Apr 13, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4276

Lexington: Mutual Aid Lexington

Volunteer Camp · Open

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Web docs.google.com/document/d/1n7Qre55HQ8fFYC9D3BLQ1x5NWXrilNapylo2FAbaXm4/edit
Service Temporary

click above to get to their main site.

from the site:

Welcome to the Mutual Aid Lexington network! In these chaotic and uncertain times, we need to show up for one another and remember that we are not alone. The following is put together based on a guide created by Mutual Aid Medford and Somerville (MAMAS) Network and Western MA Community Mutual Aid Network – thank you to those folks for taking initiative to look out for their community and offer a framework for other communities.

Mutual aid is a powerful way to build strong connections– we all have something to offer and we all have something we need. This group is still building out infrastructure, but here's what we have so far:
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Mar 21, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10219

LGBT Aging Project

Info/Hotline · Open

Senior Services
MA
Phone 617 522 1292
Web www.lgbtagingproject.org
Service Temporary

info at lgbtagingproject dot org

Bob Linscott, Assistant Director,
blinscott at lgbtagingproject dot org

from the website:

History of the LGBT Aging Project

The LGBT Aging Project was founded in 2001 by a group of advocates from both the aging service network and the LGBT community who recognized that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender elders are invisible to mainstream elder service providers and that older LGBTs are invisible within LGBT community as well.

The LGBT Aging Project hosted a LGBT Aging Summit with over 100 agencies and activists which resulted in a written action plan that outlined the goals of our work, ranging from training of mainstream elder care providers to civil marriage rights and expanded social activities for LGBT elders themselves.

In most cases our aim was to facilitate change in existing systems, not provide direct services ourselves. We projected completion of most of our work plan within three years. However we have exceeded this timeline due to tremendous culture change and receptivity to LGBT issues over the past few years.

The LGBT Aging Project's work is focused in Massachusetts, but we are also founding members of the National Roundtable on LGBT Aging, hosted by the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF – The Task Force) which allows us to collaborate with colleagues throughout the country and address national policy issues together.

Since its inception the Aging Project has collaborated with community partners to conduct research among LGBT elders and mainstream providers, engaged scores of LGBT elders themselves, provided training to more than 2,000 people and increased public awareness of LGBT elders and caregivers, and the issues that impact their lives. We are proud of our pioneering and innovative work within both the mainstream and LGBT communities.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Advocacy, Domestic Violence; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Womens Rights; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, How To, Navigating Disaster Survivor Insurance Process ; Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Counseling, Disaster Survivor Counseling Referrals; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Community Outreach Programs; Community Service Program; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender); Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Legal Advice & Referrals; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Services, Emergency Services, Senior/Elder; Services, Legal Assistance; Services, Legal Assistance for Seniors/Elderly; Services, Support, Caregiver Support Services; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Networking Group, Families; Training Classes, Caregiver Training; Training Classes, Education, Parenting; Training Classes, Volunteer Orientation & Training; Volunteer, Long–Term Volunteer Opportunities; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Elder/Senior Volunteers (This facility accomodates Elder Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteers, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Apr 23, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7893

LifeLine (FREE or cheap cell phone, for income qualified)

Info/Hotline · Open

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Service Temporary

Lifeline Free Wireless Cell Phone Service
is a government supported free cell phone service for Massachusetts residents with limited incomes. There are no contracts or monthly fees. People who are getting TAFDC, EAEDC, SSI, food stamps, MassHealth/Medicaid or LIHEAP fuel assistance are eligible.

There are two Lifeline free wireless services available in Massachusetts:

Safelink
http://www.safelink.com
1–800–977–3768
Free cell phone per household and choice of three different calling plans that include texting options.
TracFone Wireless provides the SafeLink service.
http://www.safelinkwireless.com
Assurance Wireless
http://assurancewireless.com
1–888–898–4888
Free cell phone per household and 250 free voice minutes per month.
Virgin Mobile provides the Assurance Wireless service.

Services offered: Communications, Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types); Communications, Equipment, Cell Phones; Communications, Free Cell Phone Service / Air time; Communications, Telephones, Phones; Recycling, Cell Phones

Updated May 25, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9874

List of Household Goods Recycling sites (Furniture Banks, Appliances, etc) (from HGRM's site)

Info/Hotline · Open

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Web www.hgrm.org/other_organizations.htm
Service Temporary

page with updated list of resource locations

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Books * (ANY/ALL Types); Books, Audiobooks (CD's); CD's, Music CD's for Adults; CD's, Music CD's for Kids; CD's, Music CD's for Teens; Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; DVD's; Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types); Household Goods (big) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Household Items (small) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; Recycling, Appliances; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Furniture; Recycling, Household Items; Recycling, Medical Devices; Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Resource Databases for Supplies/ Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; School, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism

Updated Jan 27, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9633

List of Social Justice Advocates

Info/Hotline · Open

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Service Temporary

From the Equal Justice Coalition list of members:

Action, Inc. (Cape Ann)

Alliance for Young Families
Allston Brighton CDC

Alternative House (Lowell)

American Friends Service Committee

American Immigration Lawyers Association
Arise for Social Justice

Asian American Lawyers Association of Massachusetts
Berkshire Bar Association

Big Sister Association of Greater Boston
Boston 9 to 5

Boston Bar Association
Boston Better Business Bureau

Boston College Law School
Boston College Legal Assistance Bureau

Boston Health Care for the Homeless
Boston Medical Center/BU School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics

Boston University School of Law
Boston Women’s Fund

Boston YWCA
Bristol County Bar Association

Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest
Cambridge Economic Opportunity Commission

Cambridge Multi–Service Center
Cambridge Women's Commission

Cambridge YWCA
Casa Esperanza, Inc.

Center for Family Development
Center for Law and Education

Center for Public Representation
Centro Presente Child Care Resources

Children’s Law Center of Massachusetts
Children’s League of Massachusetts Citizens for Adequate Housing (Inn Transition)

Coalition for a Better Acre
Coalition Against Poverty

Community Action Agency of Somerville
Community Economic Development Center of Southeastern Mass.

Community Healthlink
Community Partnerships, Inc.

Community Legal Services and Counseling Center
Community Teamwork, Inc. (Lowell)

Crittenton Women’s Union
Disability Law Center

Dorchester House Multi–Service Center
Early Childhood Centers of Greater Springfield

East Boston Community Development, Inc.
Ecumenical Social Action Committee

Elizabeth Freeman Center, Inc.
Ella J. Baker House

EMERGE, Inc.
Family Advocacy Program/Boston Medical Center

Falmouth Human Services Committee
Fitchburg Spanish Council

Franklin County Bar Association
Franklin County CDC

Franklin Hampshire Training Center
Greater Boston Legal Services

Greater Lynn Mental Health and Retardation Association
Greater New Bedford Community Health Center

Greater New Bedford Women's Center
Harvard Law School

Hampden County Bar Association
Hampshire County Bar Association

HAP, Inc.
Help for Abused Women and their Children

Health Care for All
HealthCare of Southeastern Massachusetts, Inc.

HelpLine
Highland Valley Elder Services

Hilltown Community Development Corporation
House of Hope

Independence House
Inquilinos Boricuas en Accion

International Institute of Boston, Asylum Representation Project
Irish Immigration Center

Jane Doe, Incorporated
Jewish Family and Childrens Services La Alianza Hispana

Latino Health Institute
Lawyers Clearinghouse on Affordable Housing

Legal Assistance Corporation of Central Massachusetts
Lower/Outer Cape Community Coalition

Lutheran Social Services, Refugee Services
Lynn Community Health Center

Madison Park Development Corp.
Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys

Massachusetts Advocates for Children
Massachusetts AFL–CIO

Massachusetts Association of Special Education Parent Advisory Councils
Massachusetts Bar Association

Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association
Massachusetts Black Women Attorneys

Massachusetts Career Development Institute
Massachusetts Coalition for Equal Rights & Justice

Massachusetts Correctional Legal Services
Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition

Massachusetts Judges Conference
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute

Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation
Massachusetts Lesbian & Gay Bar Association

Massachusetts Senior Action Council
Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

Massachusetts Union of Public Housing Tenants
Massachusetts Welfare Rights Union

Merrimack Valley Legal Services
Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership

MetroWest Legal Services

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys
National Consumer Law Center

National Organization for Women, Massachusetts Chapter
National Organization of Legal Services Workers/UAW local 2320 AFL–CIO

Necessities–Necesidades
Neighborhood Legal Services

Neighbor to Neighbor, Massachusetts NELCWIT
New Hope, Inc.

North American Family Institute North Quabbin Community Coalition
Northeastern University School of Law

Northern Educational Service, Inc.
Nuestra Comunidad

Organizing and Leadership Training Center

Parents United for Child Care
Perkins School for the Blind

Pine Street Inn

Quaboag Valley CDC

Real Estate Bar Association for Massachusetts
Riverside Early Intervention

Rosie's Place
Roxbury Multi–Service Center

Safe Passage
SafePlan

Salem Harbor CDC
Salem State College School of Social Work

Shawmut Education, Inc.
Solutions at Work

Somerville–Cambridge Elder Services
South Coastal Counties Legal Services

South Middlesex Bar Association
South Middlesex Opportunity Council

Southern New England School of Law
Springfield Better Business Bureau

Springfield Day Nursery Corporation

St. Mary's Women and Infant Center
St. Patrick Asian Center

Suffolk University Law School

Ten Point Coalition
Transition House

UMASS Memorial Health Care Domestic Violence Program
Unitarian Universalist Association

Valley Community Development Corporation
Vietnamese American Initiative for Development (Viet–AID)

WATCH CDC
Wellspring House, Inc.

Western Massachusetts Legal Services
Westfield Community Development Corporation

WETAC
Women in the Building Trades

Women Express Inc./Teen Voices Magazine
Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts

Women's Crisis Center
Worcester Better Business Bureau

Worcester County Bar Association Youth on Board

YWCA of Western Massachusetts

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Database Admin, Input Opportunities
Campaigns: Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Jul 4, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8734

Lutheran Social Services (Massachusetts program listing) Emergency shelter for parenting teens: Brockton/Worcester

Info/Hotline · Open

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Web www.lssne.org/LSS–Home/Need–Help.aspx
Service Temporary

Shelter
LSS administers two programs for parenting teens that have emergency beds available upon referral.

Florence House, Worcester, Mass.
Ruth House, Brockton, Mass.

Medical Care

LSS In–Home Services

Pregnancy Counciling

Pregnancy Help

Adoption Information

LSS Adoption Services
Adoption Information Packet

Foster Care

Foster Care in MA
Foster Care in NH

Refugee Services

Citizenship Issues
Education
Resettlement

Transportation

Good News Garage
Ready to Go

Job Opportunities

Job Openings at LSS

Language Translation

LanguageBank

Services offered: Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter, Youth Focused
Campaigns: Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response
Updated May 25, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9877

Lutheran Social Services Citizenship Support (refugees, immigrants, etc)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.lssne.org/ILAP.aspx
Service Temporary

The Immigration Legal Assistance Program at Lutheran Social Services provides free and low–cost legal services to immigrants in New England. The program offers legal advice and representation to complete immigration applications and petitions.

We provide legal representation to:

Asylum seekers
Victims of rape and sexual violence
Victims of violent crime
Victims of domestic violence
Victims of human trafficking
Unaccompanied minors

LSS also provides assistance to complete immigration applications and petitions, including citizenship applications, family–based petitions, and green card applications.

For more information about our services or to schedule an appointment, please contact the legal office in Worcester at (508) 754–1121, ext. 408, or West Springfield at (413) 787–0725. You can also send an email to infolegal@lssne.org.

Services offered: Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Assistance, How to, File Food Stamp Application; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Short–Term Housing Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Case Management, Refugees/Immigrants; Demographic Served: Immigrants; Demographic Served: Migrants; Demographic Served: Refugees; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Legal Advice & Referrals; Refugee/Resettlement, Volunteer; Services, Humanitarian Aid ; Services, Immigration, Refugee Resettlement (See also "Assistance")
Campaigns: Lutheran Disaster Response
Updated May 25, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9881

MA: Cambridge "FindIt" app for COVID–19 [help locate city services]

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.finditcambridge.org
Service Temporary

GREAT! web app to help people find help from the city. City Halls are notoriously complicated. This app helps focus your search. Created by Agaric.org, an IT cooperative, that can do this for your town, under contract!
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Apr 8, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10260

Mad Mics Recycled Organic Mulch

Open Business* · Open

MA

Web www.madmics.com
Service Temporary

from the website:

Green Landscaping Supplies are Our Passion
To create Mad Mics organic mulch, we mix and compost these materials to start. After approximately 12 weeks, we then screen the material and stack it in large cone shaped piles. These cone shaped piles are monitored for temperature to ensure that the composting process continues properly.

The piles are restacked two more times during this process in order to make the perfect, organic and recycled landscaping supplies. Each time the piles are re–stacked we are mixing the ingredients to make the final product, which is a dark, rich, nutritional and organic mulch we proudly put our name on – MAD MICS MULCH!

Services offered: Demographic Served: Environmental Disaster, Populations Affected by; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Directories, Organic/Local Food Producers/Users; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Education, Energy Conservation; Information Resource, Environmental Education , Recycling; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Information Resource, Responsible Buying Guides; Landscaping, Organic Lawn Care Products ($ NOT FREE); Recycling, Composting; Recycling, Natural Resources; Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Updated May 23, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8411

MAP, County Map (Thanks Mass 211!)

Info/Hotline · Open

Map
MA

Web quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/maps/massachusetts_map.html
Service Temporary

Services offered: Directories, Online Database Resource; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Demographic Information; Information Resource, Map; Information Resource, Maps, County/Parish Level; Information Resource, Maps, State Level Showing Counties (NO TOWNS)
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211)
Updated Aug 16, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6164

Mass Gov site/portal for PPE [masks, etc] donation/procurement

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.mass.gov/covid–19–ppe–procurement–and–donation–program
Service Temporary

Services offered: Masks, Face Masks, N95 (w/Respirator/Cartidges)
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Mar 31, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10250

Mass Resources (Comprehensive Online Database of Social Services)

Info/Hotline · Open

OnLine Resource
MA

Web www.massresources.org
Eligibility Varies by service
Service Temporary

See website for links to programs below:

Cash Assistance Programs

Child Care and Preschools

Education Programs

Employment & Job Training

Energy Assistance

Financial Programs

Food Programs

Health Care Programs

Home Care Programs

Homelessness Programs

Housing Programs

Legal Assistance

Tax Credits

Transportation Services

• Disability Resources

• Ex–Offender Resources

• HIV/AIDS Resources

• Noncitizen Resources

• Senior Resources

• Youth Resources

Services offered: Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Childcare/Childrens Programs; Assistance, Referrals, Counseling, Childrens Counseling Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Counseling, Disaster Survivor Counseling Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Employment & Job Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Health Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Disabled, Accessible Housing Referrals for Disabled; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Referrals (For Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Short–Term Housing Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Information & Referral (For Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Job Placement; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Information & Resource Referrals (For Elders/Seniors); Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Medical Resources Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Mental Health Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Services for Special Needs Folks; Assistance, Referrals, Shelter Referrals, Youth Focused; Assistance, Referrals, Substance Abuse Treatment Referrals & Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Demographic Served: Alzheimer's Patients; Demographic Served: Children; Demographic Served: Critically Ill, Home–Bound; Demographic Served: Disabled, Persons With Disabilities; Demographic Served: Families, w/Young Children; Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Homeless, Women Only; Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: Immigrants; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks, Women Only; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Demographic Served: Special Needs; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Survivors, Violence; Demographic Served: Teens, Troubled; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Directories, Directory of Services, Case Management; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, Disabled Services; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Financial Assistance Programs; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Directories, Online Database Resource, Needs/Avail Matching; Directories, Senior/Elder Services; Directories, Special Needs, Services for Special Needs Folks; Directories, Training Listings, News & Referrals; Directories, Transportation Services; Directories, Youth Services & After–School Programs; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Crisis Hotline; Hotline, Domestic Violence Hotline; Hotline, Elder/Senior Abuse Hotline; Hotline, Legal Advice & Assistance (Seniors/Elders); Hotline, Legal Advice & Counsel (Disaster Survivors); Hotline, Legal Advice & Referrals; Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Housing, Online Housing Directory Resource; Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level); Information Resource,

Medicare Information; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Youth Services; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); AFL/CIO (Unions); Government, City/Town Agency; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency), County; Government, State/County; Government, State Government Department/ Agency; Government, US Deptartment of Housing & Urban Development (HUD); Homelessness Relief Services; Salvation Army; United Way; VOAD (this org is not a member, but is "affiliated")
Updated Jun 11, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4311

Mass Vets Advisor (website helping veterans find resources)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.massvetsadvisor.org
Service Temporary

from the site:

The Mass VetsAdvisor is a collaboration between the Massachusetts Broadband Institute, the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services, the Red Sox Foundation and the Massachusetts General Hospital Home Base Program.

This Web site is a guide to anyone searching for benefits and programs for Veterans and their family members. The data is comprehensive and currently provides search results from Massachusetts and Federal resources, listing only the benefits and services the Veteran is qualified for, and, where available, an "action plan" to apply for the benefit. Users will be able to print, email, save, or forward the action plan to his or her Veterans Services Officer. Our goal is to refine and expand this site over time to improve the quality of the information and to increase the knowledge and use of benefits, programs, and services to Veterans and their families.

The Mass VetsAdvisor was funded through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) State Broadband Initiative program, and is maintained by the Massachusetts Broadband Institute in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services.

For more information, visit http://www.massbroadband.org/Usage/veteran.html, or email communitymrg @ masstech . org.

Services offered: Assistance, Disaster Relief Assistance, Online Registration; Assistance, Housing, Relocation Assistance for Disaster Survivors; Assistance, How To, Complete Forms/Applications for Disaster Assistance; Assistance, How to, File Disaster Disability Benefits; Assistance, How To, Loan & Grant Application Assistance (Disaster Survivors); Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, How To, Navigating Disaster Survivor Insurance Process ; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Disabled, Accessible Housing Referrals for Disabled; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Short–Term Housing Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Medical Resources Referral; Case Management, Veterans; Demographic Served: Veterans; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, Grants Info, Listings, News & Referrals; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Financial Assistance Programs; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Directories, Online Database Resource, Needs/Avail Matching; Facility: Veterans Benefits/Facility/Services; Financial Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Housing, Rental Assistance; Financial Assistance, Medical Expenses; Financial Assistance, Medical, Prescription Assistance; Financial Assistance, Unemployment Benefits for Disaster Survivors; Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance; Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Grants, Education; Grants, Housing, Housing Related; Grants, Post Disaster (For Rent/Belongings/Home Repairs/Rebuilding, etc.); Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Transitional Housing; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Registry, Wish List Registry, Online Registry; Services, Family, General Family Assistance; Services, Humanitarian Aid ; Services, Veterans, Veterans Impacted By Disaster; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Government, US Department of Veteran Affairs
Updated Jun 21, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9179

Mass.Gov

Info/Hotline · Open

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Web www.mass.gov
Service Temporary

2011 HURRICANE IRENE –

If you need shelter during the storm

The following regional shelters are open to all residents until further notice. In addition, local shelters may open and close throughout the storm as needed. Call 2–1–1 to find the closest shelter to you: (SEE WEBSITE FOR LIST)
(+ shows pet friendly shelters)
http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=mg2homepage&L=1&L0=Home&sid=massgov2

Cities and Towns (DROP Down list on left side of site)
Find resources in your community.

STATE AGENCY DIRECTORY –
http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=mg2subtopic&L=4&L0=Home&L1=State+Government&L2=Branches+%26+Departments&sid=massgov2&L3=All+Agencies

Services offered: Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; Government, State Government Department/Agency
Updated Aug 28, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8823

Mass.gov (state run recycle/reuse directory of orgs) (find orgs that recycle electronics and more!)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/reduce/donation.htm
Service Temporary

Here is the list.
See the link above for live links to these orgs:

Waste & Recycling: Donation & Reuse
Construction Materials

Massachusetts Material Trader

Buy, sell, trade or give away surplus material.
MassMaterialTrader web site

Boston Building Resources (BBR)

Accepts donations of quality, used building materials for resale to low– and middle–income homeowners.
BBR web site

EcoBuilding Bargains

Springfield–based organization accepts unwanted home improvement materials and sells them to the public.
EcoBuilfing Bargains web site

Habitat for Humanity (HFH) ReStore Resale Outlets

Multiple Massachusetts locations accept donations of surplus building materials and sell them to the public at far below retail prices.
HFH web site

ReCONNstruction Center

Connecticut–based materials reuse organization salvages unwanted but perfectly good building materials and resells them at affordable prices.
ReCONNstruction web site

Back to Donation & Reuse index
Waste & Recycling: Donation & Reuse
Electronics

Massachusetts Material Trader

Buy, sell, trade or give away surplus material.
MassMaterialTrader web site

Charity America

Unites donors with charities from across the nation.
Charity America web site

Computers for Schools

An association of computer refurbishers that reconditions donated computer equipment for education use and places it in schools.
PCs for Schools web site

Goodwill Industries

Lists Goodwill Industries locations that take donations of newer televisions and computers.
Goodwill web site

National Cristina Foundation

Accepts donated computers to give to people with disabilities and others at risk.
Cristina Foundation web site

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Waste & Recycling: Donation & Reuse
Food & Organics

Food Donation Resources

Web page | MS Word 76 KB | PDF 36 KB

Recycling & Reuse Assistance for Supermarkets

Web page

Back to Donation & Reuse index
Waste & Recycling: Donation & Reuse
Household Items

Big Brother Big Sister Foundation

Non–profit orgnaization that collects donations of clothing and small household items door–to–door in more than 200 Massachusetts communities.
Big Brother Big Sister web site

Bikes Not Bombs

Accepts used bicycles for reuse and refurbishes used bicycles for resale.
BikesNotBombs.org web site

Building Materials

See Construction Materials

City of Newton 2Good2Waste

Gives residents a convenient way to sell, trade, or donate items they would otherwise throw away.
2Good2Waste web site

Cradles to Crayons

Accepts new and gently–used children's clothing, books, toys, baby items, and school supplies.
Cradles to Crayons web site

Craig's List

Buy, sell, or give away a wide range of household goods in your own region for free.

Boston/Eastern MA
Craigslist Boston web site

Cape Cod
Craigslist Cape Cod web site

Western MA
Craigslist Western Massachusetts web site

Worcester/Central MA
Craigslist Worcester web site

The Freecycle Network

Grassroots network of nearly 5,000 community–based materials exchange and reuse groups across the country and around the world. When members of local Freecycle groups have unwanted items, they offer them free to others who may be able to use them.
Freecycle web site

National Association of Resale & Thrift Shops

Membership organization representing thrift shop owners. Includes a shopping guide.
NARTS web site

Throwplace

Post and find items to reuse, recycle, and refurbish.
Throwplace web site

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Waste & Recycling: Donation & Reuse
Surplus Office Equipment & Furniture

The Furniture Trust

Boston–based non–profit organization that collections and distributes surplus office furniture for use by area non–profits and schools.
The Furniture Trust web site

Massachusetts Material Trader

Buy, sell, trade or give away surplus material.
MassMaterialTrader web site

Obtaining State Surplus Equipment & Furniture

Tips for Massachusetts Municipalities & Non–Profits
Web page

IRN: The Recycling Network

Cooperative that helps public and private organizations across New England achieve better efficiency and cost savings through waste minimization and recycling.
IRN web site

Treasure From Trash: Toolkit for College Move–Out Reuse Projects

Web page

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Waste & Recycling: Donation & Reuse
Other Donation & Reuse Links

California Integrated Waste Management Board: Reuse Links

A sampling of reuse opportunities in California and across the country.
CIWMB web site

Dump & Run

Non–profit organization that organizes "Move Out and Reuse Sales" for colleges and universities.
Dump & Run web site

The Freecycle Network

Grassroots network of nearly 5,000 community–based materials exchange and reuse groups across the country and around the world. When members of local Freecycle groups have unwanted items, they offer them free to others who may be able to use them.
Freecycle web site

Inform Community Waste Prevention Tool Kit

Resource that helps community leaders and grassroots environmental organizations implement effective local solid waste prevention programs.
Inform Inc. web site

Northeast Recycling Council (NERC)

List of materials exchanges in the Northeast.
NERC web site

Reuse Development Organization (ReDo)

Organization of national leaders who operate model reuse efforts that recover thousands of tons of building materials, equipment, furniture, food, and industrial materials.
ReDo web site

Where does it all go?

Thanks, Massachusetts, for not throwing it all away! Massachusetts residents recycle over 500,000 tons each year. This is made possible with the help of more than 1,400 Massachusetts businesses that collect, process or use these materials to manufacture new products. Find out what businesses recycle here in the Commonwealth!
Web page

World Reuse, Repair & Recycling Association (WR3A)

Supports legitimate reuse, repair, and recycling businesses overseas through U.S. suppliers who maintain high standards of quality.
WR3A web site

Services offered: Communications, Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types); Construction Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Electronics * (ANY/ALL Types); Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types); Furniture, Office, Chairs; Furniture, Office, Desk; Household Goods (big) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Household Items (small) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Office, Office Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Recycling,

Animal Dung; Recycling, Appliances; Recycling, Art Supplies; Recycling, Batteries; Recycling, Bicycles; Recycling, Building Materials * (ANY/ALL Types); Recycling, Cell Phones; Recycling, Christmas Trees/Leaves; Recycling, Clothing; Recycling, Composting; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Food; Recycling, Fur, Animal; Recycling, Furniture; Recycling, Household Items; Recycling, Kid Stuff; Recycling, Medical Devices; Recycling, Natural Resources; Recycling: Office Supplies, Pens; Recycling: Oral Care Products, Toothpaste Tubes (Plastic), etc; 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

Updated Feb 20, 2017 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9344

Mass.Gov (Virtual Gateway, Lists/Eligibility Testing for Social Services)

Info/Hotline · Open

State Government Agency

MA

Web www.mass.gov/eohhs/researcher/basic–needs
Service Temporary

Services offered: Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Disaster Relief Assistance, Online Registration; Assistance, How to, Document Replacement for Disaster Survivors, Computer File Recovery; Assistance, How to, File Disaster Disability Benefits; Assistance, How To, File Disaster Unemployment Claims; Assistance, How to, File Food Stamp Application; Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Assistance, How to, Housing, Filing, Zoning/Building Permits; Assistance, How To, Loan & Grant Application Assistance (Disaster Survivors); Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, How To, Navigating Disaster Survivor Insurance Process ; Assistance, How To, Replace Destroyed Documents; Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Childcare/Childrens Programs; Assistance, Referrals, Counseling, Childrens Counseling Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Counseling, Disaster Survivor Counseling Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Employment & Job Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Health Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Disabled, Accessible Housing Referrals for Disabled; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Referrals (For Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Short–Term Housing Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Information & Referral (For Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Medical Resources Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Mental Health Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Services for Special Needs Folks; Assistance, Referrals, Shelter Referrals, Youth Focused; Assistance, Referrals, Substance Abuse Treatment Referrals & Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Case Management, Mental Health; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Community Outreach Programs; Community Outreach Programs, Rural; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Community Service Program; Counseling ($ NOT FREE) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Dental, Services * (ANY/ALL Types of Dental Services) ; Directories, Directory of Services, Case Management; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Disabled Services; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Financial Assistance Programs; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Directories, Special Needs, Services for Special Needs Folks; Financial Assistance, Dental Assistance; Financial Assistance, Food Stamps, Emergency Food Stamps; Financial Assistance, Medical Expenses; Financial Assistance, Medical, Prescription Assistance; Financial Assistance, Medical, Prescription Assistance (For Seniors/Elders/Disabled); Financial Assistance, Referrals, Temporary Financial Assistance Referrals; Government, County, Department of Health; Government, County, Department of Mental Health ; Government, Department of Social Services (DSS); Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Crisis Hotline; Hotline, Disaster Recovery Services Hotline for Survivors; Hotline, Health Information/Resource Hotline; Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Information Resource, ADA & Useful Info for Disabled Folks; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level); Information Resource, Insurance Advice and Guidelines for Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Medicare Information; Information Resource, Mental Health, Handouts, Post Disaster Recommendations; Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Youth Services; Medical, Services, Assessment, Medical Needs Assessment; Medical, Services, Family Planning; Medical, Services, Family Planning, Diagnostic, Pregnancy Tests; Medical, Services, Family Planning, Pregnancy Prevention; Medical, Services, Home Health Care Services; Medical, Services, Hospice Care; Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Services, Rehabilitation Program; Mental Health Services; Mental Health, Vocational, Developmentally Disabled Folks; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services ($ FEE–BASED, NOT FREE); Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Disabled, Services for the Disabled (See also Senior Services); Services, Disaster, Post Disaster Needs Assessment; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Response, Recovery, Preparedness & Mitigation; Services, Emergency Services; Services, Emergency Services, Senior/Elder; Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Family, Children, Emergency Child Care; Services, Family, General Family Assistance; Services, For Folks Trying To Get Off Welfare; Services, Homeless, Services for the Homeless; Services, Humanitarian Aid ; Services, Substance Abuse, Intervention Services; Services, Substance Abuse, Outpatient Program (Drug/Alcohol); Services, Substance Abuse, Residential Program (Drug/Alcohol); Services, Substance Abuse Treatment (Drug/Alcohology) ; Services, Women's Services; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Shelter, Emergency Shelter, Special Needs ; Shelter, Womens, Battered Womens Shelter; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian; Transportation Assistance (To Receive Medical Care); Transportation, Disaster Survivors (To Assistance Center, Etc.); Transportation, For Seniors/Elders; Transportation, FREE Shuttle Service to Emergency Winter Shelter; Transportation, Ride Service (FREE or Sliding Scale)

Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Government, Medicaid; Government, State/County; Government, State Government Department/Agency; Government, US Deptartment of Housing & Urban Development (HUD); Government, US/ State Dept. of Health & Human Services (DHHS); Visiting Nurses Association
Updated Jun 4, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6169

Massachusetts "Official" Mutual Aid Plan for disasters (FEMA/MEMA collaboration w/state/communities) focused on seniors

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.maseniorcare.org/MassachusettsLongTermCareMutualAidPlanMassMAP.aspx
Service Temporary

From 2010. Gives overview of exercises focused on health/senior mass case during disaster, mutual aid, etc. FLOW CHART of process and description of org–roles.

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Broad Reach – Liberty Commons
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Phone: 508–945–4611
Updated Oct 1, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9889

Massachusetts Accessible Housing Registry (online database of housing for people w/disabilities)

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
MA

Phone 617–742–0820, also see notes for local offices

Contact CHAPA runs the website, see notes below
Email massaccess@chapa.org, ktrudeau@chapa.org
Web www.massaccesshousingregistry.org
Eligibility Persons with Disabilities (PWD)
Service Permanent

Operated by Citizens' Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA)
registry: www.massaccesshousingregistry.org
administrative organization: www.chapa.org

Citizen's Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA)
18 Tremont Street, Suite 401
Boston, MA 02108
Phone: 617-742-0820
Fax: 617-742-3953
E-mail: ktrudeau@chapa.org

Ad Lib
Serves Berkshire County
Phone/TTY: (413) 442-7047

Boston Center for Independent Living
Serves Greater Boston
Phone: (617) 338-6665
TTY: (617) 338-6662

Center for Living and Working
Serves Central Mass.
Phone/TTY: (508) 755-1896

Cape Organization for the Rights of the Disabled
Serves Cape & Islands
Phone/TTY: (508) 775-8300

Independence Associates
Serves South Shore
Phone/TTY: (508) 583-2166

Independent Living Center of the North Shore and Cape Ann
Serves North Shore and Cape Ann
Voice/TTY: (978) 741-0077
Phone: (888) 751-0077

MetroWest Center for Independent Living
Serves MetroWest
Phone/TTY: (508) 875-7853

Multi-Cultural Independent Living Center of Boston
Serves Boston Neighborhoods of Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan
Phone: (617) 288-9431
TTY: (617) 288-2707

Northeast Independent Living Program
Serves Northeastern Mass.
Phone/TTY: (978) 687-4288

Southeast Center for Independent Living
Serves Fall River/New Bedford
Phone/TTY: (508) 679-9210

Stavros Center for Independent Living
Serves Hampden/Hampshire/Franklin Counties
Phone/TTY: (413) 256-0473

Services offered: Advocacy, Disabled/Handicapped; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Disabled, Accessible Housing Referrals for Disabled; Directories, Directory of Services, Disabled Services; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Apartments; Housing, Online Housing Directory Resource; Housing, Rental Listings; Housing, Subsidized/Low-Income Housing; Information Resource, ADA & Useful Info for Disabled Folks; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE)
Updated Dec 13, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3964

Massachusetts Association of Housing Cooperatives

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.masshousing.coop/about–housing–cooperatives
Service Temporary

from the website:

What is MAHC and why is it important?

MAHC is a not–for–profit “Section 501(c)(4)“organization which seeks membership from ALL branches of the housing cooperative world, such as high–end market–rate cooperatives like 1010 Memorial Drive, other market rate cooperatives like The Kenmore Tower and Jamaicaway Tower, and artists’ and limited equity cooperatives. The 501(c)(4) designation allows MAHC to engage in political advocacy.

MAHC seeks to broaden the awareness of cooperatives among all our varied stake–holders in Massachusetts. MAHC will provide information and services to current housing cooperatives and make the entire community aware of the benefits of this underappreciated form of housing.

What are coops?

Coops are corporations in which owners have shares which translate into apartments. Each coop is governed by an elected Board. Coops are a successful, venerable and established form of housing.

Who lives in coops?

Many different kinds of people. Coops are often dedicated to a common purpose.There are high–end and other market–rate cooperatives, artists’ cooperatives, limited equity and affordable cooperatives, religious and ethnic coops, veterans’ coops, coops for the elderly and the disabled, college students and people of varied origins or orientations.

How many coops are there?

MAHC has built a database of well over a hundred in Massachusetts from large (many hundreds of apartments) to converted houses.

Where are they?

They span the Commonwealth from the Berkshires to the Islands, in cities, towns and rural areas. Coops can be found in dozens of MA communities. They can look like every other kind of multiple dwelling housing, and fit into every kind of neighborhood.

How many people live in coops?

Thousands live in cooperatives and they represent the full age range of the population of the Commonwealth.

What are their advantages?

Coops are proven to require less regulation than condos. Coops generate less litigation. Coop organization and governance are simple, direct and democratic. They also generate revenue to the community and stability and cohesion.

How much value do coops represent?

Hundreds of millions of dollars in real estate and taxes

Hundreds of acres of land

Hundreds of buildings

Millions of dollars in goods and services purchased annually

In conclusion, coops provide incalculable community and social benefits to residents and the community as a whole, and fully deserve initiatives and actions toprotect and enhance their viability.

Services offered: Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 27, 2019 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10141

Massachusetts Calendar of Activist Actions

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

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

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

[Rule 19's FANTASTIC calendar], perhaps the best one in the state for EVERYTHING...it's not specific to any one venue or group. GET ON IT! The corresponding email list (which doesn't always have everything on this calendar, by the way), but the

email list "to be on" is the Act–MA.org list. Thanks to PF Soto for keeping this calendar stuff to the gils with great stuff to do! http://www.rule19.org/

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless, Women/Family Shelter

Shelter · Open

Womens/Family Shelter
MA

Phone 1–877–785–2020
Web www.mahomeless.org
Service Temporary

Fleeing a Domestic Violence Situation Battered Women's Shelters
If a woman is fleeing domestic violence, she should be referred to the nearest battered women's shelter. All battered women's shelters have 24–hour hotlines, and generally accept only women who are in imminent danger. Often, they will refer women to a "Safe House outside of her own community. Since Safe Houses are meant to protect women from being found, they must agree to certain rules governing their activities. Specifically they are often asked not to contact the abuser or do anything that will lead to them being found. Most safe houses are meant to be short term until the crisis has passed, at which time families can move into a transitional program for battered women where they continue to heal and receive assistance finding permanent housing and dealing with other remaining issues.

Women who cannot get access to a battered women's shelter, don't want to go into a battered women's shelter, or won't agree to the rules of these shelters (such as counseling, confidentiality, support groups, etc.), should be referred to a homeless shelter. If the woman has children and cannot access a battered women's shelter, she must go to the local DTA (Welfare) office to get access to a homeless family shelter. A woman without children who cannot gain access to a battered women's shelter should be referred directly to the nearest homeless individual shelter.

For more information and help for battered women, call the Safelink, a 24 hour multi–lingual statewide hotline 1–877–785–2020.

Services offered: Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level); Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Shelter, Womens, Battered Womens Shelter
Updated Oct 15, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1823

Massachusetts Conference UCC

Info/Hotline · Open

Church
MA

Phone 508–875–5233
Web macucc.org,/goodshepard/index/htm
Hours 9–4 Mondays thru Fridays
Service Temporary

General Offices
One Badger Road, Framingham, MA 01702–5517
Phone: 508–875–5233 Fax: 508–875–5485

Email: macucc@macucc.org
Office Hours: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday

Massachusetts Conference Partners with Good Shepherd UCC in Metairie, Louisiana, to do relief work in Louisiana Good Shepherd, UCC, one of the UCC churches in greater New Orleans, has committed itself to become a base from which they and we can reach out to churches and individuals as they struggle to rebuild. Their members are awed by the outpouring of concern and help from UCC churches around the country. They are upheld by the network of our prayers.

The Massachusetts Conference UCC has committed to seeking out partnerships within our congregations for Good Shepherd UCC. We hope your local church will chose to join us as a partner. Now and in the months to come we hope to hold up for you a myriad of possibilities for partnering - both practical and creative ways that you and your congregation can connect and support our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The efforts to rebuild are a marathon, not a sprint...please join us.

www.macucc@macucc.org/goodshepard/index/htm

Services offered: Sponsoring Organization
Updated Apr 3, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1093

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection – MassDEP

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Phone 617-292-5500
Web www.mass.gov/dep
Service Temporary

http://www.mass.gov/dep/public/press/0410htwo.htm
April 1, 2010
FLOOD WATER ALERT:
MassDEP Warns Well Owners to Check for Possible Contamination

http://www.mass.gov/dep/public/index.htm
PUBLIC PARTICIAPATION & NEWS -

Protecting our environment requires public involvment and communication among agencies, stakeholder groups, and concerned citizens. Here at MassDEP, we believe that public participation through hearings, comments, feedback surveys, outreach and education are essential to providing a clean and safe environment for future generations.

Find the MassDEP Regional Office for Your City or Town
http://www.mass.gov/dep/about/region/findyour.htm

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Documentation, Environmental Education; Hotline, Environmental Emergency Reporting; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Maps, Pollutants/Toxin; Information Resource, Recycling Methods
Campaigns: Government, US Government Agency (This Site IS a Gov Agency)
Updated Apr 9, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5776

Massachusetts Disaster Guide

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.mass.gov/?pageID=ocaterminal&L=4&L0=Home&L1=Consumer&L2=Insurance&L3=Disaster+Information&sid=Eoca&b=terminalcontent&f=doi_Consumer_disaster_guide&csid=Eoca
Service Temporary

Good advice for survivors about insurance, etc.

Services offered: Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, How To, Navigating Disaster Survivor Insurance Process ; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes-Floods-Wind Storms
Updated Jun 3, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8535

Massachusetts Historical Commission

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc
Service Temporary

Services offered: Information Resource, Historic Preservation Resource
Campaigns: Government, State/County
Updated May 2, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9686

Massachusetts Housing Partnership (income–eligible mortgages, affordable housing development loans)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Phone 617 330 9955
Web www.mhp.net
Service Temporary

Source: http://www.bostonglobe.com/magazine/2014/02/02/what–you–need–know–about–mortgages/elZHSYcVpoGslwX4UIkuEJ/story.html

The Massachusetts Housing Partnership (617–330–9955, mhp.net), a quasi–public nonprofit affordable–housing organization, has a program called ONE Mortgage — recently changed from SoftSecond. For first–time buyers with less than $75,000 in liquid assets and an income of $33,400 to $75,460 for one person, depending on what region you live in, it offers loans with down payments as low as 3 percent with no private mortgage insurance. Income–eligible buyers may also qualify for subsidies in the first seven years of ownership.

The Massachusetts Housing Partnership, like MassHousing, is exempt from some of the qualified mortgage rules, which gives it a little more flexibility. “Some first–time home buyer mortgage programs with proven track records did get exemptions,” says Gina Govoni, the partnership’s director of home ownership. A 660 credit score for single–family purchases and 680 for multifamily purchases is needed, however, and, like all of these programs, ONE Mortgage also requires borrowers to take home buyer education classes through one of the 50 or so home buyer counseling agencies throughout the state.

Services offered: Counseling, Financial, Home Buying Process; Financial Assistance, Loans, Low Interest Loans; Housing, Affordable Housing Builder, Gov't Sponsored; Housing, Affordable Housing, Ownership Program; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Feb 15, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9849

Massachusetts Law Reform Institute

Info/Hotline · Open

Legal Services – ProBono
MA
Phone (617) 357–0700
Web www.mlri.org
Service Temporary

Volunteer Activities: Assistance with systemic advocacy in the courts, the legislature and at administrative agencies. Also, with legal research and writing, and training of poverty law topics.

Populations: Low income individuals and families.
Service Area: Statewide
Legal Areas: Poverty Law.
Support: From experienced MLRI staff
Contact: Allan Rodgers, executive director

Boston MA 02111–1703
Location: 99 Chauncy St
Boston MA 02111–1703
(617) 357–0700
(617) 357–0777 (fax)

Web: http://www.mlri.org; www.masslegalservices.org; www.masslegalhelp.org

Counties: Statewide

Categories:
HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS
HEALTH CARE
FAMILY LAW (DOMESTIC ABUSE)
FAMILY LAW (DIVORCE & CUSTODY)
EMPLOYMENT
ELDERLY
EDUCATION
CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES

BENEFITS
IMMIGRATION

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Advocacy, Child Advocacy; Advocacy, Consumer Issues; Advocacy, Disabled/Handicapped; Advocacy, Disaster Survivors; Advocacy, Domestic Violence; Advocacy, Employment, "At-Risk" Job Applicants; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Housing, Long Term Care Residents (Seniors/Elders); Advocacy, Housing, Occupancy/Building Permits, Septic/Water Wells, Information Resources; Advocacy, Legislation Support; Advocacy, Medical, HIV/AIDS; Advocacy, Medical, Patient Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant, Legal Services; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics; Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Advocacy, Special Needs Folks; Advocacy, Special Needs Folks, Seniors/Elders; Advocacy, Voters Advocacy; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Information & Resource Referrals (For Elders/Seniors); Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Hotline, Legal Advice & Assistance (Seniors/Elders); Hotline, Legal Advice & Counsel (Disaster Survivors); Hotline, Legal Advice & Referrals; Services, Legal Assistance; Services: Legal Assistance for Disaster Survivors; Services, Legal Assistance (For Low-Income Families); Services, Legal Assistance for Seniors/Elderly
Updated Apr 13, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4277

MASSACHUSETTS LIST OF MUTUAL AID NETWORKS [by Jobs With Justice]

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.massjwj.net/news/2020/3/17/cover-19-mutual-aid-networks
Service Temporary

Berkshires: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScGcjpSJ99GmDLpbPfU4GGnbhrP7aMNchf519qsciP2KK_YOg/viewform

Beverly:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSews1VUUpOzf9s7hTdRL_ieuSgEgPwTfGamo6NfHbpCO9Jp9w/viewform?fbclid=IwAR3rvSH9_voZGiX5aA7WojVd6T-nl8YoOeaG2Ep8EUEDTVdPvWkFfkj-e6c

Boston

East Boston / Chelsea:
https://whatsupeastie.com/coronavirusresponse/mutualaideastie/

Dorchester:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-16k_AKPNkVQXjMGogl913LSAPL7RBF9WL11-ANkXBU/edit

Jamaica Plain and Roxbury:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sprOsMLFieTEU6fakfG5mqirp3AUUGKGz6JnDg29n78/mobilebasic?fbclid=IwAR0FA51JWCNFm3bUzY6m1AQfgIyEtAi6HFmA6lgcPLBCifpX0v9W0epx1xk&urp=gmail_link

South End:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPcSJVwtvjT_rHVC0h-_0scMC1DOuolWUX1LmnPiksAz3UEw/viewform

Brookline:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/18wyL-f2x2j-tFMCsbaxWW98PjY5bVUKfPluFibmX9u8/mobilebasic?fbclid=IwAR2JcPjNLdq0RhUQ2kGjC4ipl_rJ9GBMlFSJQWMLU3YEX0Nvh5tYNo8DutE&link_id=7&can_id=00aadbe6542964ff7248e71c769488e5&source=email-surj-boston-actions-and-updates-100&email_referrer=email_749919&email_subject=surj-boston-actions-and-updates

Cambridge:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1x_gLUobYEodWYI4VBAC1hhjv0imZvQiM-uEEDxyZ3oE/edit?ts=5e6bdd12

Everett: https://www.facebook.com/groups/220072455722934/

Lowell:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSePh0qGXR-yj_Cq5ZEPi19y2ibothgr5EsPKMUR0EU9U8ODyQ/viewform

Natick/Framingham:
https://framinghamoutreach.org/

Quincy: coming soon!

Somerville / Medford:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RtYZ1wc8jxcSKDl555WszWhQWlOlSkNnfjIOYV0wXRA/mobilebasic?urp=gmail_link

South End:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPcSJVwtvjT_rHVC0h-_0scMC1DOuolWUX1LmnPiksAz3UEw/viewform

Southcoast Mutual Aid: Fall River / New Bedford:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1OxlaX9Fh_TYbHKHM3UVCnsg1AH31XwKz8bSm5taz7VY/viewform

Waltham:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JO5HsAb2GYWxEJKkF9yj4aMTmosfBghPEMi_fgdnAUI/edit

Worcester: coming soon!
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Jobs with Justice
Updated Apr 25, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10206

Massachusetts List of Seed Libraries

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Web cbhl.libguides.com/c.php?g=753319&p=6687078
Service Temporary

See link above for live links to these seed libraries and more!

Andover Seed Library

Berkshire Seed Library

Boston Public Library Seed Library

Concord Seed Lending Library

Easthampton Seed Library

Framingham Seed Library

Gaylord Seed Library, South Hadley

Greenfield Community College.

Hampshire College Seed Library

Hardwick Grows Seed Lending Library

Harvard Seed Library

Lexington Seed Library

Littleton Seed Library

Martha's Vineyard Seed Library

Melrose Seed Library

Mendon Taft Public Library Seed Exchange

Norwell Seed Lending Library

Shrewsbury Public Library

Stow Randall Library

Springfield Seed Library

Walpole Seed Library

Westborough Public Library

Westford Seed Library

Services offered: Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Seed Bank / Seed Exchange / Seed Library / Seed Preservation
Updated Jan 21, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10149

Massachusetts Mutual Aid Network

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Web docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QEK7LmLanrngIwIk72EjxijEerCB19348ac32YgYg0Q/edit
Service Temporary

see link for spreadsheet of resources
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Mar 18, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10195

Massachusetts Shelter Listing

Info/Hotline · Open

Shelter
MA
Phone http://elnom.com/mahome/indices.html
Web elnom.com/mahome/indices.html
Service Temporary

Services offered: Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Online Housing Directory Resource; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE)
Updated Dec 3, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3903

Massachusetts Tenant Covid/Eviction Defense Info Manual

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web docs.google.com/document/d/1krAoDpjD7SUMapeerjeSPGru0un3gd3ReGi2RpRY9fw/edit
Service Temporary

This was compiled by the Central Valley Tenants Union [https://centralvalleytenantsunion.wordpress.com/] and has specifics for Hampshire County, BUT is mostly applicable to the entire state of Massachusetts.

Services offered: Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Housing, Fair Housing; Services, Legal Assistance
Updated May 3, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10427

Massachusetts Tornado Recovery Instructions

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.mass.gov/?pageID=eopsterminal&L=3&L0=Home&L1=Public+Safety+Agencies&L2=Massachusetts+Emergency+Management+Agency&sid=Eeops&b=terminalcontent&f=mema_feature_story_2011_feature_stories_2011_06_05_rebuilding_what_to_do_next&csid=Eeops
Service Temporary

from the website:

WHAT TO DO NEXT

Many residents and property owners affected by the tragic tornadoes and severe weather have suffered from minor building damages to total loss. Building officials from across the Commonwealth have been and continue to conduct 'Rapid Visual Safety Assessments'. Homes and places of business may be posted with a color–coded placard:

Green: Suitable to occupy
Yellow: Proceed with caution (follow notes on the placard)
Red/Orange: Not fit for occupancy, seek professional assistance

As homeowners and business owners begin the process of putting their lives back together following the recent tornadoes and severe storms, they should be wary of unscrupulous contractors who may be looking to take advantage them.

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and Department of Public Safety recommend that people take the time to do the proper research to avoid getting taken advantage of by untrustworthy home contractors, 'storm chasers' and door–to–door peddlers offering dubious deals that can cost thousands of dollars and create serious headaches.

Homeowners should contact their municipal Building Department to ensure required permits are in place and contractors have all required credentials to avoid further hardship. Some additional strategies for homeowners are:

* Beware of any contractor who uses high–pressure sales tactics or requires full payment upfront.
* Make sure everything is in writing. Make sure that the full scope of the work is explained in the contract including cleanup and disposal of waste. All verbal agreements need to be included in the written agreement. Pay close attention to the payment terms, estimated price of materials and labor and any warranties or guarantees. Before signing a contract, verify the business meets all state and local requirements including being licensed, insured and bonded. Have your attorney review the contract.
* Ensure that the contractor is appropriately licensed (CSLs) and is a Registered Home Improvement Contractor (HIC Registration)
* Also ask the business for references from three most recent jobs with names, telephone numbers and addresses of the owners. Confirm whether or not the contractor will be subcontracting the job or relying on his/her own employees.
* Check with your local Better Business Bureau, Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulations and the Office of the Attorney general to confirm that there have been no complaints filed against the contractor.

In the wake of a storm, fly–by–night repair businesses will solicit work, often door–to–door, in unmarked trucks. They might require advance payment and make big promises on which they won't be able to deliver.
Seek at least three bids. Beware of low–ball estimates that may potentially balloon over time or foreshadow shoddy work to come.

For further clarification, please contact your local building department, as well as the following websites/telephone numbers:

MA Department of Public Safety: www.mass.gov/dps / 617.727.3200
MA Office of Consumer Affairs & Business Regulations: www.mass.gov/?pageID=ocahomepage&L=1&L0=Home&sid=Eoca
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado
Updated Jun 6, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8560

Massachusetts, Contact for Signing up for Food Stamps

Info/Hotline · Open

State Agency
MA

Phone 1–866–950–3663
Service Temporary

Go to:

http://www.gettingfoodstamps.org/

For the "national eligibility screener".

Services offered: Advocacy, Food Stamp Outreach; Assistance, How to, File Food Stamp Application; Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Demographic Served: Hungry; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Financial Assistance, Food Stamps, Emergency Food Stamps; Financial Assistance, Food Stamps (For Disaster Survivors); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Distribution, Emergency Food Program; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Food Bank/Pantry Hotline (Find Emergency Food Help); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level); Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: Homelessness Relief Services
Updated May 3, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4326

Massachusetts, Department of Transitional Assistance (Homeless Shelters)

Info/Hotline · Open

Housing Resource
MA

Phone website only
Web www.workworld.org/wwwebhelp/basic.htm
Service Temporary

Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) Area Offices – Massachusetts

The Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA), formerly known as the Department of Public Welfare, is the State agency responsible for administering public assistance programs for needy citizens of the Commonwealth.

Because DTA emphasizes temporary assistance, recipients are encouraged to participate in education, training and job search activities that promote responsibility and self–sufficiency. The Department provides services to more than 400,000 families and individuals across the state.

NOTE: DTA is available on–line at http://www.mass.gov/portal/index.jsp?pageID=eohhs2subtopic&L=4&L0=Home&L1=Government&L2=Departments+and+Divisions&L3=Department+of+Transitional+Assistance&sid=Eeohhs2.

Locations of DTA Offices
DTA has a web page that allows you to select your town and find the DTA office that serves it. Complete contact information for each office, hours of operation, and a map of the area is then provided. Call 1–800–249–2007 for additional information. The online office locator is at:
http://www.mass.gov/portal/index.jsp?pageID=eohhs2terminal&L=4&L0=Home&L1=Government&L2=Departments+and+Divisions&L3=Department+of+Transitional+Assistance&sid=Eeohhs2&b=terminalcontent&f=dta_dta_locations&csid=Eeohhs2

Listing of Transitional Assistance Offices
The following list was provided by the Department of Transitional Assistance and was current as of 05/16/2006.

Boston Family Housing
90 Washington Street
Dorchester, MA 02121
(617) 989–6100
Fax (617) 989–6005

Brockton
75 Commercial Street
Brockton, MA 02302
(508) 895–7000
Fax (508) 727–3569

Dorchester
90 Washington Street
Dorchester, MA 02121
(617) 989–6000
Fax (617) 727–4722

Fall River
1567 North Main Street
Fall River, MA 02720
(508) 646–6200
Fax (508) 675–3441

Falmouth
155 Katharine Lee Bates Road
Falmouth, MA 02540
(508) 495–1400
Fax (508) 540–6756

Fitchburg
473 Main Street
Fitchburg, MA 01420
(978) 665–8700
Fax (978) 345–0935

Former Davis Square
300 Ocean Avenue
Revere, MA 02151
(781) 286–7801
(800) 650–2560
Fax (781) 286–8561

Framingham
110 Mt. Wayte Avenue
Framingham, MA 01702
(508) 661–6600
Fax (508) 727–4718

Greenfield
1 Arch Place, Suite 2A
Greenfield, MA 01301
(413) 772–3400
Fax (413) 774–5266

Holyoke
72–100 Front Street
P.O. Box 1370
Holyoke, MA 01041
(413) 552–5400
Fax (413) 784–1050

Hyannis
77 High School Road Ext.
Hyannis, MA 02601
(508) 862–6600
Fax (508) 790–4685
Nantucket Residents: (508) 228–0470

Lawrence
15 Union Street
Lawrence, MA 01840
(978) 725–7100
Fax (978) 681–6216

Lowell
131 Davidson Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 446–2400
Fax (978) 458–7563

Malden
200 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148
(781) 388–7300
Fax (617) 727–7493

Malden Centralized SSI
200 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148
(800) 590–4820
Fax (617) 388–7341

Milford
25 Birch Street
Milford, MA 01757
(508) 634–7100
Fax (508) 792–7267

New Bedford
160 West Rodney French Boulevard
New Bedford, MA 02744
(508) 961–2000
Fax (508) 961–2100

Newmarket Square
1010 Massachusetts Avenue
Boston, MA 02118
(617) 989–2200
Fax (617) 427–9214

North Adams
37 Main Street
North Adams, MA 01247
(413) 663–1100
Fax (413) 664–9274

North Shore
35 Congress Street
Salem, MA 01970
(978) 825–7300
Fax (978) 741–4869

Pittsfield
75 South Church Street
4th Floor
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 236–2000
Fax (413) 448–2466

Plymouth
61 Industrial Park Road
Plymouth, MA 02360
(508) 732–3100
Fax (508) 830–9433

Revere
300 Ocean Avenue
Revere, MA 02151
(781) 286–7800
Fax (617) 727–4567

Southbridge
79 North Street
Southbridge, MA 01550
(508) 765–2400
Fax (508) 765–0740

Springfield Liberty St.
95 Liberty Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413) 858–1000
Fax (413) 784–1044

Springfield State St.
310 State Street

Springfield, MA 01105
(413) 858–1300
Fax (413) 784–1049

Taunton
21 Spring Street
Taunton, MA 02780
(508) 884–5300
Fax (508) 880–5301

Worcester
9 Walnut Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 767–3100
Fax (508) 792–7259

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Referrals (For Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Short–Term Housing Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Shelter Referrals, Youth Focused; Housing, Affordable Housing, Ownership Program; Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Apartments; Housing, Fairly Priced Rental Housing for Disaster Survivors; Housing, Online Housing Directory Resource; Housing, Rental Listings; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Government, State/County; Government, State Government Department/Agency
Updated Dec 3, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3910

Massachusetts, List of Emergency Management Directors (by Town)

Info/Hotline

MA

Web dlsgateway.dor.state.ma.us/gateway/Public/WebForms/Directory/BasicSearch.aspx
Service Temporary

If you go to the website above, and choose "Emergency Management Director", you'll get the contact info for every Town in Massachusetts. You'll also see many email addresses for the local emergency managers.

Or go here:

http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=eopsmodulechunk&L=3&L0=Home&L1=Public+Safety+Agencies&L2=Massachusetts+Emergency+Management+Agency&sid=Eeops&b=terminalcontent&f=mema_emd_A&csid=Eeops

Between the two lists, you'll have virtually all of the phone/email contacts for the state.

Abington David Majenski 781–878–3232
Acton John Murray 978–264–9655 ema@acton–ma.gov
Acushnet Gerard Bergeron 508–998–0295 communications@...
Adams Richard Kleiner 413–743–0179
Agawam Chet Nicora 413–786–6925 director@agawam...
Alford Richard McCormi... 413–528–4536
Amesbury Donald Swenson 978–388–8161 amesburyeoc@ame...
Amherst Joshua Stanley 413–256–4082 shanleyjm@yahoo...
Andover Brian Pattullo 978–475–0411 townmanager@and...
Aquinnah Spencer Booker 508–693–1212 aqbos@comcast.n...
Arlington Allan McEwen 781–316–3800 amcewen@town.ar...
Ashburnham Paul Zbikowski 978–827–4100 afd2c@comcast.n...
Ashby Michael Bussell 978–386–5652
Ashfield Bill Perlman 413–628–4441
Ashland William Kee 508–881–0132 bkee@ashlandmas...
Athol James Wright 978–249–8275
Attleboro Ronald Churchil... 508–222–2324
Auburn Alan Dean 508–832–7746 www.auburnoem@a...
Avon Justin Cronin 508–583–5383
Ayer Wellman Parker 978–772–8224 ta@ayer.ma.us
Barnstable John Finnegan 508–778–3800
Barre Joseph Rogowski 978–355–5030
Bedford Richard Reed 781–275–1111 rreed@bedfordma...
Belchertown Edward Bock 413–323–7571 clerk@belcherto...
Bellingham James Haughey 508–966–1515 BellinghamLEMA@...
Belmont Leo Saidnawey 617–854–1731 Lsaidnawey@belm...
Berkley John Franco 508–822–7516 BerkleyFireChie...
Berlin Dennis Bartlett 978–838–2265

Bernardston Peter Shedd 413–648–9757 townbern@val.ne...
Beverly Mark Foster 978–922–5680
Billerica William Laurend... 978–671–0917
Blackstone John Delaney 508–883–1500 deepzzz@comcast...
Blandford Michael Rock 413–848–2782 blandfordselect...
Bolton Peter Casello 978–779–5524
Boston Gerry Fontana 617–343–2067
Boxborough Kevin Lyons 978–263–7546
Boxford Robert Hazelwoo... 978–887–8135
Boylston Joseph Flanagan 508–869–2342
Braintree Robert James 781–843–8188
Brewster Richard Koch 508–896–7011 brewster@town.b...
Bridgewater George Rogers 508–697–6191 grogers@bridgew...
Brimfield Robert Corry 413–245–7334 select@mail.ccs...
Brockton Morton Schleffe... 508–580–7871 BEMA@cobma.us
Brookfield Keith Karrmann 508–867–2930 Ltturbo@charter...
Brookline Daniel O'Leary 617–730–2249
Burlington Stephen Duke 781–505–1142 sduke02@comcast...
Cambridge David O'Connor 617–349–4842
Canton Frank LaBollita 781–575–6626
Carlisle David Flannery 978–369–1442
Carver Thomas Walsh 508–866–5219 thomas.walsh@ca...
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Cheshire Fred Balawender 413–743–1690
Chester Richard Small 413–354–7760 selectmen@towno...
Chesterfield Emergency Manag... Emergency Man. ... Emergency Manag... Lawrence Holmbe... 413–296–4247 emd_chesterfiel...
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Chilmark Emergency Manag... Emergency Man. ... Emergency Manag... Timothy Carroll 508–645–2101 tcarroll@ci.chi...
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Concord Emergency Manag... Emergency Man. ... Emergency Manag... Mark Cotreau 978–318–3400 mcotreau@concor...
Conway Emergency Manag... Emergency Man. ... Emergency Manag... Joeseph Strzego... 413–369–4235
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Danvers Emergency Manag... Emergency Man. ... Emergency Manag... Wayne Marquis 978–777–0001 jcollins@mail.d...
Dartmouth Emergency Manag... Emergency Man. ... Emergency Manag... Edward Pimental 508–997–1304
Dedham Emergency Manag... Emergency Man. ... Emergency Manag... Anthony Zollo 781–751–9300 azollo@dedham–m...
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Info/Hotline · Open

OnLine Resource
MA

Web www.homelessshelterdirectory.org/massachusetts.html
Service Temporary

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Massachusetts, List of UCC Churches

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Massachusetts, MetroWest Support Groups (bereavement/grief, caregiver, hoarding, etc)

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updates at the link above.

Support groups can be a valuable tool for coping with the stresses and emotional strain that often accompany caring for a loved one.

There are numerous support groups that meet throughout the MetroWest region, ranging from groups dealing with general caregiving issues to others designed for people caring for loved ones suffering from specific ailments and illnesses.

The all–encompassing demands that some caregivers face can make getting to a support group meeting difficult. There are alternatives, with some organizations offering support groups by phone and many discussion forums and message boards available online.

Note: Scheduling of support groups is subject to change. Please call to confirm time, location and space availability before attending.
Caregiver Support Groups:

Ashland Senior Center New Caregiver Support Group
Location: 162 West Union Street
Ashland, MA

Time: Second and fourth Thursdays of the month, 1 p.m.
Contact: Susan Wells, 508–881–0140 x7945

Atria Draper Place
Location: 25 Hopedale Street
Hopedale, MA 01747
Time: Second Monday of the month, 1–2 p.m.
Contact: For more information, call Atria Draper Place at 508–482–5995

Callahan Center
Location: 535 Union Avenue
Framingham, MA
Time: Fourth Wednesday of the month, 1 p.m.
Contact: Call social services at 508–532–5980

Callahan Center Evening Caregiver Support Group
Location: 535 Union Avenue
Framingham, MA
Time: First Tuesday of the month, 6–7 p.m. (beginning May 3, 2016)
Contact: For more information, call Lisa at 508–532–5980 x2

Franklin Senior Center
Location: 10 Daniel McCahill Street
Franklin, MA 02038
Time: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 4 p.m.
Contact: For more information, call the Senior Center at 508–520–4945.
Note: Respite care for a loved one during the meeting is available. Please call ahead to make arrangements for respite.

Goddard House Adult Children Caregivers Group
Location: 165 Chestnut Street
Brookline, MA
Time: Second Tuesday of the month, 7– 8 p.m.
Facilitated by Barbara Moscowitz, MSW
Contact: Emily Judd, 617–731–8500 x105

LGBT Caregiver Group
For lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people who are providing care for a loved one
Location: Jamaica Plain
Time: First Monday of the month, 6–7:30 p.m.
Contact: Joanne Peskowitz, LICSW, 617–271–4182

Mansfield Adult Day Health Center Caregivers Support Group
Location: 300 Branch Street
Mansfield, MA
Time: Fourth Thursday of each month, 10–11:15 a.m.
Contact: 508–339–2119

Medfield Council on Aging
Location: One Ice House Road
Medfield, MA 02052
Time: Last Thursday of the month, 10–11:30 a.m.
Contact: Cheryl Lavallee, 508–359–3665

Norfolk Adult Day Health Center Caregivers Support Group
Location: 595 Pleasant Street
Norwood, MA
Time: Last Tuesday of each month, 10–11 a.m.
Contact: 781–769–4495
Alzheimer and Dementia Caregiver Groups:

Community VNA Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group
Location: 10 Emory Street
Attleboro, MA
Time: First Tuesday of month, 1:30–2:30 p.m.
Contact: 800–220–0110 x1554

Constance Rose House Dementia Support Group
Location: 8 Wampum Path
Wayland, MA 01778

Time: Second Thursday of each month, 1:30–2:30 p.m.
Contact: Kara Harvey, 508–545–8001 (support group is free to attend, but RSVPs are suggested)

Cornerstone Assisted Living
Location: 11 Birch Street
Milford, MA 01757
Time: Second Thursday of month, 5:30 p.m.
Contact: Ronnie Brown, 508–473–0035

Golden Pond Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Group
Location: Ice House Pub Lounge in Golden Pond Assisted Living Lodge
50 West Main Street
Hopkinton, MA 01748
Time: Third Thursday of month, 5–6 p.m.
Contact: Liz Kemp, LCSW, 508–435–1250, x29

Heritage Assisted Living
Location: 747 Water Street
Framingham, MA
Time: First Thursday of the month, 1–2 p.m.
Contact: Judy Sabol, 508–788–6050 x120

Home Instead at Natick
Location: 209 West Central Street
Natick, MA
Time: Second Monday of the month, 10–11:30 a.m.
Contact: Felicia Cardone, 888–377–4446 or 508–393–8338

Home Instead at Northborough
Location: 386 West Main Street
Northborough, MA
Time: Third Monday of the month, 10–11:30 a.m.
Contact: Felicia Cardone, 888–377–4446 or 508–393–8338

Pleasantries Adult Day Services
Location: 195 Reservoir Street
Marlborough, MA
Time: Second Monday of the month, 6–8 p.m.
Contact: Tammy Pozerycki, 508–481–0809

The Residence at Valley Farm
Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiving Support Group
Address: 369 Pond Street
Ashland, MA 01721
Time: Fourth Thursday of the month, 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Contact: Call 508–532–3197 to RSVP

Salmon VNA and Hospice
Location: 37 Birch Street
Milford, MA 01757
Time: First and Third Tuesday of month, 1–2:30 p.m.
Contact: Nancy Durkin, MSSW, LICSW, 508–473–0862 x1847

St. Patrick’s Manor
Location: 863 Central Street
Framingham, MA
Time: Second Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.
Contact: Joan Murphy, 508–879–8000

Whitney Place at Natick
Location: 3 Vision Drive
Natick, MA
Time: Fourth Monday of the month 6–7:30 p.m.
Contact: Diane Tonelli, 508–655–5000

Whitney Place at Natick
Location: 3 Vision Drive
Natick, MA
Time: Second and fourth Tuesdays of the month 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Contact: Diane Tonelli, 508-655-5000
Whitney Place at Westborough
Location: 5 Lyman Street
Westborough, MA
Time: First Tuesday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m.

Contact: Diane Tonelli, 508-836-4354 x3543

Whitney Place at Westborough
Location: 5 Lyman Street
Westborough, MA
Time: Second and fourth Thursday of the month, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Contact: Diane Tonelli, 508-836-4354 x3543
Alzheimer Association Support Groups

The Massachusetts and New Hampshire Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association also provides a list and regional map of support groups in the area on its website.

Note: Looking for information about Memory Cafes? Those listings are now on their own page here.
Early to Mid Stage Dementia and Care Partner Support Groups:

Whitney Place at Westborough
Location: 5 Lyman Street
Westborough, MA
Time: Second and fourth Thursdays of the month, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Contact: Diane Tonelli, 508-836-4354 x3543
Brain Injury Support Groups:

Mild Brain Injury Survivors Support Group
Saint Andrews Church, Framingham
Location: 3 Maple Street
Framingham, MA
Time: Second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Contact: Barbara Webster, 508-478-7539

Family and Survivors Support Group
Location: Milford Regional Medical Center
Hill Building, Fourth Floor Conference Room
14 Prospect Street
Milford, MA 01757
Time: Third Thursday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m.
Contact: Denise Simoneau, 508-422-2559 or dsimoneau @milreg.org

Brain Injury Survivor, Family and Caregiver Support Group
Location: Community Neuroscience Services
33 Lyman Street, Suite 400
Westborough, MA 01581
Time: Second Tuesday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m.
Contact: Meg Lyons, 508-612-9662

Brain Games - Social Recreation Group for Survivors and Family Members
Location: Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts
30 Lyman Street, Suite 10
Westborough, MA 01581
Time: Third Wednesday of the month, 1-3 p.m.
Contact: Lori Tomasetti, 1-800-242-0030, x31
Note: If you need assistance, please bring someone with you. Space is limited, please call before attending for the first time.

Creative Minds Craft Group for Survivors and Family Members
Location: Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts
30 Lyman Street, Suite 10
Westborough, MA 01581
Time: Second Thursday of the month, 1-3 p.m.
Contact: Tress Ricker, 1-800-242-0030, x13
Note: If you need assistance, please bring someone with you. Space is limited, please call before attending for the first time.
Bereavement Support Groups:

Callahan Center
Location: 535 Union Avenue

Framingham, MA
Time: Mondays at 10–11:30 a.m.
Contact: Call social services at 508–532–5980

Circle of Healing, West River Hospice
Location: Marlborough Council on Aging
40 New Street
Marlborough, MA 01752
Time: Tuesdays, 10–11:30 a.m.
Contact: For more information or to join the group, call Judith at 781–707–9578.
Note: This is a six–week program running from March 21 through April 25, 2017.

Community VNA Bereavement Support Group
Location: 10 Emory Street
Attleboro, MA
Time: First Monday of month, 7–8:30 p.m.
Contact: 800–220–0110
Note: Group does not meet in July; Community VNA also offers a six–week Bereavement Support and Grief Education Series. Call for more information, to register or to learn of the schedule of upcoming Grief Education groups

Grief Support Group
Location: Woodville Baptist Church
249 Wood Street
Hopkinton, MA
Time: Fridays, 12–1 p.m.
Contact: For more information or to RSVP, email Vinnie @checkyourcompass.org or visit www.meetup.com/MetroWestBostonGriefGroup/

LGBT Bereavement Group
6–8 week group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people who are coping with the loss of a loved one.
Contact: Bob Linscott, 617–477–6610

Living with Loss, West River Hospice
Location: New England Center for Healthy Minds
289 Great Road, Suite G1
Acton, MA
Time: Wednesdays, 2–3:30 p.m.
Contact: Registration is mandatory for group participation. To register, please call Shelly Sisombath at the New England Center at 978–679–1230. Group is co–facilitated by Anne Manning, LMHC at the New England Center for Healthy Minds, Acton, MA and Judith Chaloux, Bereavement Coordinator at West River Hospice, Needham, MA.
Note: This is a six–week program running from May 17 through June 28, 2017.

Milford Regional Medical Center Grief Support Group
Location: Milford Regional Medical Center,
14 Prospect Street
Milford, MA 01757
Time: Third Wednesday of each month, 4–5:30 p.m.
Contact: Ceceley Chambers, chaplain, at 508–488–3743
Note: This group is for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one get to cancer.

Natick Community Senior Center
Drop In Bereavement Support Group
Location: Natick Community Senior Center
117 East Central Street
Natick, MA
Time: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.
Contact: For more information please call 508–647–6540.

Northborough Senior Center
Location: 119 Bearfoot Road
Northborough, MA 01532
Time: Second Monday of the month, 10 a.m.
Contact: Call social services at 508–393–5035

Salmon VNA and Hospice
Location: 37 Birch Street
Milford, MA 01757

Time: First Monday of the month, 6:30–8 p.m.
Contact: Mary S. Poole, Spiritual Coordinator, 508–234–4769 x3056

Samaritans, Inc.
Drop In Bereavement Support Group
For those who have lost a loved one to suicide
Location: Lutheran Church of Framingham
720 Edgell Road
Framingham, MA 01701
Time: Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month, 7– 8:30 p.m.
Contact: For more information please call Emily Britt at 617–536–2460, ext. 5230

Samaritans, Inc.
Drop In Bereavement Support Group
For those who have lost a loved one to suicide
Location: Riverside Trauma Center
255 Highland Avenue
Needham, MA
Time: First and third Monday of each month, 7– 8:30 p.m.
Contact: For more information please call Emily Britt at 617–536–2460, ext. 5230

Samaritans, Inc.
Drop In Bereavement Support Group
For those who have lost a loved one to suicide
Location: The Bridge
4 Mann Street
Worcester, MA
Time: First and third Tuesday of each month, 7– 8:30 p.m.
Contact: For more information please call Emily Britt at 617–536–2460, ext. 5230

Sudbury Senior Center
Location: 40 Fairbank Road
Sudbury, MA 01776
Time: Six Monday meetings from 10–11:30 a.m., beginning Jan. 9, 2017 and running through June 12, 2017
Facilitators: Anne Manning, LMHC and Nancy Duffy, BC
Contact: RSVP to 978–443–3055
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Groups:

Callahan Center
Location: 535 Union Avenue
Framingham, MA
Time: Second Wednesday of the month, 7–9 p.m.
Contact: Call Carol Casey, MS at 617–447–5417 for a phone screening and to learn more about the group

YMCA Worcester
Location: 1 Salem Square
Worcester, MA
Time: Second Tuesday of the month, 6–8 p.m.
Contact: Call 508–756–1545
Telephone Support Groups for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

The Morning Connection
Elder Services of Merrimack Valley, Inc.
Time: Thursdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m., March 2, 2017 to April 6, 2017
Contact: For more information or to register, call Cynthia Hession–Richard at 978–946–1445.
Note: Support group is a program of Elder Services of Merrimack Valley, inc. but open to all grandparents and kinship caregivers interested.
Caring for a Child with Chronic Illness or Special Needs Support Groups:
Support for Parents and Caregivers of Chronically–Ill and Special Needs Children
Location: Millis Library, Local History Room
961 Main Street
Millis, MA Time: Last Wednesday of the month, 6–7:30 p.m. (first meeting May 25, 2016)
Contact: Contact Shirley Riga at 413–537–7582 or shirley_riga @yahoo.com or visit shirleyriga.com for more information.
Note: Open to all parents and caregivers caring for a child or adult child with a chronic illness or special needs. Snacks will be provided.

Cancer Support Groups:

Caring for the Caregiver
Location: Milford Regional Medical Center,
Second Floor conference room
14 Prospect Street
Milford, MA 01757
Time: First Wednesday of each month, 6–7 p.m.
Contact: Ann Sullivan, LICSW at 508–488–3783
Note: This group is for those who are helping a loved one get through cancer treatment.

Sudbury Senior Center
Location: 40 Fairbank Raod
Sudbury, MA
Time: Mondays, 12:30–2 p.m.; beginning July 11, 2016 and running through the summer
Contact: For more information on the program, or to register, contact Nancy Gaulin, Psy.D. at 617–332–5777 or ngaulin @facing–cancer.org or Anne Manning, LMHC at 978–443–3055 or manninga @sudbury.ma.us.
Better Breathers Support Groups:

Callahan Center
Location: 535 Union Avenue
Framingham, MA
Time: Second Wednesday of the month, 12–1 p.m.
Contact: Call social services at 508–532–5980

Northborough Senior Center
Location: 119 Bearfoot Road
Northborough, MA 01532
Time: Third Thursday of the month, 2 p.m.
Contact: Call social services at 508–393–5035
Caring for Someone with a Mental Illness Support Groups:

Employment Options
Location: 82 Brigham Street
Marlborough, MA
Time: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 7–9 p.m.
Contact: Susan Leigh, 508–272–9061
Diabetes Support Groups:

Callahan Center
Location: 535 Union Avenue
Framingham, MA
Time: Last Tuesday of the month, 10–11:30 a.m.
Contact: Call social services at 508–532–5980

Natick Council on Aging
Location: 117 East Central Street
Natick, MA
Time: Second Tuesday of the month, 10–11 a.m.
Contact: Call social services at 508–647–6540

Northborough Senior Center
Location: 119 Bearfoot Road
Northborough, MA 01532
Time: Last Tuesday of the month, 1 p.m.
Contact: Call senior center at 508–393–5035
Low Vision Support Groups:

Callahan Center
Location: 535 Union Avenue
Framingham, MA
Time: Third Friday of the month, 1–2 p.m.
Contact: Call social services at 508–532–5980

Natick Council on Aging
Location: 117 East Central Street
Natick, MA
Time: Third Friday of the month, 1–2:30 p.m.
Contact: Call Laurie Werle at 800–852–3029

Northborough Senior Center
Location: 119 Bearfoot Road
Northborough, MA 01532
Time: Second Thursday of the month, 1 p.m.
Contact: Call social services at 508–393–5035
Parkinson's Disease Support Groups:

Callahan Center
Location: 535 Union Avenue
Framingham, MA
Time: Third Tuesday of the month, 1:30–2:30 p.m.
Contact: Call social services at 508–532–5980

Southeastern Mass. Parkinson's Support Group
For people with Parkinson's disease and their caregivers
Location: 10 Emory Street
Attleboro, MA
Time: Second Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Contact: 800–220–0110
Hoarding Support Groups:

Buried in Treasures Cluttering Support Workshop
Location: Sudbury Senior Center
40 Fairbank Road,
Sudbury, MA
Time: Fridays 1 p.m. beginning April 7, 2017
Contact: Please call Debra Galloway for more information at 978–443–3055.

ClearPath Hoarding Task Force
ClearPath offers hoarding support groups in a number of MetroWest locations. Call 508–658–0880, email clearpath @strongcommunity.org or visit www.strongcommunity.org for more information.
This is a partial listing courtesy of CaregivingMetroWest.org. CaregivingMetroWest.org does not license, endorse or recommend any providers. For information call BayPath Elder Services, Inc. at 508–573–7200.

Services offered: Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Counseling, Support Group for Caregivers
Updated Jun 6, 2017 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10011

Massachusetts, Online Farmers Market, support farmers

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web shop.threeriverfa.com/Account/Register
Service Temporary

Online Farmers Market to support farmers Food
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Mar 18, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10203

Massachusetts, State of: Energy and Housing Assistance Resource Guide

Info/Hotline · Open

State Agency
MA

Phone (617) 963–2069
Contact Dominique Williams
Email Williams@state.ma.us
Web www.mass.gov/Cago/docs/Community/energy_resource_guide_091808.pdf
Serves State of Massachusetts
Eligibility Low and moderate income individuals
Service Permanent

Dominique Williams at (617) 963–2069 or email Domonique: Williams@state.ma.us

An ambitious effort to centralize the energy and housing resources in the state.

From the document:

Thank you for taking part in the Winter Heating and Energy Roundtable series, hosted by our office in partnership with various municipalities across the Commonwealth.

As you know, the cost of heating a home with oil this winter is predicted to rise as much as 42 percent from last year, and the cost of heating with natural gas is expected to increase by about 32 percent. When such rising costs are coupled with an anticipated six percent hike in electricity costs, the Commonwealth is facing a far–reaching energy crisis. Indeed, some Massachusetts residents may be forced to choose between heating their homes and buying food, medication or other necessities.

In Massachusetts, the Attorney General's Office serves as the consumer advocate in state and federal regulatory proceedings involving natural gas and electric rates. In addition, our office must ensure that consumers are not subject to anticompetitive practices in the delivery and sale of petroleum products.

Consumers should know that we are vigorously representing them to keep prices as low as possible, but much of the increase in price is related to the higher cost of natural gas, which, like oil, is set through world supply and demand.
With consumers facing higher prices, we need to provide them with the tools to manage their energy use wisely. As prices are likely to remain high, we must provide consumers with more options to control their use through increased energy efficiency and technology, such as smart meters, and clean, on–site generation, such as combined heat and power systems. In addition, we must ensure that low–income residents are made aware of resources which can help them pay for some of their heating expenses.

These Winter Heating and Energy Roundtables will provide a forum for sharing ideas and discussing the financial, public safety, and public health implications of rising energy costs, as well as the opportunities and best practices to help consumers manage the upcoming heating season. We will also discuss ways in which municipalities are implementing short– and long–term strategies for cost reduction and increased energy efficiency. It is important that we plan now for this potential impending consumer and health crisis before thermometers dip to the freezing mark.

In preparation for these roundtables, we have collected the attached listing of statewide resources, which are available to help your constituents find fuel assistance, weatherization information, and energy conservation tips.
We realize that this list is only the beginning. We plan to regularly update this information on our website, www.mass.gov/ago, and invite you to share with us any resources which you think may be helpful to Massachusetts residents and businesses.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Financial Assistance Programs; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Financial Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Housing, Mortgage Assistance; Financial Assistance, Housing, Rental Assistance; Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance; Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance (For Seniors/Elders); Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: Government, State Government Department/Agency; Homelessness Relief Services
Updated Nov 14, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3824

Massachusetts, State of: Housing & Rental Assistance

Info/Hotline · Open

Housing Resource
MA

Phone 1–800–224–5124 to find the local housing agency
Web www.masshousinginfo.org/agencies
Service Temporary

Note: This site is a resource database. You choose a town and they point you to the agency that can help with rental/housing/ utility assistance. So we put this kind of assistance as an avail on this site.

Per the Massachusetts Energy Resource Guide:
http://www.mass.gov/Cago/docs/Community/energy_resource_guide_091808.pdf

Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) Program www.masshousinginfo.org/agencies 1–800–224–5124 to find the local housing agency

RAFT is a state–funded homelessness prevention program. RAFT helps families who are behind on rent, mortgage payments, or utility bills. RAFT also helps families who have to move but do not have enough money to pay a security deposit, utility startup costs, or first/last month's rent. Families can get up to $3000. Funding is limited. Not all eligible families get help. The Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development oversees the RAFT program. On the local level, RAFT is run by regional nonprofit housing agencies.

This organization is also a clearinghouse for info about the different housing agencies in each region. If someone needs a housing referral, this is a great place to start. Ask them which housing agency is appropriate for the person you are trying to serve.

Services offered: Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Legislation Support; 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, Information & Referral (For Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Services for Special Needs Folks; Buildings; Community Outreach Programs; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Financial Assistance Programs; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); 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, Rental Assistance; Financial Assistance, Housing, Rental Deposit; Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance; Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance (For Seniors/Elders); Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Online Housing Directory Resource; Housing, Rental Listings; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Vouchers * (ANY/ALL Types); Vouchers, Housing/Shelter (Motel) Vouchers
Campaigns: Government, City/Town Agency; Government, State/County; Government, State Government Department/Agency; Government, US Deptartment of Housing & Urban Development (HUD); Homelessness Relief Services
Updated Nov 6, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3823

Massachusetts, State of: Senior Tax Relief Program

Info/Hotline · Open

Governmental/State
MA

Phone 617–887–MDOR or 1–800–392–6089
Web www.mass.gov/dor
Serves State of Massachusetts
Eligibility 65 yrs old, before January 1, 2008, income and asset limtations (see Notes, below)
Bring Schedule CB, Circuit Breaker Credit for and state income tax return
Service Permanent

The taxpayer's income must is NOT TO EXCEED:

– $48,000: single filer who is NOT head of household
– $60,000: head of household
– $72,000: taxpayers filing jointly

The assessed valuation of the real estate is not to exceed $772,000.

For further info, call the numbers above, or your local assessor's office.

Services offered: Financial Assistance, Tax Relief
Updated Oct 6, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2915

MassCEO [gov't program to help co–ops]

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web massceo.org
Service Temporary

...believe it or not

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Business Services, Co–Op oriented; Business Services, Facilitation / Mentoring / Consulting; Community Outreach Programs; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Management Advice; New "Business" Models; Training, Micro–Economic Entrepeneurship
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Government, Small Business Administration (SBA); Government, State/County; Government, State Government Department/Agency
Updated Jul 1, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10574

MassHousing (low interest mortgages, low down payment for income–eligible people)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Phone 888–843–6432
Web www.masshousing.com
Service Temporary

source: http://www.boston.com/2014/01/27/guide/elZHSYcVpoGslwX4UIkuEJ/singlepage.html

MassHousing (888–843–6432, masshousing.com) is a quasi–public agency charged with increasing affordable housing in the Commonwealth. It offers low fixed rates with low down payment requirements, flexible underwriting, and relatively high household income limits, ranging from $76,140 in Berkshire County to $128,790 in Nantucket County. “We’re among the older housing finance agencies in the country,” says the organization’s executive director, Tom Gleason, “and our lending has been stronger over the last two years than in our 47–year history.” He cites $1.25 billion in single–family loans and another $350 million for multifamily loans in the fiscal year ending June 30. “We never did no–down–payment, no–income–verification loans. We always did it the old–fashioned way. Our sweet spot is people with modest incomes and low down payments.”

Services offered: Counseling, Financial, Home Buying Process; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Housing, Mortgage Assistance; Financial Assistance, Loans, Low Interest Loans; Housing,

Affordable Housing, Ownership Program; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Feb 15, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9850

massnonprofit.com (Statewide "Issue Tracker" for advocacy, Other Services for Non–Profits)

Info/Hotline · Open

Advocacy Group
MA

Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, For Non–Profits; Assistance, for non–profits, Collaboration Tool; Assistance, for non–profits (In General); Directories, Job Fair / Employment Listings & News; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Directories, Training Listings, News & Referrals; Disaster Relief System Development Guidance; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Community Groups; Documentation, Volunteer Management Guidance; Facility: Job Center; Fundraising Tools, for Non Profit Orgs; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Jobs, Paying; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee Advice; Management, Disaster Consultant; Management, Supply Chain Management Advice; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Services, For Non–Profits; Training Classes, Grant Writing; Training Classes, Non–Profit Managers; Training Workshops, Disaster Ops, Disaster Rebuilding/ Recovery Workshops

Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Government, State/County

Updated Aug 16, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6166

MassPartnership.com

Info/Hotline · Open

Health Care Outreach
MA

Web www.masspartnership.com
Service Temporary

from the website:

Your Eligibility

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

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

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

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

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

MassPeaceAction

Volunteer Camp · Open

MA

Web masspeaceaction.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Calendar, Community Events/Protest Actions; Events, Protest Actions
Campaigns: 2022 Ukraine Crisis; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Helping People Suffering from the Gaza Occupation; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Dec 3, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10674

MassSave.org (Green Energy Suggestions/Resources)

Info/Hotline · Open

"Green" Resource
MA

Web www.masssave.com
Service Temporary

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

Material Aid and Advocacy Program [mutual aid network]

Volunteer Camp · Open

MA

Web www.maapma.org
Service Temporary

Cofd 19 response:

https://www.maapma.org/covid–19–updates

COVID–19
Overview

This is a trying time in so many ways. Our community members are now experiencing the compound crises of homelessness, COVID–19, and for many the continued overdose crisis. It is clear the Commonwealth doesn't have a plan for people experiencing homelessness but especially for those living unsheltered. We will continue to provide support, solidarity, and speak up.

We are committed to continuing to support our participants and community members experiencing homelessness. In consultation with our participants we have put in place a system to make the best decisions we can as a small grassroots organization while being as safe as possible.

We have moved our modified operations from our basement space to the lawn in front of our building. Despite social distancing, we are hoping to continue to be a place where people feel a sense of connection and belonging even if that is from six feet away.

Community members are welcome to drop–in at our outdoor space during our regular hours on Tuesdays or Thursdays for support including:

Survival supplies (tents, sleeping bags, tarps, blankets, backpacks & hiking bags, hand warmers, hygiene & menstrual hygiene kits, MBTA passes, Gift Cards, and clothing).

Utilizing our outdoor sink and phone charging station

Lunch and Snacks: We will continue to provide single serve snacks as well as nourishing salads and sandwiches to–go rescued by our partner Food Link. Beginning 3/31/2020 will be partnering with the City of Cambridge to provide meals to participants from a local restaurant so participants will able to save their sandwich or salad for later.

Connection to Resources: We will provide as up–to–date information as possible on available resources (COVID–19, shelter, meals, healthcare access, harm reduction access, bathrooms, clean water). Participants will also be welcome to use our phone and laptop as needed.

Advocacy: Although our Advocacy Meal is on hold we will continue to welcome participants to engage in advocacy, especially around COVID–19.

We will engage in outreach, bringing participants and community members experiencing homelessness the material aid and basic necessities they deserve.

Community members in need of survival supplies are welcome to text or email us for drop–off.

We will be pausing referral requests until we are able to move our operations back into our space.

Each Sunday, we'll make a Board/Staff decision based on the information we have and the needs community members have identified about our services for the coming week with the full transparency that that could change daily as we monitor external conditions and our resources.

updates

We will be providing regular updates via email during this challenging time:

Past Updates can be viewed by clicking the links below:

Making a Material Difference with Material Aid during COVID–19 March 14

COVID–19 at MAAP: What we've accomplished, what we've learned and how you can help March 23

It's 9am and Cassie is opening MAAP right now April 9

To join our mailing list and receive updates fill out our form here

How you can make a difference

We so appreciate your support. We couldn't do this without you! Here are ways you can help:

We need to immediately raise $25,000 for staff support and increased material aid. It's our 75th anniversary and we were going to hold a Spring celebration. We are now canceling that fundraising celebration. We are instead asking that you give online.

Contribute to our ongoing material aid campaigns. We have updated our urgent needs wishlist and our Amazon wishlist!

CDC guidance says that soft goods are a very low transmission risk if you are not sick and if all materials have been washed and dried.

Please Note: To encourage greater physical distancing, we have rented a temporary storage container (POD) for the FMC driveway. We can receive material donations from 8am–6pm, 7 days a week.

Email donate@maapma.org for lock and sanitizing instructions. .

You can also buy items off of our Amazon wishlist. (Please use Amazon smile now and always for your purchases!)
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID-19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Apr 25, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10291

Meal Call (Meals-on-Wheels Web Locator, Find Meals on Wheels)

Info/Hotline · Open

Senior Services
MA

Phone http://www.mealcall.org/meals-on-wheels/ma/
Web www.mealcall.org/meals-on-wheels/ma
Service Temporary

Find a Meals-on-Wheels program near you!

Services offered: Directories, Senior/Elder Services; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Home Delivered Meals; Meals, Home Delivered Meals (For Seniors/Elders); Meals, Mobile Meals; Meals, Mobile Meals, Disaster Survivors (Available To); Meals, Mobile Meals (For Seniors); Services, Emergency Services, Senior/Elder; Services, Senior/Elderly Services; Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: Meals on Wheels
Updated Dec 9, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3956

Meals 4 Kids (School Breakfast Program)

Info/Hotline · Open

State Agency
MA

Web www.meals4kids.org/sb/breakfast.html
Eligibility Schools that want to sign up to get funded for the program, the general public (NOT FREE), low income folks
Service Temporary
Updated May 3, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4322

Meals 4 Kids (Summer Meal Programs)

Info/Hotline · Open

State Agency
MA

Web www.meals4kids.org/sfsp/sfspsites-citycounts2006.asp
Service Temporary
Updated May 3, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4321

Media (Radio, TV, Newspapers, Blogs etc.) – INDEX

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Service Temporary

2011 Tornado –

http://www.boston.com
http://www.masslive.com/
more info at:
https://reliefdb.org/items/4855
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8527

http://www.wbur.org/
http://www.masslive.com/news/
http://www.boston.com/news/local/

Snow Emergency Contact Phone Numbers –
http://www1.whdh.com/news/articles/local/12003109532183/blizzard-2010-emergency-contact-phone-numbers/

2010 MAJOR FLOOD
http://www2.turnto10.com/jar/my_town_common/bristol_county/
MAP Local News –
http://www2.turnto10.com/jar/my_town_common
National Guard –
http://www.abc6.com/news/semassachusetts/89513262.html
failed Dam to be removed –
http://www.abc6.com/news/semassachusetts/89273472.html

National –
Directory of Newspapers:
http://www.refdesk.com/paper.html
http://www.town-usa.com/news/

http://www.50states.com/news
http://newslink.org

Radio:
http://www.radio-locator.com/
http://www.ontheradio.net/Stations.aspx#StateList

Weather Underground

US Severe Weather Map
http://www.wunderground.com/severe.asp

Services offered: Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Media, Online News Reports
Campaigns: 2010 Massachusetts Flooding; 2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; 2011 Massachusetts Tornado
Updated Jun 3, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5025

Medical Reserve Corp, Agawam (Tornado Support)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.wmmrc.org
Service Temporary

Agawam Medical Reserve Corps website

Randall White
Agawam Board of Health
413-786-0400 ext. 208
health @ agawam . ma . us
36 Main Street
Agawam, MA 01001

posted on the website, June 2011:

American Red Cross requesting Medical Reserve Corps assistance

Dear MRC Unit Leaders,

The American Red Cross has requested assistance. ARC is facing significant gaps in staffing for shelters in the gulf area, for current operations with the tornadoes as well as anticipated operations for flooding. The pool of local ARC volunteers has been tapped, but is insufficient. ARC is currently looking for licensed or certified health and mental health volunteers who may be willing, able and approved to deploy as a ARC volunteer to support general shelter operations. ARC health/mental training is a plus, but they are willing to take individuals without the training (and will provide just in time training). Note: This is not a Federal or State deployment of MRC volunteers. This is a voluntary activation to support a partner organization.

If you have volunteers that you would approve for deployment, please tell them to contact the local Red Cross chapter (www.redcross.org) to begin the activation process and to receive just-in-time training. Note that these MRC volunteers must meet the following Red Cross eligibility criteria. For Disaster Health Services the individual must:

a. Have an active and unrestricted license (i.e. RN, LPN, LVN, NP, EMT, MD, DO) AND b. Current CPR For Disaster Mental Health the individual must: a. Have an active and unrestricted independent license and masters degree as a clinical social worker, psychologist, professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, psychiatric nurse, or psychiatrist OR b. Have an active and unrestricted state license/certification and masters degree as a school psychologist or school counselor OR c. Have an active and unrestricted state license and a bachelors degree (BSN) as a registered nurse and American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) certification in mental health nursing ARC has agreed to accommodate groups who wish to deploy together. Any questions should be directed to the local ARC chapter. Thank you for your consideration and willingness to help.

For more information contact:

Brenda Brouillette
Emergency Service Director – Western MA
Deputy Director – Chapter Services
American Red Cross
Pioneer Valley Chapter
506 Cottage Street
Springfield, MA 01104
413-233-1005 (direct)
413-265-0683 (cell)
413-785-0929 (fax)
www.redcrosscwm.org

Services offered: Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes-Floods-Wind Storms; American Red Cross; Medical

Reserve Corps
Updated Jun 3, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8541

Medical Reserve Corps, Massachusetts

Medical Facility · Standby

Disaster Relief
MA

Phone 617–534–2333, 617–665–3871, see notes for other locations
Web www.medicalreservecorps.gov
Fee Yes
Service Temporary

4b Subregion 3 Medical Reserve Corps
Needham Health Department
1471 Highland Ave
Needham, MA 02492
Janice Berns
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Agawam Medical Reserve Corp
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Agawam, MA 01001
Randall White
(413) 786–0400 ext.208

Amesbury Medical Reserve Corps
11 School St
Amesbury, MA 01913
Leslie Carabello
978–836–8172

Amherst Health Department
70 Boltwood Walk
Amherst, MA 01002
Julie Federman
(413) 259–3077 ext.3161

Berkshire Medical Reserve Corps
PO Box 60
Lee, MA 01238
Sandra Martin
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Boston Medical Reserve Corps
1010 Massachusetts Avenue
Boston, MA 02118
Suzanne Crowther
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Bristol–Norfolk Medical Reserve Corp
43 So. Washington St.
No. Attleboro BOH
North Attleboro, MA 02760
AnneMarie Fleming
508–699–0104

Brockton Area Medical Reserve Corps
Brockton Board of Health
45 School Street
Brockton, MA 02301
Louis Tartaglia
508–580–7175

Brookline Department of Health
11 Pierce Street
Brookline, MA 02445
Dawn Sibor
617–730–2656

Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps
465 Main Street, Town Office Annex
Dennisport, MA 02639
Cape Cod MRC
508-760-6158

Chicopee Medical Reserve Corps
15 Court Street
Chicopee, MA 01020
lisa sanders
(413) 594-1665

City of Easthampton Board of Health
50 Payson Ave
Easthampton, MA 01027
Mary Kersell
413-529-1430

Duxbury Bay Area Regional Medical Reserve Corps
878 Tremont Street
Duxbury, MA 02332
Tracy Baugous
781-934-1105

Franklin Regional Council of Governments
425 Main Street
Suite 20
Greenfield, MA 01301
Dawn Josefski
413 586 6065

Greater Fall River Medical Reserve Corps
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722
Michael Coughlin
508 324-2404

Greater New Bedford MRC
1213 Purchase St
New Bedford, MA 02740
Louise Donaghy
508-991-6261

Greater River Valley MRC
16 Lowell Street
Reading, MA 01867
Patricia Faulkner
(978) 490-6671

Greater Taunton Medical Reserve Corps
45 School Street
Taunton, MA 02780

Greater Westfield & Western Hampden County Medical Reserve Corps
577 Western Ave.
Health Services
Westfield, MA 01086
Edward Mello
413-568-0262

Holyoke Medical Reserve Corps
Holyoke Board of Health
20 Korean Vets Plaza
Holyoke, MA 01040
Soloe Dennis
(413) 322-5595

Kingston MRC
Green St.

Kingston, MA 02364
Jack Breen
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Martha's Vineyard Medical Reserve Corps
c/o Dukes County, RR1, Box 860
Vineyard Haven, MA 0256

Massachusetts Emergency Response Team
PO Box 833
Newburyport, MA 01950
John Harkins
877-882-6500 ext.1

Massachusetts Region 4A Medical Reserve Corps
Town Hall Town House Road
Weston, MA 02493
Liisa Jackson
508-625-1141

Massachusetts Region 4b MRC
119 Windsor Street
Cambridge, MA 02139
Alison Minkoff
617-665-3871

Massachusetts Task Force
43 Airport Road
Beverly, MA 01915
Mark Foster
978-922-5680

Middleborough Area Medical Reserve Corps
20 Centre Street
Middleborough, MA 02346
Jeanne Spalding
508-946-2408

Mystic Valley Medical Reserve Corps
85 George P. Hassett Dr.
Rm 311
Medford, MA 02155
Karen Rose
781-393-2565

Newton Medical Reserve Corps
1294 Centre Street
Newton, MA 02459
Teresa Wood
6177961420

North East Massachusetts MRC
City Hall – Room 205
Haverhill, MA 01830
Nancy Murphy
978-420-3681

North Shore-Cape Ann Emergency Preparedness Coalition MRC
120 Washington Street, 4th Floor
c/o Salem Board of Health
Salem, MA 01970
Joanne Scott
978-741-1800

Plymouth Area Medical Reserve Corp.
44 Obery Street
Plymouth, MA 02360
Susan Merrifield
508-747-1620 ext.119

Randolph Medical Reserve Corps
1 Turner Lane
Randolph, MA 02368
John McVeigh
508 455 1385

South Shore Hospital MRC
55 Fogg Rd.
S.Weymouth, MA 02190
Tim Quigley
781-340-8987

Springfield MA Medical Reserve Corps
1 Armory Square
PO Box 9000, Suite 1
Springfield, MA 01102
Jonathan Miller
413 755 4385

Town of Grafton
30 Providence Road
Grafton, MA 01519
Lois Luniewicz
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Town of Longmeadow Medical Reserve Corps
20 Williams Street
Longmeadow, MA 01106
Beverly Hirschhorn
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Town of Monson MRC
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Upper Cape Medical Reserve Corps
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West Springfield, MA 01089
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Wilbraham Medical Reserve Corps
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Wilbraham, MA 01095
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Worcester Regional MRC
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Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado
Updated Oct 10, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2162

MEMA January 2015 Blizzard Updates

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Web www.mass.gov/mema
Service Temporary

Here is your 9:00 pm (MONDAY 1/26) MEMA update:

Shelter Status:
Shelters have been or are scheduled to be opened in the following communities:

· Braintree – Independent
· Newburyport (2) – Independent
· Tisbury – ARC Managed
· Fall River – ARC Supported
· Falmouth – ARC Supported
· Weymouth – ARC Supported
· Scituate – Independent
· Harwich – ARC Supported
· Brookline – Independent
· New Bedford – Independent
· Eastham – ARC Supported
· Sandwich – ARC Supported
· Yarmouth – ARC Supported
· Barnstable – ARC Supported
· Plymouth – ARC Supported
· Waltham – Independent
· West Newbury – Independent
· Carver – ARC Managed
· Methuen – ARC Managed
· Northampton – ARC Managed

Storm Reports:

SKYWARN observers reported the following snowfall totals in Massachusetts as of 8:15 PM:

· Nantucket, MA: 3.5"
· Fairhaven, MA (West Island): 3.5"
· Centerville, MA: 3.5"
· Oak Bluffs, MA: 3.5"
· Freetown, MA: 2.5"
· New Bedford, MA: 2.0"
· Harwich, MA: 2.0"
· Kingston, MA: 2.0"
· Bridgewater, MA: 2.0"
· Taunton, MA: 2.0"

SKYWARN observers reported the following wind gust observations:
Fairhaven, MA:

· West Island: 46 MPH Gust at 800 PM Scituate, MA
· Humarock Beach: 41 MPH Gust at 724 PM; 40 MPH Gust at 634 PM.

Status Updates:

MassDOT reports the following:

· Most regional transit authorities have suspended service for Tuesday, January 27.

· The speed limit on the Mass Pike has been lowered to 40 mph between the New York border and Rt. 128. There are currently no restrictions on propane or tandems.

· Rt. 3A is closed in both directions at Rocky Hill Rd. in Plymouth due to multiple spinouts.

· District 1 (Lenox) – Light snow. Roadways are wet and snow covered. The district is chemically treating the roads.

· District 2 (Northampton) – Light snow. Roadways are wet and snow covered. The district is chemically treating the roads.

· District 3 (Worcester) – Light to moderate snow. Roadways are wet and snow covered. The district is chemically treating the roads.

· District 4 (Arlington) – Light to moderate snow. Roadways are wet and slush covered. The district is chemically treating the roads.

· District 5 (Taunton) – Light to moderate snow. Roadways are we and snow covered. Area 5B is reporting icy roads as well. The district is chemically treating the roads.

· District 6 (Boston) – Light snow. Roadways are wet with and snow covered. The district is chemically treating the roads.

· Statewide summary: 1,336 pieces of equipment and 674 MassDOT employees.

MA State Police reports the following:

· All State Police Troop Headquarters report there no significant incidents ongoing at this time. Troopers are patrolling roadways and responding to minor spin–out type incidents.

· Logan Airport is open.

· In anticipation of significant snowfall and coastal flooding, State Police Marine Unit and State Police Specialty vehicles, supplemented by National Guard assets, are being staged along state highways and coastal communities to facilitate response to storm–impacted areas.

DCR reports the following:

· Morrissey Blvd will be closed tonight at a time to be determined due to anticipated significant coastal flooding. Detours will be in place once the road is closed until the storm has subsided.

· There will be no parking on ALL DCR roadways and parkways beginning Monday, January 26th, 2015, as of 7:00 P.M. until further notice. These roads include, but are not limited to: Morrissey Boulevard in Boston, Nantasket Avenue and Hull Shore Drive in Hull, Quincy Shore Drive in Quincy, Winthrop Parkway and Winthrop Shore Drive in Winthrop, and Revere Beach Boulevard in Revere. DCR's website has a complete list of emergency snow routes.

· Due to the blizzard requiring a parking ban on DCR's Day Blvd. and surrounding city of Boston streets. DCR will accommodate vehicles with valid South Boston resident parking stickers at Castle Island from 6:00 P.M. on Monday, January 26th until 24 hours after the DCR parking ban is lifted.

· The Revere Flood Gate at Winthrop Parkway has been closed as of 3:15 PM today until further notice.

· DCR managed rinks and park visitor centers were closed as of 7:00 PM today until further notice.

· The Melnea A. Cass Recreation Center was closed at 6:00 PM on Monday, January 26, 2015 until further notice.

· DCR has been in communication with MassDOT staff and intends to have a conference call tomorrow to more closely coordinate snow removal operations through the duration of the storm.

Mass 2–1–1 reports the following:

· Since 4:00 PM, Mass 2–1–1 has responded to over 400 storm–related calls.

Utilities Status:

Current power outage numbers by company as of 8:30 PM:
WMECO: 0
National Grid: 47
NSTAR: 440
UNITIL: 0
Total: 487

MEMA Operations

The State Emergency Operations Center is operating at Level 3 (Full Activation) as of 4:00 PM this afternoon. Regional EOCs in Tewksbury, Bridgewater, and Agawam are staffed and operational.

The SEOC has stood up its Operations, Planning, Logistics, and Finance Sections and is supported by liaisons from the following Emergency Support Functions (ESFs):

ESF–1 (Transportation)
ESF–2 (Communications)
ESF–3 (Public Works & Engineering)
ESF–4 (Firefighting)
ESF–5 (Business and Industry)
ESF–6 (Mass Care)
ESF–7 (Volunteers and Donations)
ESF–8 (Health and Medical)
ESF–9 (Search and Rescue)
ESF–10 (Hazardous Materials and Environmental Protection)
ESF–12 (Energy)
ESF–13 (Public Safety and Security)
ESF–16 (Military Support)
Campaigns: 2015 January Northeast Blizzard
Updated Jan 27, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9913

Merrimack Valley Food Bank

Info/Hotline · Open

Project Bread
MA
Web www.mvfb.org
Service Temporary

in addition to normal food bank/pantry operations:

The Mobile Pantry is a community–based health and nutrition service program that offers home delivery of nutritious foods specifically tailored to meet the health and dietary requirements of low income, homebound elderly and disabled individuals. The program is not a shopping service but rather helps to reduce the recipient's monthly grocery expenses. The program focuses on creating a better quality of life for each client by reinforcing healthy eating habits and encouraging clients to remain socially active, despite their disability. Proper nutrition is essential to good health and successful aging that enhances the quality of life for older adults.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Food Bank (Public Distribution Available); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Food Distribution, Food Pantry, Mobile Food Pantry
Campaigns: Project Bread
Updated Oct 8, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4314

MetroWest (Concord/Carlisle/Acton/Chemlsford) Mutual Aid virus response resources, how to help, etc

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Web docs.google.com/document/d/1–0_lZlqD4B6Xl5SUFdhB3–88onSZwgGLYnW1TRwcOOs/edit?fbclid=IwAR3kfo87lkcDyHR6SKpSr3sEJn_47vAAcfV–R3jnaR1UGoS7TJ3n8JA4tCE
Service Temporary

Mutual Aid worksheet: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1–0_lZlqD4B6Xl5SUFdhB3–88onSZwgGLYnW1TRwcOOs/edit?fbclid=IwAR3kfo87lkcDyHR6SKpSr3sEJn_47vAAcfV–R3jnaR1UGoS7TJ3n8JA4tCE

Source State Rep Tami Gouveia, more info or to thank her: tami.gouveia@mahouse.gov

The link above had the following info 3/18, 8:23 pm. For later updates, check link above. Live links for orgs, can be found at the link above.

Ways You Can Help

OpenTable has run food drives to increase their supplies during this crisis. Follow them on social media or check out their website to see upcoming donation opportunities. https://www.opentable.org Pantry Service is OPEN! As of Tuesday, March 17th, Open Table will be implementing "drive–thru" pantry service. Guests arriving by other means of transportation (walking, biking, etc) will, of course, also be served. Guests should keep their regular appointments during these times. Our pantry will be open during regular operating hours (we will be open rain or shine!):

Tuesday 1:00–6:30 pm
Thursday 3:00–6:30 pm

Drive–Thru Plan

Pantry distribution will be available in the Maynard Municipal Parking Lot located between Summer Street and Main Street. Please enter from Summer Street (across from the Fine Arts Theater). Guests will remain in their cars; volunteers will load pre–packed bags into the cars. Please do your best to arrive at your standard time; if you arrive early you may be asked to park in an area municipal lot and return at your appointment time.

Donate blood: the Red Cross if facing a severe blood shortage during the COVID–19 outbreak. If you are healthy, please schedule a time to give blood: https://www.redcrossblood.org/

General Questions and Concerns Related to COVID–19

For general information and updates about state action, visit the Mass DPH website. https://www.mass.gov/resource/information–on–the–outbreak–of–coronavirus–disease–2019–covid–19

For additional assistance or questions, you can call 211. https://mass211.org/ Once you choose a language, dial 26 to access the COVID–19 information line. Other dial options provide information and referrals about other critical resources and needs.

You can also visit the Mass 211 web page: https://mass211.org/

We recommend signing up for town alerts and following local leaders to stay up–to–date on local actions.

Acton
Town of Acton's website https://www.acton–ma.gov/ and subscribe to Town text/email alerts https://www.acton–ma.gov/list.aspx?Mode=Subscribe#alertCenter

Acton Public Schools' website Follow the Superintendent https://www.abschools.org/

Carlisle
Town of Carlisle's website https://www.carlislema.gov/
and subscribe to text/email alerts https://www.carlislema.gov/List.aspx

Carlisle Public Schools' website
Follow the Superintendent: @CarlislePreK_8

Chelmsford
Town of Chelmsford's website and subscribe to Town text/email alerts
Chelmsford Town socials for live updates: @Chelmsford_MA
Chelmsford Public Schools' website
Follow the Superintendent: @ChelmsfordPS

Concord
Town of Concord's COVID–19 website and subscribe to Town text/email alerts
Follow Concord Town socials for live updates: @TownofConcord
Concord Public Schools' website
Follow the Superintendent: @cps_cchs

Support for Seniors

Carlisle Council on Aging: 978–371–2895. Staff are available to answer questions and provide certain non–essential forms of assistance.

Concord Council on Aging: (978) 318–3020. While the COA is closed, COA staff are able to discuss a variety of topics including social service needs, assistance in gathering supplies, potential grocery delivery desires and any other personal or family needs one may have.

Acton Senior Center: 978–929–6652. While the COA is closed, staff are available to answer questions and provide assistance. Additionally, the Senior Center is providing pre–packaged lunches to Acton seniors in lieu of their usual congregate meals. Call 781–221–7085 to learn more.

Chelmsford Senior Center: 978–251–0533. Staff are available to answer questions and provide certain non–essential forms of assistance.

Insurance Coverage

Health Care For All's HelpLine will remain operational to help residents who are applying for insurance coverage or who have questions about their health insurance benefits. Please call 1–800–272–4232 and their team can assist you in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

Apply for insurance coverage. The HealthConnector is holding open enrollment from now until April 25th, 2020 in light of the COVID–19 pandemic. The application for the HealthConnector marketplace will also check you/your family's eligibility for MassHealth. Apply online here.

Food

Ferns Country Store is offering free delivery of food, medicine and essential supplies to all residents in Carlisle while supplies last. Proprietor The store is putting together a breakfast/lunch/dinner menu for delivery starting March 14. Call during business hours (1–978–369–0200) to place an order. Payment will be accepted by credit card over the phone, and items will be delivered to door steps only, to eliminate human to human contact for all.

Open Table is providing their food pantry services to Acton, Carlisle, Chelmsford, and Concord residents in need via a drive through set–up during the pandemic. Hours are Tuesday's from 1:00–6:30 pm to and Thursday's form 3:00–6:30. Up–to–date information can be found on their website here.

Acton Council of Aging is offering pre–packaged lunches to Acton Seniors in lieu of their usual congregate meals. Call 781–221–7085.

If you or a loved one needs food assistance, you can call the FoodSource Hotline (1–800–645–8333) for a referral to food services and/or assistance with SNAP applications. Hotline hours are Monday– Friday: 8am – 7pm and Saturday: 10am – 2pm. Counselors can assist callers in 160 languages and there is a dedicated line to assist hearing–impaired individuals at TTY: 1–800–377–1292

Concord–Carlisle Regional High School will have pre–packaged meals available for pick–up for all Concord–Carlisle students and families in need (no eligibility requirements). Students/families should arrive at the high school between 8:30am–11am and line up in their cars. PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE BUILDING. An attendant will ask you to pop your trunk or rear door and place the bag of food in your vehicle.

Housing and Utilities

Acton, Carlilse and Chelmsford residents can access fuel assistance and heating system repair and rental assistance through Community Teamwork Inc hotlines and staff email.

For fuel assistance/heating repair, call or email: 978–459–6161 / FuelAssistance@commteam.org

For rental assistance call or email: 978–654–5726 / CTIRentalAssistance@commteam.org

FYI: The Department of Public Utilities issued a moratorium to suspend all shut–offs of gas and electric utilities, including Municipal Light and Gas Plants, for residential customers during the state of emergency.

Other Basic Needs
Acton, Carlisle and Chelmsford residents can reach out to Community Teamwork Inc.'s General Emergency Resource Center hotline: 978–654–5607.

Consumer Protection

The Attorney General's office has resources for consumers to report scams and file complaints of unfair and deceptive business practices. Visit their website for all resources.

Unemployment or Loss of Work

Apply for unemployment assistance online.
Important: given the COVID–19 pandemic, workers are eligible to receive assistance in new circumstances. In addition to normal qualifying circumstances you are eligible for unemployment during this pandemic under the follow circumstances:

"A worker is quarantined due to an order by a civil authority or medical professional"
"Leaves employment due to reasonable risk of exposure or infection OR to care for a family member. The worker need not provide medical documentation and need only be available for work when and as able."
Part–time or full–time employees impacted by a temporary workplace shutdown. To remain eligible in this circumstance, workers must:
remain in contact with their employers during the shutdown.
be available for any work their employer may have for them that they are able to do.

Employers who have been paying into the unemployment system for themselves (are receiving a W–2) and have a temporary workplace shutdown.

Independent contractors and the self–employed currently DO NOT qualify. However, if the President declares a Disaster Unemployment Declaration for Massachusetts or nationwide, the self–employed and 1099 recipients (independent contractors) would become eligible for unemployment assistance.

Additional unemployment assistance guidelines and expanded eligibility may be developed by the state and federal government.

Small Businesses
Look at eligibility and/or apply to a small business loan here: https://www.empoweringsmallbusiness.org/what–we–offer/emergency–loan–funds/covid–19–loan–fund

Other Resources
Massport Traveler Advisory: Anyone with questions about travel should consult this continuously updated portal, available here.
Emergency Responders and Law Enforcement: CDC–issued guidance for all first responders, including law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services, and emergency management officials, who anticipate close contact with persons with confirmed or possible COVID–19 in the course of their work can be found here.

Businesses & Employers: CDC–issued guidance for employers to help prevent workplace exposures to illnesses and planning considerations if there are more widespread, community outbreaks of COnVID–19, which can be found here.
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Oct 14, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10204

Minuteman Aging Information Center

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
MA

Phone 781 272 7177, 978 263 8720
Eligibility Seniors and those who care for them...
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Directories, Directory of Services, Case Management; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Services, Senior/Elderly Services; Services, Senior Programs
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts
Updated Nov 19, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3857

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Massachusetts Office

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
MA

Phone 781–263–0416
Web www.namimass.org
Serves MA, Statewide
Service Temporary

Support groups for families, friends of mentally ill.

Services offered: Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Counseling, Support Group for Caregivers; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Support, Caregiver Support Services; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Caregiver Training
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts
Updated Nov 20, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3852

Nature: Historic Gardens, Berkshires

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Service Temporary

The Mount (413 551 5100) classic european
Naumkeag (413 298 3239) modernist
Berkshire Botanical Garden 413 298 3926
Mission House 413 298 3239 thetrustees.org/missionhouse
Ashintully Gardens thetrustees.org/ashintully
Bartholomew's Cobble thetrustees.org/bartscobble geological outcropping

trustee owned guest house: Field Farm, opens early april
chesterwood

Services offered: Community, Recreation, Recreational Programs; Facility: Recreation Center
Updated Apr 27, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9863

Needy Meds (free, low cost medicine/clinics)

Medical Facility · Open

MA

Web www.needymeds.org/Medical_Clinics.taf?_function=State&state=MA
Service Temporary

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Health Referrals; Medical, Facility, Clinic ($ Fee–Based Sliding Scale); Medical, Facility, Clinic, Free Clinic; Medical, Non–Emergency Medical Services; Medication, Rx, * Prescription Medicine * (ANY/ALL Types); OTC, Medicine * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Dec 29, 2016 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10000

Neighborhood Assistance Corp of America (1% mortgages, no money down, for income eligible & other terms)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Service Temporary

http://www.boston.com/2014/01/27/guide/elZHSYcVpoGslwX4UIkuEJ/singlepage.html

The Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America (888–302–6222, naca.com) has a product that “sounds extraordinary,” says founder and CEO Bruce Marks, “but we’ve been getting people through with it for more than 20 years.” It is a no down payment, no closing cost, no fee 30–year fixed–rate loan at 1 percent below the prime market rate for the purchase, or purchase

and rehab, of a one– to four–family home, a condo, or a co–op. There are no income limits, but the average NACA borrower has a salary of $35,000. Your credit score doesn't hold as much weight as it does with private lenders because the group bases qualification on individual circumstances. There are, of course, certain requirements:

> You must be a group member in good standing; the fee to join is $20.

> No member of the household can own another property when applying for the loan.

> You must live in the home for the life of your NACA–held mortgage.

> You must participate in at least five activities a year in support of the group's mission.

NACA is not only a mortgage lender but also an economic advocacy group, so members have to commit to activities like joining demonstrations, volunteering in the office, or assisting other members with the home–buying process.

Services offered: Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Counseling, Financial, Home Buying Process; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Housing, Mortgage Assistance; Financial Assistance, Loans, Low Interest Loans; Financial Assistance, Loans, Micro; Housing, Affordable Housing, Ownership Program; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Feb 15, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9853

New England GLBT Veterans

Info/Hotline · Open

Community Service
MA
Phone 617 387 2658
Service Temporary

Cliff4vets at aol dot com

janicejosephinecarney at gmail dot com

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Advocacy, Disaster Survivors; Advocacy, Domestic Violence; Advocacy, Employment, "At–Risk" Job Applicants; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Medical, HIV/AIDS; Advocacy, Medical, Patient Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Advocacy, Womens Rights; Assistance, How to, File Disaster Disability Benefits; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Information & Resource Referrals (For Elders/Seniors); Assistance, Referrals, Medical Resources Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Substance Abuse Treatment Referrals & Resources; Case Management, Veterans; Demographic Served: Caregivers; Demographic Served: LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender); Demographic Served: Veterans; Facility: Veterans Benefits/Facility/Services; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Legal Advice & Assistance (Seniors/Elders); Hotline, Legal Advice & Counsel (Disaster Survivors); Hotline, Legal Advice & Referrals; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Disabled, Services for the Disabled (See also Senior Services); Services, Legal Assistance; Services: Legal Assistance for Disaster Survivors; Services, Legal Assistance for Seniors/Elderly; Services, Veterans, Veterans Impacted By Disaster
Campaigns: Government, US Department of Veteran Affairs
Updated Apr 23, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7898

New England Network for Justice for Palestine

Volunteer Camp · Open

MA
Web www.nenjp.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Calendar, Community Events/Protest Actions; Events, Protest Actions
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Helping People Suffering from the Gaza Occupation
Updated Dec 3, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10676

NGO Logistics (2010 Haiti Earthquake)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Serves Haiti
Service Temporary

NGO Logistics will have program officers on the ground in the Dominican Republic this week (on or about 1/22/10) to be able to assist smaller organizations that need intermediary support with supply delivery. If we can help you please contact us – Thank–you.

In Solidarity,

Erin M. Maher –
Project Manager
NGO Logistics

From their Facebook page:

CRITICAL – PLEASE READ: NGO Logistics is a program of a InKind, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non–profit organization. WE ARE NOT A FRONT LINE DISASTER RELIEF GROUP. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT ALL OF YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE HAITI RELIEF EFFORT GO DIRECTLY TO THOSE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ARE.

Services offered: Services, Logistics Support; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake
Updated Jan 20, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5074

North Shore Massachusetts Schools, breakfast and lunch pickup

Walk–in Resource · Open

MA
Web www.salemnews.com/news/local_news/schools–providing–meals–during–shutdown/article_27fe547a–e8f4–5b26–be7e–1be791f08f6c.html
Service Temporary

Several North Shore school districts have announced plans for providing free student meals while schools are closed for coronavirus precautions.

Beverly

Bagged lunches and breakfasts for the following morning will be available for pickup Monday through Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Beverly High School, 100 Sohier Road, for all children ages 18 and under regardless of their lunch benefit status. Meals may not be consumed at the pickup location.

Beginning Tuesday, March 17, bag lunches and breakfasts for the following morning will also be delivered to the following parks in the community for children ages 18 and under between 11:30 a.m. and noon:

Apple Village, 600 Manor Road

Goldway Park, 9 South Hardy St.

Holcroft Park, 10 Gage St.

Those with Beverly students in need of lunch services who cannot access any of the above meal sites should contact Food Service Director Christina Leal at cleal@beverlyschools.org or 978–921–6132 ext. 11129.

Danvers

Town officials on Sunday announced plans to expand its school lunch service during the closure to all Danvers residents in need. To receive a prepared lunch, email lunch@danvers.org by 9 a.m. each day with your name, address, number of family members and lunch choice. Staff and volunteers will deliver the meal to your home and leave it on your doorstep. Choose from turkey and cheese, ham and cheese, tuna salad and salad.

Grab–and–go lunches will also be available for pickup between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Danvers High School atrium, 60 Cabot Road, until school reopens.

Hamilton–Wenham Regional School District

The Nutrition Services department is working closely with ACORD food pantry and has developed a plan to assist students with meals during the closure.

On Tuesday, March 17, bags of groceries for families that indicate they need them will be distributed at the Winthrop Elementary School, 325 Bay Road, Hamilton, at 11 a.m. These bags will be similar to the ones offered during the summer, filled with perishable and non–perishable foods.

To participate, call 978–468–0398 or email c.donovan@hwschools.net and provide your name and the number of people in your household by Monday, March 16, at noon.

Salem

Starting Monday, March 16, breakfast and lunch will be available to all children under the age of 18, regardless of which school you attend, from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday at the following school locations:

Bates School: side door to the cafeteria, facing the playground

Bentley Academy: gym door near the big parking lot

Carlton Innovation School: main entrance

Collins Middle School: main entrance

Horace Mann Elementary School: second–floor entrance on the Salem High School side of the building, near the field

Saltonstall School: behind the school at the cafeteria entrance by the playground

Witchcraft Elementary School: main entrance

In addition, starting Monday, March 16, breakfast and lunch will be delivered by the Salem Public Schools transportation department for pickup from 9 to 10 a.m. to any Salem child under the age of 18 in the following locations:

1000 Loring Towers

Mack Park at Tremont Street

Salem Common

Pequot Highlands at First Street

Palmer Cove Park

Rainbow Terrace at 2 Rainbow Terrace

These meals will be packaged “grab–and–go” style by the Food Services Department. Staff will practice social distancing protocol at every location.

Whenever possible, send one family member (or as few as possible) to get meals for all children in the household. Do not come to the site if you or any of your household members are feeling ill or have been advised to self–quarantine.

Those who need further accommodations should contact the Food Service Department at 978–740–1230 to make specific arrangements.

Swampscott

Students who receive free or reduced lunch will be able to pick up a grab–and–go lunch Monday through Friday during the closure, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Swampscott High School side cafeteria door, 200 Essex St.
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Mar 17, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10164

Northeast Organic Farming Association, Massachusetts Chapter

Info/Hotline · Open

Farming Resource
411 Sheldon Road, Barre, 01005, MA

Phone Phone: (978) 355–2853 | Fax: (978) 355–404
Contact write or call for details
Email nofa@nofamass.org
Web www.nofamass.org
Service Temporary

The site has directoris for providers, links to training programs, and a link to organic lawncare providers...gardeners, etc.

From the NOFA website:

NOFA/Mass offers a variety of educational programs. For 20 years it has coordinated the NOFA Summer Conference, NOFA's regional conference. It also holds an annual winter conference for Massachusetts farmers, gardeners, landscapers, consumers and activists. NOFA/Mass educates on the issue of genetic engineering, publishes the Organic Food Guide of organic growers in the state and provides for its members an annual bulk order of organic amendments, cover crops and farming supplies. In Springfield NOFA/Mass is working with a teen/community gardening project. NOFA/Mass works with organic and transitional dairy farmers to support them in their efforts to sell organic and raw milk, holds a practical skills workshop series and provides organic extension assistance to farmers and gardeners across Massachusetts. NOFA/Mass connects livestock producers with organic grain resources, provides info to connect CSAs with customers and apprentices with farming jobs. NOFA/Mass publishes a bi–monthly newsletter and many useful farming publications. Additionally, with CT NOFA, it provides accreditation to organic land care practitioners and educates consumers on organic land care practices.

Frank Albani: Eastern Mass Outreach Coordinator: 17 Vinal Avenue, Plymouth, MA 02360, (508) 224–3088

Donna Blischke: Organic Livestock Resource Coordinator: 71 Silva Street, Carver, MA 02330, (508) 866–7722, dblischke@weboflifefarm.com

Jassy Bratko: Winter Conference Coordinator and Press Coordinator: 28 High Street, Hubbardston, MA 01452, (978) 928–5646, jassy.bratko@nofamass.org

Kristin Brennan: Gardening the Community Program Coordinator: 127 Marlborough Street, Springfield, MA 01109, (413) 782–2136, brennanstaub@verizon.net

Bridget Crowley: Outreach Assistant: 26 Strong Street, Newburyport, MA 01950, (978) 766–7841, bhcrowley@gmail.com

Kathleen Geary: Administrative Coordinator: 93 Glasheen Road, Petersham, MA 01366, (978) 724–0079, info@nofamass.org – Mondays and Thursdays at NOFA/Mass, (978) 355–2853

Sharon Gensler: Outreach Coordinator: 87 Bullard Pasture Road, Wendell, MA 01379, (978) 544–6347, wildbrowse@yahoo.com

Ben Grosscup: NAIS Campaign Organizer: 22 High Street #1, Amherst, MA, 01002, (413) 658–5374, ben.grosscup@nofamass.org

Jack Kittredge: Natural Farmer Editor, Social Action Coordinator: 411 Sheldon Road, Barre, MA 01005, (978) 355–2853, fax (978) 355–4046, jack@nofamass.org

Kathy Litchfield: Land Care Program Coordinator: 75–R Bascom Rd. Gill, MA 01354, (413) 773–3830 kathylitch29@yahoo.com

Rich Matteson: Bulk Order Coordinator: 93 Glasheen Road, Petersham, MA 01366, (978) 724–0079, matterich@yahoo.com

Bob Minnocci: Development Coordinator: 662 Massachusetts Avenue #6, Boston, MA 02118, (617) 236–4893

Sabrina Nye: Organic Food Guide Coordinator: 34 Abbott Street, Springfield, MA 01118, foodguide@nofamass.org

Winton Pitcoff: Organic Dairy Technical Advisor: 27 South Union Street, Plainfield, MA 01070, (413) 634–5728, winton@pitcoff.com

David Pontius: 26 School Street, Northfield, MA 01360, (413) 498–2721, webmaster@nofamass.org

Deb Pouech: Summer Conference Registration Coordinator: PO Box 9, Stafford Springs, CT 06076, (860) 684–0551, nofasc@herbsnhoney.com

Julie Rawson: NOFA/Mass Executive Director, Summer Conference Coordinator: 411 Sheldon Road, Barre, MA 01005, (978) 355–2853, fax (978) 355–4046, julie@nofamass.org

Kate Rossiter: Organic Dairy Survival / Raw Milk Program Coordinator: 26 School Street, Northfield, MA 01360, (413) 498–2721, krossiter@nofamass.org

Tom Szekely: Practical Skills Coordinator: PO Box 611, Lincoln, MA 01773, (781) 894–4358, seedpotato@yahoo.com

Jonathan von Ranson: Newsletter Editor: 6 Lockes Village Road, Wendell, MA 01379, (978) 544–3758, commonfarm@crocker.com

Certification Contacts : Baystate Organic Certifiers Administrator: Don Franczyk, 683 River Street, Winchendon, MA 01475, (978) 297–4171, baystateorganic@earthlink.net

Services offered: Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Directories, Organic/Local Food Producers/Users; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Food, Organic ($ NOT FREE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Training, Farming, Organic Farming
Campaigns: Northeast Organic Farming Association
Updated Dec 31, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4050

Occupy the Economy, Occupy Boston Social Enterprise Meetup/Collaboration Group

Info/Hotline · Standby

MA

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

Social Enterprises are organizations that are "people before profit". Some may be non–profits. Some may be "for profit", but not entirely for profit, because they are responsible to the community.

This working group is focused on discussing what we believe is an appropriate Social Enterprise. And to coordinate/collaborate with resources, folks that want to start operations, folks that are already operating, and people that want to help.

Services offered: Advocacy, Social Justice; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Oct 15, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9124

Otis Air Force Base (CLOSED as a Katrina Evac Site)

Walk–in Resource · Standby

MA

Service Temporary

This site housed Katrina evacuees.

They wanted volunteers that could stay 5 days or more: 800 293 4031, 7 am –7 pm, katrinavolunteer @ state.ma.us

Donations requested at the time: radios, used TVs, books, and toiletries: 508 820 2000

Data Entry note: I found this info as I was cleaning up old Katrina info.
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina
Updated Dec 26, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9059

Oxfam America – Gulf Hurricanes Response

Info/Hotline · Open

Disaster Recovery/Community

226 Causeway St., 5th Floor; Boston, MA 02114, MA

Phone	617–482–1211, 800–77–OXFAM (800–776–9326)
Web	www.oxfamamerica.org
Serves	Currently serving Hurricane Gistav impacted communities
Checks payable to	https://donate.oxfamamerica.org/02/gustav
Service	Permanent

After the Storm: Oxfam takes stock, rushes aid to projects that can't wait
4 September 2008

by Elizabeth Stevens

The side of a mobile home stands upright against a tree. Countless utility poles, festooned with useless wires, lie flat on the pavement, leaving 1.5 million people without electricity. A man ferries belongings from his car to his house in a neighbor's boat.

"At least a third of the houses we've seen have sustained wind damage," says Oxfam's Kenny Rae, who has visited many of the towns south of Thibodaux, Louisiana.

If Hurricane Gustav visited our home towns, most of us would consider it a major disaster, but in coastal Louisiana, Katrina set the bar of dread so high that this level of destruction is a huge relief.

Yet, when it comes to questions of poverty and vulnerability, Gustav picked up where Katrina left off. An Oxfam assessment team touring the most troubled areas is finding that solid homes held up relatively well in this storm, and that the worst destruction was visited on trailers and more vulnerable houses.

The Native American community of Isle de Jean Charles, which is located in what may be the most exposed location in the hard–hit parish of Terrebonne, has experienced "terrible damage," according to Oxfam's Kenny Rae. "Houses have been ripped off their foundations. We saw one leaning on a levee."

Since the hurricanes of 2005, Oxfam America has been working with a network of local partners on the Gulf Coast, focusing on poor communities whose needs have fallen through the gaps in the government response. Hurricane Gustav is a new chapter in the same story.

"Oxfam will work with our partners in the area to ensure that these communities receive the federal funds they need to rebuild their homes and their communities," said Minor Sinclair, who directs Oxfam America's development programs in the United States.

"We'll work on ensuring that temporary housing assistance gets to those who need it most—and quickly. And that rebuilding dollars prioritize low–income communities."

But first, the short–term needs. Damaged roofs, for example, need to be covered quickly with tarps before rain destroys home interiors. And community aid providers have their own problems: many have to repair their offices immediately or find new ones. As partner organizations begin to gear up their work, Oxfam is standing by to support them for projects that can't wait.

"Thousands of Louisiana families are returning home today to find their homes damaged by Gustav," says Sinclair. "I hope that this country's generous spirit—whether through FEMA or through private donations—continues to stand with these families in their time of need."

Issues We Work On
While Oxfam specializes in helping communities realize individualized solutions to their problems, our work takes on universal themes. From community to community and region to region, we see people facing like challenges?and pursuing like solutions to their needs.

Making a Living
Working largely with rural communities, Oxfam helps people understand their rights, build skills and assets, and find new ways of working?to move beyond poverty towards greater security.

Learn more about these issues:

Small Farmers
Workers' Rights
Saving For Change
Natural Resources
With powerful interests vying for some of the world?s most valuable commodities, many natural resources are being polluted or dangerously depleted. Oxfam empowers farmers, fishers, and others to defend their right to life–sustaining resources.

Learn more about these issues:

Oil, Gas, and Mining
Access to Land
Water
Fisheries

Peace & Security
Oxfam helps communities analyze the root causes of conflict and find creative ways to build peace. >>

Equality of Women
About 70 percent of the 1.2 billion people who live in extreme poverty are women and girls. Oxfam recognizes the inherent value of women, both individually and within their communities, and promotes investments in women as an investment in families and communities. >>

Indigenous & Minority Rights
Diversity should be a social asset, but in many places there is little respect for indigenous people and minorities. Oxfam specializes in strengthening organizations to overcome racism and discrimination. >>

Trade
World trade could be a powerful force for reducing poverty, if poor people could sell their products at a decent price. Oxfam and our partners are joining together to ensure international trade provisions benefit all people.

Learn more about this issue through Oxfam's ongoing trade–related campaigns:

Make Trade Fair
2007 Farm Bill Campaign
Coffee
Access to Medicines
Free Trade Agreements
Workers' Rights

info@oxfamamerica.org

Services offered: Advocacy, Legislation Support; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Disaster Response Teams, International, Volunteer; First Responder, Gulf Region; First Responder, Nationwide (All U.S. Regions); Services, Disaster Response; Training Classes, Immigrant Worker Rights Instruction
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2005 Hurricane Rita; 2007 Tropical Cyclone Sidr; 2008 Hurricane Gustav; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Homelessness Relief Services; OXFAM
Updated Aug 7, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1971

Pension Action Center (free help solving pension issues)

Walk–in Resource · Open

MA

Web www.umb.edu/pensionaction
Service Temporary

from the site:

The New England Pension Assistance Project and the Illinois Pension Assistance Project, the individual case advocacy arms of the Pension Action Center:

* provide comprehensive assistance on private or public pension issues at no cost;
* unravel complex pension plan documents and calculate benefit amounts;
* digs in to search for lost pensions, spending the necessary time that others just cannot give;
* have recovered over $50 million in pension benefits that were earned but, for whatever reason, were not paid.

The New England Pension Assistance Project has been operating for over 20 years and is one of six pension counseling projects funded by the U.S. Administration on Aging. The Illinois Pension Assistance Project began serving clients in July, 2012, and is funded by a grant from The Retirement Research Foundation.

Policy Work
In addition to helping more than 7,500 people, the Pension Assistance Project's work helps to inform the Pension Action Center's issue analysis and policy reform agenda.

Through its pension counseling experience, the Pension Action Center identified the issue of "lost pensions". A pension becomes lost because a company has moved, been acquired, or merged. Working in collaboration with the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, the Pension Action Center authored a widely distributed self–help guide for individuals, "Finding a Lost Pension".

An ongoing concern of the Pension Action Center is women and retirement income. The center successfully worked to have Massachusetts state law amended to make the choice of providing a survivor benefit the actuarial equivalent of other pension payout options state employees have. This work went a long way to insure that spouses of state employees maintain financial independence and avoid poverty.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Assistance, Referrals, Legal Information & Resource Referrals (For Elders/ Seniors); Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Counseling, Personal Finance Counseling; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Legal Assistance for Seniors/Elderly
Updated Feb 23, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9919

Pioneer Valley Workers Center (Labor/Housing/Immigrant/Human Rights)

Walk–in Resource · Open

MA

Web pvworkerscenter.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Demographic Served: Diaspora Populations; Demographic Served: Immigrants; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; Facility: Community Center; Facility: Meeting space; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty

Updated Jan 25, 2018 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10112

Project Bread's List of Agencies where you can get food

Info/Hotline · Open

Project Bread

MA

Web www.projectbread.org/site/DocServer/2008_Project_Bread_Funded_Programs.pdf?docID=3281
Service Temporary

if this document is not found and you want a copy, please write to us.

Updated May 3, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4315

Project Bread, to apply for your agency to get 2010 funds

Donor · Open

Project Bread

MA

Web www.projectbread.org/site/PageServer?pagename=fundedagencies_grants
Eligibility Agencies that provide emergency food services
Service Temporary

Grant Applications for the 2010 Project Bread Grants will be available in December 2009.

Updated May 3, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4320

Project Bread’s FoodSource Hotline

Info/Hotline · Open

Non–Profit – Community

MA

Phone (800) 645–8333 (TTY: (800) 377–1292).
Web www.projectbread.org

Counselors at Project Bread’s FoodSource Hotline refer callers to food resources in their communities, provide information on public programs, meal sites for the elderly, meals on wheels programs, salvage food distribution sites and other programs that supply free or low–cost food. Call (800) 645–8333 (TTY: (800) 377–1292).

Project Bread's toll–free FoodSource Hotline is the only information and referral service in Massachusetts for people facing hunger.

The toll–free Hotline responds to more than 35,000 calls a year from people across Massachusetts struggling to feed their families. FoodSource Hotline counselors refer callers to food resources in their communities as well as information about food stamps and other nutrition programs.

The FoodSource Hotline can help hungry families in 160 languages – from Arabic to Cambodian, Russian to Vietnamese. This special service links callers with a translator, usually within 30 seconds.

Services offered: Hotline, Food Bank/Pantry Hotline (Find Emergency Food Help)

Updated Jul 8, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1532

Project Just Because (Furniture Bank, household goods)

Walk–in Resource · Open

MA

Service Temporary

Services offered: Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types)

Updated Jan 27, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9632

Protect Our Cape Cod Water Aquifer (POCCA) advocacy, education, action

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web poccacapecod.org
Service Temporary

from the website:

POCCA was founded in July 2013 in response to growing concerns about water quality on Cape Cod. The Cape Cod Commission's Regional Wastewater Management Plan points out that all the towns of Cape Cod share a water table, and many of the Cape's watersheds straddle more than one town. In other words, waste–water and drinking water problems are a Cape–wide issue, not an issue each town can solve on its own. Several local towns experienced voter rejection of well–planned water infrastructure projects which were deemed unaffordable at the municipal level. We have to work together on a regional level to solve these problems.
POCCA was formed to help disseminate information and help educate the public about the growing problems and possible solutions regarding water management, as well as lobby for tighter controls over pesticide, herbicide and fertilizer use on Cape Cod.

POCCA'S most pressing issue is to prevent NSTAR from spraying herbicidal applications on Cape Cod's power lines. To see how you can help, please visit the POCCA NSTAR page.

Our Unique Landscape
Cape Cod's landscape is unique—a fragile sandbar jutting far out to sea, surrounded by salt water and with an abundance of ponds, estuaries and bays but no major rivers or reservoirs. Our water is drawn from one source—from the ground, from the single aquifer that we all share. Each town on the Cape—even Provincetown, which has no potable water of its own and get its water from Truro—pumps its water from the ground. So no town is immune to potential water contamination.
The Cape Cod Commission's Regional Wastewater Management Plan http://www.capecodcommission.org features maps showing the cross–boundary watersheds, as well as the degree of concern for each of the 14 towns on the Cape. As one would expect, there is greater concern in the Upper Cape, in the built–up areas of Falmouth and Hyannis, than in the Outer Cape towns where much of the land is protected by the Cape Cod National Seashore.

Let's do all we can to protect Cape Cod's drinking water!

Natural step forward for Provincetown municipal lawns—
Provincetown hires a Non–Toxic Consultant.
POCCA encourages all other Cape towns to adopt the same practices as Provincetown.

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Demographic Served: Environmental Disaster, Populations Affected by; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Landscaping, Organic Lawn Care Products ($ NOT FREE); New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Training Classes, Gardening Instruction; Training, Landscaping
Campaigns: Democracy School / CELDF (Human/Nature Rights Legal Training); Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Farmer's Market, Local/Regional; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jun 5, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9887

PV squared (PV2) solar panels (NOT FREE, worker owned cooperative)

Open Business* · Open

MA

Web pvsquared.coop/why–pv–squared/about–our–coop/about
Service Temporary

Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9815

Queer & Trans Mutual Aid Massachusetts

Volunteer Camp · Open

MA

Web www.qtmama.org
Service Temporary

qtmama at protonmail.com

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

Random Recycling

Info/Hotline · Open

Recycling Network
MA

Phone email only
Contact write for details
Email info@randomrecycling.com
Web www.randomrecycling.com
Service Temporary

Services offered: Construction, Building Material Reclaim/Reuse/Recycle; Counseling, Hoarding; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types);

Directories, Online Database Resource; Directories, Transportation, RailTrails; Directories, Transportation Services; Documentation, Video, Poverty Illustration; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Recycling, Appliances; Recycling, Art Supplies; Recycling, Bicycles; Recycling, Body Parts; Recycling, Cell Phones; Recycling, Clothing; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Food; Recycling, Furniture; Recycling, Household Items; Recycling, Kid Stuff; Recycling, Medical Devices; Recycling, Natural Resources; Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Recycling, Toiletries, Sample Sized NEW ONLY; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services
Updated Feb 26, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4128

Ready Boston – Family Preparedness Planner

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Phone websites only, see notes
Web hubmaps.cityofboston.gov/evacuation_planning
Service Temporary

This tool will walk you through the Family Preparedness Planning Process.

Fill in the blanks, click on Next Page until completed.
Save to go back to your plan or print out.

Services offered: Documentation, Disaster Planning; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Community Groups; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Individual/Family; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Governments/ Community Groups; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Relief Workers; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Residents; Registry, Personal Evacuation Plans, Online Registry
Updated Dec 14, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4782

Ready Boston – Neighborhood Emergency Center INDEX (SHELTER FINDER)

Shelter · Open

MA

Phone websites only, see notes
Web hubmaps.cityofboston.gov/Ready_Boston/Search.aspx
Service Temporary

3 steps and lists of available shelters are listed.
Click on individual shelter name and details with a map are listed!

Services offered: Directories, Online Database Resource; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Evacuee Collection Site; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Residents; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Cooling / Warming Center; Shelter, Emergency Shelter
Updated Dec 29, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4781

Reduced Cost Community Dental Services INDEX

Info/Hotline · Open

Medical Services

MA

Service Temporary

http://www.massdental.org/content.aspx?id=792

Dental Center Listing print this page

The dental centers below provide reduced rates for patients who do not have insurance. For additional assistance or questions, please contact

* Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers
* Massachusetts MassHealth Program

Joseph M. Smith Community Health Center
287 Western Ave, Allston 02134
(617) 783–0500

Boston Health Care for the Homeless
729 Mass Ave, Boston 02118
(617) 414–7779

South End Community Health Center
1601 Washington St, Boston 02111
(617) 425–2050

Upham's Corner Health Center
500 Columbia Rd, Boston 02125
(617) 825–9839

North End Community Health Center
332 Hanover St, Boston 02113
(617) 742–9570

South Cove Community Health Center
885 Washington St, Boston 02111
(617) 482–7555

Health Station at Roxbury Crossing
125 Tremont St, Boston 02120
(617) 442–0400

Boston University Dental School Clinic
Boston
(617) 638–4700

Tufts University Dental School Clinic
1 Kneeland St, Boston 02111
(617) 636–6828

Harvard University Dental School Clinic
Boston
(617) 432–1000

Franciscan Hospital for Children
30 Warren St, Brighton 02135
(617) 254–3800

Windsor Street Health Center
East Somerville Community Health Center
119 Windsor St, Cambridge 02138
(617) 665–3600
(617) 665–3990

Codman Square Health Center
637 Washington St. Dorchester 02124
(617) 825–9660

Geiger–Gibson Community Health Center
250 Mt. Vernon St, Dorchester 02122
(617) 288–1140

Harvard St Neighborhood Health Center
632 Blue Hill Ave, Dorchester 02121
(617) 825–3400

Vietnamese Youth and Family
1590 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester 02122
(617) 482–7555

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center
10 Grove St, East Boston 02128
(617) 569–5800

CHC Family Health Center
275 Nichols Rd, Fitchburg 01420
(978) 665–5820

Ellen Jones Community Health Center
351 Pleasant Lake Ave, Harwich 02645
(508) 430–7710

Holyoke Health Center
30 Center St, Holyoke
(413) 420–2214

Duffy Health Centers
105 Parl St, Hyannis 02601
(508) 771–9599

Brookside Community Health Center
3297 Washington St, Jamaica Plain 02130
(617) 522–4700

Lynn Community Health Center
232 Union St, Lynn 01901
(781) 581–9832

Mattapan Community Health Center
1425 Blue Hill, Mattapan 02126
(617) 296–0061

Greater New Bedford Community Health Center
874 Purchase St, New Bedford
(508) 992–6553

Mount Ida College
77 Dedham St, Newton 02459
(617) 928–7360

Torigian Family Health Center
89 Foster St, Peabody
(978) 532–4903

Greater Roslindale Medical/Dental Center
6 Cummins Hwy, Roslindale 02131
(617) 323–4440

Dimock Community Health Center
55 Dimock St, Roxbury 02119
(617) 442–8806

Roxbury Comprehensive Community Health Center
330 Martin Luther King Blvd, Roxbury 02119
(617) 442–7400

Whittier Street Neighborhood Health Center
1125 Tremont St, Roxbury 02120
(617) 427–1000

Salem Family Health Center
47 Congress St, Salem 01970
(978) 744–8388

Springfield Technical Community College
1 Armory Sq, Springfield 01102
(413) 781–7822

Springfield Southwest Community Health Center
1145 Main St, Springfield 01103
(413) 739–1100

Community Health Center of Franklin County
338 Montague City Rd, Turners Falls 01376
(413) 772–3748

Cape Cod Community College
2240 Iyanough Rd, West Barnstable 02668
(877) 846–3672

Family Health Center of Worcester
26 Queen St, Worcester 01610
(508) 860–7700

Great Brook Valley Health Center
19 Tacoma St, Worcester 01605
(508) 852–1805

Hillstown/Worthington Community Health Center
58 Old North St, Worthington 01908
(413) 238–5511

Dorchester House Multi–Service Center
1353 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester 02122
(617) 288–2642

Mid/Upper Cape Community Health Center
30 Elm Ave, Hyannis 02601
(508) 778-0300

Services offered: Dental, Facility, Dental Clinic; Dental, Services * (ANY/ALL Types of Dental Services) ; Financial Assistance, Dental Assistance
Updated May 7, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5850

Rent Camping Gear from people (NOT FREE, but small $)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web gearcommons.com
Service Temporary

Services offered: Camping Gear * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Bartering Network; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9800

Repair Collective (home repair) NOT FREE worker-owned cooperative

Open Business* · Open

MA

Web www.repaircollective.com
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Worker Owned Co-Operatives
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9819

Rule 19 Protest Action Calendar and Protest/Activism Resources [does anyone have the right link?]

Info/Hotline · Standby

MA

Web rule19.org/ActionCalendar/index.asp?size=large
Service Temporary

IT APPEARS THAT THIS SITE IS DOWN, OR WE NO LONGER HAVE THE RIGHT ADDRESS

pfsoto @ mynas . com

This site is a great site for ideas on how to educate for a better world, as well as how to participate in activism.

Warning...it's more about protest than it is about catalysm...the art of intrapreneuring change from the inside out.

Services offered: Calendar, Community Events/Protest Actions; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Online Database Resource; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Jun 23, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9144

Sewing masks for hospital workers, video, drop off site

Volunteer Camp · Open

MA

Web www.boston25news.com/news/volunteers-sew-masks-health-care-workers-amid-shortage-due-pandemic/7BVSV7XCVJDUDP3EEZCWJEGCG4
Service Temporary

Services offered: Masks, surgical masks, cloth
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID-19
Updated Mar 21, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10239

Sharing Web (online resource database, household goods, social services, etc)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.sharingweb.org/resources.htm
Service Temporary

Services offered: Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource
Updated Jan 27, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9634

Simple Diaper and Linen (cloth) (NOT FREE) (worker cooperative)

Open Business* · Open

MA

Web valleyworker.org/members/simple–diaper–and–linen
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9809

State Rep Josh Cutler's EMERGENCY CONTACT/Info Page for SouthEastern MA

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Web www.joshcutler.com/blizzard_of_2015
Service Temporary

1/26 (get updates at link above):

Posted by Josh Cutler 331.20pc on January 26, 2015

Greetings all! We are in for a major storm this week and so to help you prepare and stay informed I've compiled this list of helpful links and resources. Please share the info below with your fellow neighbors in Pembroke, Duxbury and Hanson. If there are any updates to the links or contacts below I will update them here. My cell phone and contact info are also listed below. Be safe!

POWER OUTAGES
Don't want to jinx anyone but there's a strong likelihood we'll have some power outages. Here are links to the electric company power outage maps and reporting centers. Hanson and most of Pembroke are served by National Grid, Duxbury by NSTAR.

NSTAR Outage Map: http://www.nstar.com/outage/OutageMap.aspx

NSTAR Storm Center: http://www.nstar.com/residential/storm_center/default.asp

National Grid Outage Map: https://www1.nationalgridus.com/PowerOutageMap

National Grid Outage Central: https://www1.nationalgridus.com/OutageCentralHub

TWITTER:
During a story Twitter can be a helpful resource for real–time alerts. Below are local twitter feeds you may wish to follow:

Duxbury Fire & Emergency Management Twitter Feed: http://twitter.com/DuxFDEM or @DuxFDEM

Duxbury Police Twitter Feed: http://twitter.com/Duxbury_Police or @Duxbury_Police

Hanson Highway Department: http://twitter.com/hansonhighway or @hansonhighway

Hanson Police Department: http://twitter.com/HansonMAPolice or @HansonMAPolice

Hanson Fire Department: http://twitter.com/HansonFire or @HansonFire

Town of Pembroke: http://twitter.com/PembrokeMA or @PembrokeMA

Pembroke Police Department: http://twitter.com/PembrokePolice or @PembrokePolice

POLICE & FIRE

Duxbury Emergency Ops line: 781–934–7159

Duxbury Police NON–Emergency line: 781–934–5656

Hanson Police NON–Emergency line: 781–293–4625

Pembroke Police NON–Emergency line: 781–293–6363

Hanson Fire NON–Emergency line: 781–293–9571

Pembroke Fire NON–Emergency line: 781–293–2300

OTHER HELPFUL LINKS:

MEMA: http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/

Download MEMA smartphone app: http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/massachusetts–alerts.html

MEMA on Twitter: www.twitter.com/MassEMA

WATD radio:http://959watd.com/streaming or 95.9FM

National Weather Service/Taunton: www.weather.gov/boston

For non–emergency assistance and information, including shelter locations, call 2–1–1 or visit www.mass211.org.

REACHING ME:
My cell phone is 781–217–5854 and my personal email is rep@joshcutler.com. If you have an emergency please contact our public safety professionals. If there is a non–emergency situation I can help with please feel free to reach out. I will also be posted updates on my Facebook page and Twitter feed (@joshcutler) as long as there is juice in my batteries!

STORM TIPS
Here are ten storm safety tips to follow:

1) Finish your preparedness activities early on Monday and stay informed by monitoring the storm media.
2) Have a well–stocked Family Disaster Kit in the event you lose power or are isolated for a number of days. Here's a link to a MEMA suggested list of items: http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/ready–massachusetts/emergency–kit.html
3) Plan to stay safely indoors throughout the course of the storm, beginning Monday later afternoon night and through Wednesday morning
4) Elevate articles in your basement that could be damaged from even minor flooding.
5) Clear clogged rain gutters outside. Providing clear drainage will help prevent misdirected flooding.
6) Ensure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors have fresh batteries and are operable.
7) Expect that we will lose power and charge up your cell phones. Check and report power outages using links above.
8) If you use a generator, be sure to operate it outdoors or in a well–ventilated area. Be sure to shut off your main power supply to your home when running your generator.
9) Keep your vehicles fully fueled.
10) Assume any wire that is down to be a "live" electrical wire, don't go near it but rather report it
Campaigns: 2015 January Northeast Blizzard
Updated Jan 27, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9918

State Rep Josh Cutler's Twitter Feed (Southeastern MA)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Web twitter.com/joshcutler/lists/ss–blizzard–of–2015
Service Temporary

This is an amazing example of public service by an elected official. If you're in the Pembroke/Duxbury area, check it out!
Campaigns: 2015 January Northeast Blizzard
Updated Jan 27, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9917

Stores Stop & Shop, Dollar General w/special hours for Seniors during virus shut down

Open Business* · Open

MA
Web www.necn.com/news/local/stop–shop–to–set–aside–hours–for–older–shoppers–amid–coronavirus–outbreak/2246604
Service Temporary
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Mar 17, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10165

Time Trade Circle (Bartering Network – NO MONEY)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Web timetradecircle.org
Service Temporary

from the site:

The Time Trade Circle is a local bank - but we keep track of time. When you spend an hour of your time performing a service for somebody else, we credit you with one Timebank Hour. You can cash in that Timebank Hour on a service provided by another member of our bank. Whether you give a music lesson, take care of someone's pet, volunteer at a community center, or help someone get to a doctor's appointment, one actual hour equals one Timebank Hour.

Services offered: New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling Network, Database for Trading/Re–use (NO FEE); Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Bartering Network; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Social Change Initiative; Transition Towns (Transition Network)
Updated Dec 2, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9752

Tornado Recovery MAVOAD minutes

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Web massvoad.org/news/?p=193
Service Temporary

Tornado Relief organization update and Minutes
Posted on June 15, 2011 by admin

Dear Friends,
A lot of work has been done recently to better organize the utilization of volunteers and donations in disaster relief. We understand that some of you offered to volunteer and donate and weren't gotten back to quickly. Your help will still be needed in long term recovery from the tornadoes.

After the tornadoes, roads were closed with National Guard troops to keep order while power and infrastructure were put back in place. Affected cities and towns were overly stressed and having difficulty utilizing local volunteers, never mind those from outer areas. Several Massachusetts VOAD organizations were already set up to help with their own members and volunteers and did so.

Usually, we wouldn't post the Minutes of our monthly meetings, but the June 8th meeting Minutes are below as they outline the organization that has recently been put in place while giving you behind the scenes data you likely didn't get from your news services.

To volunteer or donate, you would still call 211 and to donate toward the long term disaster relief efforts, you could donate to the new and official state Disaster Recovery website (hosted by United Way) at www.unitedwaytri–county.org/disaster, call 888–811–3291 or donate to any Massachusetts VOAD member organization you wish.

Please read the information below as it relates to the future safety of the Massachusetts during times of disaster as well as the current relief efforts.
Best,
Kevin Hall (Secretary), Chris Farrand (Chair), Luis Matnog (Vice–Chair)

MAVOAD Minutes
Wednesday, June 8, 2011
1:30–3:30 PM
MEMA Bunker, 400 Worcester Road (Rte 9), Framingham

Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions
With 26 in the room and four more on the conference phone, this took longer than usual which is a good thing.

II. Working Group Updates and Results of Recruitment Drive
A. Community Preparedness and Outreach
1.Working Group Leaders: Luis Matnog
a. Kevin Hall (Church of Scientology), Luis Matnog (Red Cross) and Arlene Magoon (FEMA) discussed a plan of having Chris Farrand (Salvation Army) put together a one–page sheet on how and why to create COADs (Community Organizations Active in Disaster) and sending it to all the local Massachusetts Emergency Management Directors in order to have them organizing their local businesses and churches, etc. to help if disaster hits. It was also discussed how we could further promote COADs through the www.massvoad.org website and other means and could keep the groups organized by suggesting other activities like entertainment, neighborhood watches, etc. that would keep them active while no disasters were occurring. Kevin also invited those attending to become MA VOAD members if they were not already. After the meeting, the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) applied for MA VOAD membership. A vote to approved them will occur next meeting.

2.Working Group Leaders: Kevin Hall, Arlene Magoon
Dana Hardtman (AmeriCorps/VISTA) and John McCaul (Able Restoration both offered to help create a VOAD video with its music and special effects, etc. in August. Kevin, Chris and Luis are going to meet to put the script together first. This will be a video, just under ½ hour for cable tv. It will discuss VOAD, the need for creation of VOADs and preparation for disaster.

III. Able Restoration, Inc. (John McCaul) was voted in as the first Associate Member of Massachusetts VOAD. After the meeting, a press release they can use for the media and a certificate were emailed to them by Kevin.

IV. Long Term Recovery Groups Updates on Finalizing Home Repairs.
Larry Rosenberg of the Northern Long Term Recovery group and Paula Farrales of the Southern LTRG gave updates. Larry hopes to finish all flood damage from last year by the end of the month. He had 180 cases and all but 6 are closed. Paula had 276 cases with 9 more to handle, including three new ones. She wanted to thank Self Help, Inc., Able Restoration, the Brockton Stop & Shop and Walgreens and the Providence Canteen for their great help.

V. Luis said that it is important for all MA VOAD members to take the FEMA IS250 (Independent Study 250) disaster relief training course in order to have a much greater understanding of disaster relief activities and what we, as a group, should be doing. It's a free course on the FEMA site that takes about 2 hours to do.

VI. Arlene got with the United Way of Tri–County and set up a Massachusetts VOAD account within the United Way. This is a long term recovery account and done with the consent of Governor Deval Patrick to make this the official long term recovery account. Arlene also got approval on how the funds will be appropriated and how MA VOAD members will be part of the process. Doug Sparks (United Methodist) brought up how there's already a standard format to decide who would be in need of the money in the account and Arlene agreed that it was true.

VII. A Massachusetts organizational chart with job descriptions for specific roles was voted in and is on the "About" section of www.massvoad.org. This lays out the role of Massachusetts VOAD so members can more easily work to expand the organization without going through various committees and approval processes. The chart is in alignment with the committees of National VOAD and it can also be changed by vote at meetings if and whenever necessary in the future. Kevin asked that people review the organizational chart and job descriptions and offer to take on areas they feel interested and qualified in expanding.

VIII. Ben Hiltunen (MEMA) spoke on an upcoming MAVOAD tabletop exercise/timeline drill and also gave a tour of the MEMA Emergency Support Function (ESF) area that was activiated at the time, to anyone interested after the meeting at 3:30pm. Several went to see how MEMA coordinates its disaster response function.

IX. FEMA Updates. Katie Halladay (FEMA) said that the MA VOAD Resource Book is done and will be printed soon. There is also an electronic version to will go up on line and be linked to the MA VOAD website. This can be changed to add new future resources while the book won't be updated for quite a while.

X. Other Business:
This was the longest section of the meeting, the final ½ hour wherein organizations briefed on their disaster relief actions since the tornadoes hit Western, MA. Coordination activities within different groups were also worked out as follows:

Bill Driscoll (All Hands) has agreed to organize an utilize the volunteers who offered to help through Mass 211, www.massvoad.org and the MEMA ESF 15 desk.

Red Cross Springfield (Joy Grahn) – Two shelters 363 in Mass. Mutual Civic Center and 90 at the Big E. Red Cross (as of June 8th) could use volunteers.

Bill Ames (Lutheran Social Services) said they were helping 67 in shelters including family members of one of the deceased from the storms. He said he has needs for housing, vehicles and windows (all damage by tornadoes) and clothes.

Wil Leslie (Salvation Army) said that they can handle means and clothing for victims and that they sit in daily meetings with the Springfield Mayor regarding what's needed.

www.aidmatrixnetwork.org/FEMA was set up as an organized place where people can offer unsolicited donations and MA VOAD members can (and should) go onto to collect needed donations. The organizations can also post what they need from other MA VOAD organizations to make it easier to coordinate with each other. Gary Levit of MA 211 asked about clicking off when donations or requests for help are finished and Arlene said that it was part of the process.

Katie said that there's now a one–stop Massachusetts tornado information site at www.mass.gov/stormrecovery .

Bill Driscoll said he was coordinating on helping people with their homes while they were in the shelters.

Victor Ying (Tzu Chi) said that his organization (www.us.tzuchi.org/usa) wants help in identifying families in need regarding tornado relief. They often give out $1,000 checks to the victims to help them out.

Arlene Magoon said that 235 houses were destroyed although the count should go up as more assessment of damage is done. Information is being put together by Massachusetts with a proposal from MEMA. Massachusetts has to be declared a national disaster due to the tornadoes in order to receive the funding. It's based mainly on the amount of damage calculated although there are some other factors. She also said there's a need now for temporary housing while homes are being repaired.

Bill of LSS said that some people are living in cars while others are displaced and living with families or friends. This is beyond the numbers in the shelters.

Joe Raviele (Greater Boston Food Bank) coordinated with Joy Grahn to get food to them and the CT food bank.

Shannon Walajtys (IFAW) and Rebecca Evanoff (Cert/Dart) reported that the animal shelters and veterinarians in Western, MA did a good job on sheltering pets until they could be reunited with their families.

Andre Gorenyi (Salvation Army) reported that the Salvation Army helped about 20,000 peole with food, water, clothes and spiritual counseling. This included going door to door to see what help was needed. The Red Cross reported that the Salvation Army was bringing racks of clothes to the shelters of displaced families.

Gary Lever (MA 211) said more data needs to get out on these good works that are being done.

Bill Driscoll wants to get with agencies in organizing efforts and volunteer help.

Bruce James (Southern Baptists) said they set up in Brimfield with 5 chain saw (that were cutting up fallen trees to help citizens at their homes with clean up), three damage assessment teams and 5 spiritual counseling teams. They have about 40 volunteers and feel that volunteer help through All Hands would help a lot in clearing debris.

Kevin said the ESF 15 (volunteer desk) was mainly handled by Paula Farrales (Red Cross), himself, two other Church of Scientology volunteers and a volunteer from Boston Cares. The ESF 18 desk was manned a little by Kevin and Paula but mostly by NEDTRIX members who raised a lot of money (including a $10,000 Boston Celtics donation and a pledge to match funds by fans). Tarps to cover roofs, water, and plywood were among the first donations to be gathered in through the ESF 15 and 18 desks. Among volunteers offering help were a couple of good sized construction companies with heavy equipment and an architect who wants to help design new housing.

Lora Grady of Corporation for National and Community Service said they are going to set up at Western Community College and will work on debris removal among other things.

Boston Cares said that they can do shelter care and Self Help, Inc. can help with housing people and getting them needed household appliances.

Commonwealth React said they would like to work with All Hands to keep communications in between groups.

Arlene inquired and found out that the individual organizations aren't currently being overwhelmed with unsolicited donations that they don't know how to warehouse.

The next MA VOAD meeting will be Wednesday, July 13th at the MEMA Bunker in Framingham. Please RSVP by July 11th to mavoad @ gmail . com. to let us know if you'll be attending.

Sincerely,

Chris Farrand (Chair), Luis Matnog (Vice–Chair) & Kevin Hall (Secretary
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; Government, City/Town Agency; Government, County/Parish Agency; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency), County; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency) State; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security, National Shelter System (NSS); Government, State/County; Government, USAID; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), Associate Member/Informal Affiliation; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member); VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is not a member, but is "affiliated"); VOAD (this org is not a member, but is "affiliated"); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a Chapter Level Member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Aug 3, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8760

TOWN by TOWN government info (Thanks Mass 211!)

Info/Hotline · Open

Government
MA
Web www.mass.gov/?pageID=mg2terminal&L=3&L0=Home&L1=State%20Government&L2=Local%20Government&sid=massgov2&b=terminalcontent&f=cc_landing&csid=massgov2
Service Temporary

See link above to get to the Massachusetts databases for links to Town government info/services, etc.

Services offered: Assistance, How to, Housing, Filing, Zoning/Building Permits; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Directories, Directory of Contacts, Incident Command; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Documentation, Disaster Planning; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness, Businesses; Documentation, Disaster Recovery Process; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Community Groups; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Individual/Family; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Roles; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level); Information Resource, Demographic Information; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Businesses; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Disabled People; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Governments/Community Groups; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Relief Workers; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Residents; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Services, Disaster Preparedness; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Relief; Services, Disaster Response
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Government, State/County
Updated Aug 16, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6165

Trans Gender Emergency Fund

Donor · Open

MA
Web transemergencyfund.org
Service Temporary

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

UMass Permaculture Info Resources

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Web www.localumass.com/local–permaculture–resources.html
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 28, 2019 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10143

United American Indians of New England

Volunteer Camp · Open

MA
Web www.gofundme.com/f/uaine–20202021–fundraiser
Service Temporary

The main site: http://www.uaine.org/ which focuses on the annual Day of Mourning work:

" Many Native Americans do not celebrate the arrival of the Pilgrims and other European settlers. Thanksgiving day is a reminder of the genocide of millions of Native people, the theft of Native lands, and the relentless assault on Native culture. Participants in National Day of Mourning honor Native ancestors and the struggles of Native peoples to survive today."

From their GoFundMe page:

"Please support the work of United American Indians of New England (UAINE) as we educate and decolonize. We are best known for organizing National Day of Mourning in Plymouth every "thanksgiving Thursday," and this year will be our 50th Anniversary! We lead IndigenousPeoplesdayMA.org campaigns and provide tactical and strategic advice to people in the region who are working on Indigenous Peoples Day efforts. We are also an intrinsic part of efforts in MA to pass legislation meaningful to Indigenous people (MAIndigenousAgenda.org). We work with others in coalition to organize and support Indigenous Peoples Day events. In addition, we support many other Indigenous and progressive struggles, from the movement for Black Lives and climate justice to justice for migrants, and much more!'
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Black Lives Matter; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Colonialism; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; First Nations / Native Americans; Indigenous Mutual Aid; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Nov 29, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10392

United Church of Christ, Massachusetts Conference (2010 Flood Recovery LTRC)

Info/Hotline · Open

LTRC Disaster Recovery
MA

Phone 508–875–5233
Contact Rev. Don Remick
Email remickd@macucc.org
Web www.macucc.org/mission–justice/AFloodofFaithRecoveryintheAftermath.htm
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Main Office: 1 Badger Road, Framingham, MA 01702 • 508–875–5233 • fax: 508–875–5485
Ludlow (Western Mass) office: 51 Center Street, P.O. Box 443, Ludlow, MA 01056 • 413–589–7034 • fax: 413–589–7035
Plymouth (SouthEastern Mass) office: 225 Water Street South, #A115, Plymouth, MA 02360 • 508–746–8330 • fax: 508–746–8339
Waltham (Central, MetroWest) office: 230 Second Avenue #110, Waltham, MA 02451 • 781–890–1444 • fax: 781–890–1777

From the website:

A Flood of Faith: Recovery in the Aftermath
Your community needs your church's help!

The flood water is a memory, but the trauma and disruption are still with us.

Normally, when a disaster strikes a region in most parts of the country local community churches would already have banded together with civic and government agencies to respond to the needs. So far State and Federal agencies are still hoping for that response from the ecumenical and interfaith community.

I suspect we are unique in that we are not used to disasters in our region. Yet, this one has already had more people seeking relief and resources than any other disaster to hit our region in anyone's memory. It's also old news. The poorest and most vulnerable in our population are the hardest hit, but the people registering for assistance cross the spectrum of socioeconomics.

This link (http://www.macucc.org/mission–justice/AFloodofFaithRecoveryintheAftermath.htm) gives you a visual representation of the hardest hit areas from the flooding.

I suspect that without a history of disasters we don't have a memory of best or worst practices. We also don't have ongoing agency connections and relationships to facilitate smooth response with our churches. That leaves us without much experience in the long term work of recovery. That coupled with our region's famous sense of self reliance and independence (read autonomy) adds to the difficulty of bringing help where it is needed through local community efforts. ("What's the big deal…it's just a little water in the basement.")

Currently, 29,500 households have asked for assistance in recovery. Only a small fraction are getting the information they need to follow the proper protocols to get the support, even with all the PSAs, recovery and resource centers,news reports and coaching. And the crucial May 28th deadline for one of the steps in the assistance process is looming. Additionally, in the not too distant future, some of the first responders from the Federal and State agencies will be pulling back. Normally, it is the churches and interfaith community that would be in place to take on the long term recovery work within their community. But that hasn't happened yet.

Our informational flyer advertises a training and coordination event to help local communities organize to bring services to people who have been affected with flood. Please be sure that someone from your church comes to this event.

Rev. Don Remick
Disaster Resource Committee
Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals, Employment & Job Resources; Demographic Served: Alzheimer's Patients; Demographic Served: Children; Demographic Served: Critically Ill, Home–Bound; Demographic Served: Disabled, Persons With Disabilities; Demographic Served: Families, w/Young Children; Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Homeless, Women Only; Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: Immigrants; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks, Women Only; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Demographic Served: Social Peers; Demographic Served: Special Needs; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Survivors, Violence; Demographic Served: Teens; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Directories, Directory of Churches; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level); Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Services, Church/Worship Services; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Support for "All" Disasters; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: 2010 Snow & Ice Storms; EMA (Emergency Management Agency) Regional/County; Government, FEMA, DRC (Disaster Recovery Center); UCC ~ United Church of Christ; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Jun 7, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5914

United Way & United Way of Tri–County

Info/Hotline · Open

United Way
MA

Service Temporary

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

US Federation of Worker Cooperatives (MASSACHUSETTS LIST)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web usworker.coop/member–directory?display_name=&state_province=1020
Service Temporary

Services offered: Business Services, Co–Op oriented; Business Services, Counseling for Small Businesses; Business Services, Facilitation / Mentoring / Consulting; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Management Advice; Local Businesses, Social Enterprises; Local Businesses, Startups; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS); Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Business; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Business, Specifically Co–Op; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed (General); Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Governance; Training Classes, Online/Virtual Training
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Apr 21, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9949

UU Mass Action (UU ministers for social justice)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Phone (617) 835–5426
Contact Organizer: Nancy Banks
Email uumassactionnetwork @ verizon . net or nancy . banks1 @ verizon . net
Web www.uumassaction.org
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Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, International Policy; Advocacy, Legislation Support; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Social Justice; Community Outreach Programs; Community Service Program; Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: Immigrants; Demographic Served: LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender); Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Events, Community Meetings
Campaigns: Rainbow Community; Social Activists/Organizers; Unitarian Universalist (UU) Church
Updated Jul 4, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8721

Valley Green Feast (NOT FREE, farm fresh delivery BY BIKE to your door, worker–owned cooperative)

Open Business* · Open

MA

Web www.valleygreenfeast.com
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low income qualified discount
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9806

Virus Data, Massachusetts Boston Globe graph/by day, new cases, total cases

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Web www.bostonglobe.com/2020/03/05/world/these–maps–track–path–coronavirus
Service Temporary

see link above. note that the number of new cases isn't increasing, as of 3/18.

If you want graphs for Middlesex County, pls contact us, we can email, can't figure out how to post it here.
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19
Updated Mar 19, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10210

Walpole Woodworkers (historic preservation resource) NOT FREE!!! $$$

Open Business* · Open

MA
Web www.walpolewoodworkers.com/fence–gates.aspx
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This business makes wooden fences and other items which help update old homes. While the items they make are new, they have a reputation of manufacturing using designs which maintain the original character of historic New England homes.

CAT Dbase team: these resources are helping groups who are trying to save old homes. Heritage preservation teams. Reuse groups. Often if you can replace one item with a new piece, a whole other section can be saved…reducing the carbon footprint of an old house preservation project.

Services offered: Construction, Building Material Reclaim/Reuse/Recycle, Historic Preservation/Old–House Oriented; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Information Resource, Historic Preservation Resource
Updated Oct 21, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9374

WBUR, How go Get/Give Tornado Relief

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Web hubbub.wbur.org/2011/06/02/massachusetts–tornado–help
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Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms
Updated Jun 3, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8536

Worcester FREE FOOD Fridges [4 locations!]

Walk–in Resource · Open

910 Main St; Worcester, MA, MA
Web www.worcestercommunityfridges.com/locations
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http://instagram.com/woofridge

910 Main St
Worcester, MA

44 Portland St
Worcester, MA

300 Southbridge St
Worcester, MA

Massachusetts League
of Community Health Centers
16 Brooks St
Worcester, MA

Worcester Community Fridges believes having daily access to fresh food is a human right. In Worcester, 15% of families, have identified as living with food insecurity. While navigating the Covid–19 pandemic, these numbers have risen significantly within our city. Community fridges are open 24/7, leaving no barriers in the way of someone accessing free food.

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Jul 12, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10438

Worcester Resources (Comprehensive Dbase of Social Services)

Info/Hotline · Open

OnLine Resource
web only, MA

Web www.worcesterresources.org/pages.cfm?contentID=11&pageID=3
Eligibility Varies, Targetted at Central Massachusetts, see specific services
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- Cash Assistance Programs
- Child Care and Preschools
- Education Programs
- Employment & Job Training
- Energy/Utility Assistance
- Financial Programs
- Food Programs
- Health Care Programs
- Home Care Programs
- Homelessness Programs
- Housing Programs
- Legal Assistance
- Tax Credits
- Transportation Services
- Disability Resources
- Ex-Offender Resources
- HIV/AIDS Resources
- Noncitizen Resources
- Senior Resources
- Youth Resources
- Community Organizations

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti-Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Advocacy, Child Advocacy; Advocacy, Disabled/Handicapped; Advocacy, Disaster Survivors; Advocacy, Domestic Violence; Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Employment, "At-Risk" Job Applicants; Advocacy, Food Stamp Outreach; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Housing, Occupancy/Building Permits, Septic/Water Wells, Information Resources; Advocacy, Medical, HIV/AIDS; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant, Legal Services; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Special Needs Folks; Advocacy, Special Needs Folks, Seniors/Elders; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, How to, File Disaster Disability Benefits; Assistance, How To, File Disaster Unemployment Claims; Assistance, How to, File Food Stamp Application; Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, How To, Navigating Disaster Survivor Insurance Process ; Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Childcare/Childrens Programs; Assistance, Referrals, Counseling, Childrens Counseling Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Counseling, Disaster Survivor Counseling Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Employment & Job Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Health Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Disabled, Accessible Housing Referrals for Disabled; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Referrals (For Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Short-Term Housing Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Job Placement; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Information & Resource Referrals (For Elders/Seniors); Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Medical Resources Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Services for Special Needs Folks; Assistance, Referrals, Shelter Referrals, Youth Focused; Assistance, Referrals, Substance Abuse Treatment Referrals & Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Bus Tokens, Bus Fare; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Community Outreach Programs; Community Service Program; Counseling ($ NOT FREE) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Consumer Credit Counseling; Counseling, Financial/Budget Counseling; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Housing Counseling; Counseling, Personal Finance Counseling; Demographic Served: Addicts, Recovering; Demographic Served: Children; Demographic Served: Disabled, Persons With Disabilities; Demographic Served: Families, w/Young Children; Demographic Served: HIV/AIDS Patients; Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Homeless, Women Only; Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks, Women Only; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Demographic Served: Special Needs; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Survivors, Violence; Demographic Served: Teens; Demographic Served: Teens, Troubled; Demographic Served: Unemployed; Demographic Served: Victims of Sexual Exploitation; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Demographic Served: Women; Dental, Services * (ANY/ALL Types of Dental Services) ; Directories, Directory of Services, Case Management; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, Disabled Services; Directories, Directory of Services, Grants Info, Listings, News & Referrals; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Financial Assistance Programs; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Facility: Food, Emergency Food

Center; Facility: Job Center; Financial Assistance, Case Management for Financial Matters; Financial Assistance, Debt Management Services ($ NOT FREE); Financial Assistance, Dental Assistance; Financial Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Food Stamp Program; Financial Assistance, Food Stamps, Emergency Food Stamps; Financial Assistance, Food Stamps (For Disaster Survivors); Financial Assistance, Gasoline, Gas; Financial Assistance, Heating Fuel; Financial Assistance, Housing, Rental Assistance; Financial Assistance, Housing, Rental Deposit; Financial Assistance, Medical Expenses; Financial Assistance, Medical, Prescription Assistance; Financial Assistance, Medical, Prescription Assistance (For Seniors/Elders/Disabled); Financial Assistance, Referrals, Temporary Financial Assistance Referrals; Financial Assistance, Tax Relief; Financial Assistance, Tuition (School); Financial Assistance, Unemployment Benefits for Disaster Survivors; Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance; Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance (For Seniors/Elders); Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Crisis Hotline; Hotline, Job Hotline; Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Apartments; Housing, Fairly Priced Rental Housing for Disaster Survivors; Housing, Free Houses for Local Residents in Need; Housing, Group Home, Special Needs/Mental Illness; Housing, Housing Assistance, Relocation $ for Survivors; Housing, Online Housing Directory Resource; Housing Referrals, Senior, Long Term Care; Housing, Residential Care Facility (AIDS/HIV); Housing, Subsidized/Low–Income Housing; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level); Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Jobs, Cash For Work Program; Jobs, Paying; Jobs, Paying Jobs (For Disaster Survivors); Literacy Program; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Medical, Equipment, Wheelchair Ramp; Medical, Facility, Clinic, Free Clinic; Medical, Services, AIDs Care; Medical, Services, Assessment, Medical Needs Assessment; Medical, Services, Family Planning; Medical, Services, Home Health Care Services; Medical, Services, Hospice Care; Medical, Services, Rehabilitation Program; Medical, Services, Vaccination Program/Clinic Services; Mental Health, Vocational, Developmentally Disabled Folks; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services ($ FEE–BASED, NOT FREE); Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Disaster, Post Disaster Needs Assessment; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Services, Emergency Services; Services, Emergency Services, Senior/Elder; Services, Employee Bonding Program; Services, Employment, Developmentally Delayed/Special Needs folks; Services, Employment, Internship Program; Services, Employment, Job Assistance, for "at–risk" Job Applicants; Services, Employment, Job Counseling, Referrals & Placement; Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Family, Children, Child Care Program; Services, Family, Children, Daycare Services; Services, Family, Children, Emergency Child Care; Services, Family, Children, Foster Care; Services, Family, Children, Foster Care Services (Children); Services, Family, General Family Assistance; Services, Financial, Counseling, Mortgage–Foreclosure Problems; Services, Financial, for Folks w/Bad Credit (that want to get better); Services, Financial, Tax Filing Assistance; Services, Food Stamps Applicant Outreach; Services, for "at–risk" Job Applicants; Services, for ex–addicts; Services, for ex–offenders; Services, For Folks Trying To Get Off Welfare; Services, Homeless, Services for the Homeless; Services, Humanitarian Aid ; Services, Insurance Counseling (Seniors/Elders) ; Services, Legal Assistance; Services: Legal Assistance for Disaster Survivors; Services, Legal Assistance (For Low–Income Families); Services, Legal Assistance for Seniors/Elderly; Services, Respite Program/Services; Services, Social Services, General Social Services; Services, Special Needs, Services for People with Special Needs; Services, Substance Abuse, Intervention Services; Services, Substance Abuse Treatment (Drug/Alcohology) ; Services, Support, Caregiver Support Services; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Shelter, Emergency Shelter, Special Needs ; Shelter, Homeless Shelter; Shelter, Transitional Temporary Shelter (For Disaster Survivors); Shelter, Womens, Battered Womens Shelter; Shelter, Women's Shelter; Sponsoring Organization; Sponsorship Program, Children (Education/Health Care/Food, etc.); Sponsorship Program, Orphans; Support for "All" Disasters; Support for "All Local" Disasters; Thrift Store; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training, Medical, Education, AIDS/HIV Workshops; Training, Medical, Education, Health Education for Survivors * (ANY/ALL Types); Training, Medical, Education, HIV/AIDS, Coping With HIV/AIDS; Training, Medical, Education, Special Needs, Coping w/Special Needs; Transportation * (ANY/ALL Types); Transportation, Disaster Survivors (To Assistance Center, Etc.); Transportation, For Seniors/Elders; Transportation, FREE Shuttle Service to Emergency Winter Shelter; Transportation, Ride Service (FREE or Sliding Scale); Vouchers * (ANY/ALL Types); Youth Outreach; Youth Program

Campaigns: 2010 Massachusetts Flooding; 2010 New England Flooding; 2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; Commission on Aging; Ending Extreme Poverty; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government, FEMA, DRC (Disaster Recovery Center); Government, State/County; Government, State Government Department/Agency; Government, US Deptartment of Housing & Urban Development (HUD); Government, US Gov't Sponsored (This Org IS Sponsored by US Gov); Government, US/State Dept. of Health & Human Services (DHHS); Homelessness Relief Services; Meals on Wheels

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Worker–Owned and Run Cooperative Network of Greater Boston (Co–Op Movement of Worker Controlled Enterprise)

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Web worcn.org/directory
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from the site:

Programs
Co–op 101

Monthly workshops for those new to worker cooperatives.
Peer Resource Group

Monthly meeting to address topics that are important to worker cooperators who are either in the process of forming a worker cooperative or are in a worker cooperative currently.
Socials

Quarterly social events for all those interested in worker cooperatives to break bread together, share stories, and build connections.

Services offered: New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business models", housing; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
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WorkWorld List of Shelters for Temporarily Homeless, Massachusetts

Info/Hotline · Open

OnLine Resource
MA

Phone web only
Web www.workworld.org/wwwebhelp/temporary_shelters_massachusetts.htm
Eligibility Temporarily Homeless
Service Temporary

Very complete list of shelters.

See below for list as of 12/08. Check the website above for a more up to date listing.

Shelters by Region
GREATER BOSTON
MASS BAY CHAPTER AMERICAN RED CROSS
285 Columbus Ave.
Boston, MA 02116–5114
1–800–564–1234

ANCHOR INN
P.O. Box 240
North Quincy, MA 02171
617–328–5380

BETTY'S PLACE
40 Berkley Street
Boston, MA 02116
617–482–1126

BOSTON MEDICAL CENTER
ELDER'S LIVING AT HOME PROGRAM
Boston Medical Center
1 Boston Med. Ctr. Place
Boston, MA 02118
617–638–6148

BOSTON CITY SHELTER
Long Island Hospital
P.O. Box 158
Long Island Health Campus
Boston, MA 02122
617–534–2526

BOSTON FAMILY SHELTER
656 Mass. Avenue
Boston, MA 02118
617–267–8081

BOSTON NIGHT CENTER
31 Bowker Street
P.O. Box 8031 J.F.K. Station
Boston, MA 02111
617–248–1998

BOSTON YMCA
EMERGENCY ROOMS PROGRAM
316 Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02115
617-536-7800

BRIDGEHOUSE
24 Baker Street
Lynn, MA 01902
781-593-3898

BROOKVIEW HOUSE
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM
2 Brookview Street
Dorchester, MA 02124
617-265-2965

CAMBRIDGE SHELTER
(SALVATION ARMY)
109 School Street
Cambridge, MA 02139
617-547-3400

CAMBRIDGE SHELTER
(SHELTER INC.)
P.O. Box 516A
Cambridge, MA 02139
617-547-1885

CAMBRIDGE YWCA
EMERGENCY FAMILY SHELTER
3 Bigelow Street
Cambridge, MA 02139
617-491-6055

CAMBRIDGE YWCA
7 Temple Street
Cambridge, MA 02139
617-491-6055

CARDINAL MEDEIROS CENTER
140 Shawmut Avenue
Boston, MA 02118
617-451-9331

CAROLINA HILL SHELTER
728 Main Street
Marshfield, MA 02050
781-837-1377

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
St. Ambrose Family Inn
25 Leonard Street
Dorchester, MA 02122
617-288-7675

CHARDON STREET SHELTER,
TEMPORARY HOME FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN
41 New Chardon Street
P.O. Box 9291
Boston, MA 02114
617-523-2337

CHILDREN'S SERVICES OF ROXBURY
504 Dudley St., 3rd Fl.
Roxbury, MA 02119
617-445-6655

CRITTENTON HASTINGS HOUSE
10 Pertshire Road

Brighton, MA 02135
617-782-7600

CROSSROADS FAMILY SHELTER
56 Havre Street
East Boston, MA 02128
617-567-5926

CROSS STREET FAMILY SHELTER
59 Cross Street
P.O. Box 440436
Sommerville, MA 02144
617-776-6661

DONATION ASSISTANCE
288 A Street
Boston, MA 02210
617-737-3430

FAMILIES IN TRANSISTION
316 Huntington Ave.
Boston, MA 02115
617-927-8290

FAMILY HOUSE SHELTER
250-252 Columbia Rd
Dorchester, MA 02121
617-427-4470

FATHER BILL'S PLACE
38 Broad Street
Quincy, MA 02169
617-376-2255

FIRST CHURCH SHELTER
11 Garden Street
Cambridge, MA 02138
617-661-1873

HARBORLIGHT SALVATION ARMY SHELTER
407 Shawmut Avenue
Boston, MA 02118
617-536-7469

HILDEBRAND SELF-HELP CENTER, INC.
39 Bishop Allen Drive
Cambridge, MA 02139
617-492-2797

HILDEBRAND FAMILY SELF-HELP CENTER
678 Mass. Ave., Suite 503
Cambridge, MA 02139
617-491-5752

HILDEBRAND FAMILY SELF-HELP CENTER
41-43 Columbia Street
Cambridge, MA 02139
617-491-1564

HOLY FAMILY SHELTER
1 Lingard Street
Dorchester, MA 02125
617-445-8461

HORIZON HOUSE
P.O. Box 382
Mattapan, MA 02126
617-296-2492

KINGSTON HOUSE
39 Kingston Street

Boston, MA 02112-0069
617-482-9074

KIT CLARK SENIOR SERVICES
1500 Dorchester Avenue
Dorchester, MA 02112
617-825-5000

LEMUEL SHATTUCK SHELTER
Lemuel Shattuck Hospital
170 Morton Street
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
617-522-8110 Ext. 3229

LIFEHOUSE HOUSING SEARCH, INC.
654 Columbia Road
Dorchester, MA 02125
617-282-7711

LIFEHOUSE
145 Stoughton Street
Dorchester, MA 02125
617-265-7700

LYNN SHELTER ASSOCIATION
100 Willow Street
Lynn, MA 01901
781-581-6600

MARY MARTHA
1045 Main Street
Hingham, MA 02043
781-749-5441

METROPOLITAN BOSTON HOUSING PARTNERSHIP, INC.
569 Columbus Avenue
Boston, MA 02118
617-859-0400, ext. 752

NAZARETH HOUSE
91 Regent Street
Roxbury, MA 02119
617-541-0100

PILGRIM CHURCH SHELTER
540 Columbia Road
Dorchester, MA 02125
617-825-3300

PINE STREET INN
444 Harrison Avenue
Boston, MA 02118
617-482-4944

PROJECT HOPE – SISTERS OF THE ASSUMPTION
45 Magnolia Street
Dorchester, MA 02125
617-442-1880

PROJECT PLACE PROGRAM FOR THE HOMELESS
32 Rutland Street
Boston, MA 02118
617-262-3740

QUEEN OF PEACE
401 Quincy Street
Boston, MA 02125
617-288-4182

REVISION HOUSE
38 Fabyan Street

Dorchester, MA 02124
617-825-8642

ROSIE'S PLACE
889 Harrison Avenue
Boston, MA 02118
617-442-9322

CASA NUEVA VIDA
53 Glen Road
P.O. Box 2115
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
617-524-0285

SAINT FRANCIS HOUSE DAY CENTER
39 Boylston Street
P.O. Box 499
Essex Station
Boston, MA 02112
617-542-4211

SAINT PATRICK'S SHELTER
270 Washington Street
Somerville, MA 02143
617-625-1920

HOLY FAMILY
24 Hartford Street
Dorchester, MA 02125
617-445-8461

SALVATION ARMY
EMERGENCY SHELTER
402 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139
617-547-3400

ROXBURY FAMILY SHELTER SALVATION ARMY FAMILY SHELTER
23 Vernon Street
Roxbury, MA 02119
617-427-6700

SANCTA MARIA HOME
11 Waltham Street
Boston, MA 02118
617-423-4366

SHELTER, INC.
109 School Street
Cambridge, MA 02139
617-547-1885

SOJOURNER HOUSE
85 Rockland Street
Roxbury, MA 02119-1975
617-442-0590

SOMERVILLE HOMELESS COALITION ADULT SHELTER
Box 440436
(14 Chapel St.)
Somerville, MA 02144
617-623-3534

FAMILY SHELTER
59 Cross Street
P.O. Box 440436
Somerville, MA 02144
617-776-6661

SPIN
248 South Common Street

Lynn, MA 01905
781–598–9417

ST. MARY'S HOME
90 Cushing Avenue
Dorchester, MA 02121
617–436–8600

TEMPORARY HOME FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN
41 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
617–720–3611

TRANSITION THRIFT STORE
3368 Washington Street
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
617–983–5685

TRAVELERS AID SOCIETY
711 Atlantic Avenue At 17 East Street
Boston, MA 02111–2842
617–542–7286

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN SHELTER
66 Winthrop Street
Cambridge, MA 02138
617–876–3256

WOMEN UNIT SHELTER
363 Albany Street
Boston, MA 02118
617–482–4944

WOODS MULLEN SHELTER
784 Massachusetts Ave. (Rear)
Boston, MA 02118
617–534–7100

NORTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS
ACTION, INC. EMERGENCY SHELTER
370 Main Street
Gloucester, MA 01930
978–283–4125

BRIDGE HOUSE
24 Baker Street
Lynn, MA 01902
781–593–3898

BRISTOL LODGE WOMEN'S SHELTER
205 Bacon Street
P.O. Box 541095
Waltham, MA 02453
781–894–1225

COMMUNITY TEAMWORK PAWTUCKET HOUSE
360 Pawtucket Street
Lowell, MA 01854
978–452–5410

DAYBREAK SHELTER
75 North Parish Road
Lawrence, MA 01843
978–975–4547

EMMAUS HOUSE
105 Winter Street
P.O. Box 568
Haverhill, MA 01831
978–241–3500

GREATER LOWELL EMERGENCY FAMILY SHELTER
167 Dutton Street
Lowell, MA 01852
978–459–0551

HOUSE OF HOPE
812 Merrimack Street
Lowell, MA 01854
978–458–2870

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS
64 Eastern Point Road
Gloucester, MA 01930
978–281–3328

INN–BETWEEN
25 Holten Street
Peabody, MA 01960
978–532–2372

LAZARUS HOUSE
48 Holly Street
P.O. Box 408
Lawrence, MA 01842
978–689–8575

MARY'S HOUSE
P.O. Box 1095
62 Church Street
Waltham, MA 02453
781–647–9957

M.E.A.D.O.W.S. PROGRAM
20 Cottage Street
Natick, MA 01760
508–647–0348

MEDFORD FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CENTER
2 Central Avenue
Medford, MA 02155
781–391–9116

MERRIMACK HOUSE
423 Pawtucket Street
Lowell, MA 01854
978–937–2418

LOWER TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER
189 Middlesex Street
Lowell, MA 01852
978–458–9888

NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS
75–81 Central Street
Peabody, MA 01960
978–532–8620 ext. 204

SALEM MISSION
7 Crombie Street
Salem, MA 01970
978–744–0500

SANDRA'S LODGE
200 Trapelo Road
Waltham, MA 02452
781–899–7311

STEPPING STONES
50 Newhall Street
Lynn, MA 01902
781–592–3535

TRANSITIONAL FAMILY HOME
254 Broadway
Malden, MA 02148
617-324-1303

TRI-CITY HOUSING TASK FORCE
350 Cross Street
Malden, MA 02148
781-322-9119

WELLSPRING HOUSE
302 Essex Avenue
Gloucester, MA 01930
978-281-3221

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS
BLACKSTONE HOMELESS TASK FORCE
WINTERHAVEN SHELTER
10 North Bow Street
Milford, MA 01757
508-478-2333

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
11 Peck Street
Attleboro, MA 02703
508-226-5722

CAROLINA HILL SHELTER
728 Main Street
Marshfield, MA 02050
781-837-1377

CARRIAGE HOUSE SHELTER
294 Old Main Road
North Falmouth, MA 02556
508-564-6485

CONWAY HOUSE
14 East Grove Street
Middleboro, MA 02346
508-946-8505

DAYSTAR PROGRAM
100 North Street
Hyannis, MA 02601
508-775-0364

DAVID JON LOUISON FOUNDATION
137 Newbury Street
Brockton, MA 02301
508-584-4315

FAITH HOME SHARE
C/O SOUTH SHORE FRIENDS OF THE HOMELESS
258 Rockland Street
Hingham, MA 02043
781-749-7614

FAITH HOME SHARE
8 Drift Way
North Weymouth, MA 02191
781-340-1604

FALL RIVER RESOURCE CENTER
177 Rockland Street
Fall River, MA 02724
508-679-2109

HOUSING ASSISTANCE CORP.
460 West Main Street

Hyannis MA 02601
508-771-5400 ext. 227

LIFE CENTER FAMILY SHELTER
400 Bearse's Way
Hyannis, MA 02601
508-771-0955

MAIN SPRING HOUSE
54 North Main Street
Brockton, MA 02301
508-587-5441

MARKET MINISTRIES SHELTER
60 Eight Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
508-997-3202

MARY MARTHA CENTER
1045 Main Street
Hingham, MA 02043
781-749-5441

N.O.A.H. SHELTER FOR HOMELESS SINGLES
77 Winter Street
Hyannis, MA 02601
508-778-5255

PILGRIMS HOPE
149 Bishop's Highway
Kingston, MA 02364
781-582-2010

SAMARITAN HOUSE
59 Ingall Street
Taunton, MA 02780
508-824-6497

SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL
P.O. Box 36 10
Plymouth, MA 02361
508-746-6707

SAFE HARBOR
7 Summerside Lane
Hyannis, MA 02601
508-790-2933

TENANCY AND INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM
460 West Main Street
Hyannis, MA 02601
508-771-5400

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS
ATHOL-ORANGE FAMILY INN
88 East Main Street
Orange, MA 01364
978-544-8245

MARLBORO SHELTER
57 Mechanic Street
Marlboro, MA 01752
508-460-6226

FRIENDLY HOUSE
87 Elm Street
Worcester, MA 01609
508-792-1799

GARDNER COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE
175 Connors Street

Gardner, MA 01440
978-632-8700

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK
YMCA (main office)
766 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01610
508-890-1200

PATHWAYS FAMILY SHELTER
70 Pearl Street
Framingham, MA 01702
508-879-5047

ORANGE HOMELESS SHELTER
88 East Main Street
Orange, MA 01364
978-544-8245

OUR FATHER'S HOUSE, INC.
53 Lunenburg Street
Fitchburg, MA 01420
978-345-3050

PATHWAYS SHELTER
70 Pearl Street
Framingham, MA 01702
508-879-5047

SHEPARDS' PLACE
54 Queen Street
Worcester MA 01610
508-757-5198

SHELTER HOPE AND DIGNITY
OF WOMEN SEARCHING
25 Central Street
Ashland, MA 01721
508-231-8710

SOUTH MIDDLESEX OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL
300 Howard Street
Framingham, MA 01702
508-620-2300

TURNING POINT
75 Hollis Street
Framingham, MA 01701
508-875-6429

WINTERHAVEN SHELTER
ST. MARY'S RECTORY
10 North Bow Street
Milford, MA 01757
508-478-2333

WORCESTER PUBLIC INEVRIATE PROGRAM
701 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01601
508-757-0103

YOUVILLE HOUSE
133 Granite Street
Worcester, MA 01604
508-753-3084

YWCA –TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM
One Salem Square
Worcester, MA 01608
508-791-3181

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS
AMHERST EMERGENCY SHELTER
17 Seelye Street
Amherst, MA 01002
413-253-5155

BRODERICK HOUSE
56 Cabot Street
Holyoke, MA 01040
413-534-7610

CUMMINGS MEMORIAL
148 Taylor Street
Springfield, MA 01105
413-732-0516

EMERGENCY SHELTER OF GREATER SPRINGFIELD
PROSPECT HOUSE
103 Prospect Street
Springfield, MA 01107
413-737-5518

BARTON'S CROSSING
1307 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
413-442-1445

GREENFIELD FAMILY INN
128 Federal Street
Greenfield, MA 01301
413-774-6382

OPEN PANTRY TEEN LIVING PROGRAM
6870 Calhoun Street
Springfield, MA 01107
413-731-5960

HORIZON HOUSE
764 Alden Street
Springfield, MA 01109
413-782-8655

JEFFERSON STREET SHELTER
95 Jefferson Avenue
Springfield, MA 01107
413-736-2263

JESSIE'S HOUSE
143 West Street
Northampton, MA 01060
413-586-8212

LORETO HOUSE
51 Hamilton Street
Holyoke, MA 01040
413-533-5909

MAIN STREET SHELTER
319 Main Street
Holyoke, MA 01040
413-534-2466

NEW ENGLAND FARM WORKER'S COUNCIL
1628-1640 Main St, 2nd Flr.
Springfield, MA 01103
413-272-2208

OUR FRIENDS' HOUSE
BCAC FAMILY SHELTER
292 West Street

Pittsfield, MA 01201
413–499–2877

PROSPECT STREET SHELTER
103 Prospect Street
Springfield, MA 01107
413–737–5518

SAMARITAN INN
7 Free Street
Westfield, MA 01805
413–568–3122

SPRINGFIELD RESCUE MISSION
19 Bliss Street
Springfield, MA 01105
413–732–0808

WORTHINGTON HS.
767 Worthington Street
Springfield, MA 01105
413–732–306

LYNN HOUSING AUTHORITY
52 Andrew Street
Lynn, MA 01901
781–592–1454

Services offered: 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, Services for Special Needs Folks; Assistance, Referrals, Shelter Referrals, Youth Focused; Demographic Served: Disabled, Persons With Disabilities; Demographic Served: Families, w/Young Children; Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Demographic Served: Social Peers; Demographic Served: Special Needs; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Teens; Demographic Served: Teens, Troubled; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Hotline, Shelter, Evacuation/Shelter Information & Updates; Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level); Information Resource, Evacuation, Disaster Evacuation Guidance for Residents in Disaster Zones; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Services, Homeless, Services for the Homeless; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Day Shelter; Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Shelter, Emergency Shelter, Special Needs ; Shelter, Emergency Shelter, Winter Shelter; Shelter, Emergency Shelter, Youth Focused; Shelter, Homeless, Mens Homeless Shelter; Shelter, Homeless Shelter; Shelter, Womens, Battered Womens Shelter; Shelter, Women's Shelter
Campaigns: Homelessness Relief Services; WorkWorld
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WorkWorld, Massachusetts, Social Services Info Database

Info/Hotline · Open

OnLine Resource
MA

Phone web only
Web www.workworld.org/wwwebhelp/basic.htm
Eligibility this is a tool to search for government programs. each program has different eligibility requirements, many programs are geared towards disabled, vets, homeless, low income, etc
Service Temporary

This appears to be a web navigational tool that has either gathered/input info by hand, or automatically gathered it. Either way, it seems to be a VERY robust tool that guides the user through a series to screens to help them learn what services they have available to them. There "may" be some way to download some kind of user–software that helps the user "match" to the correct services. But it's not clear how that works. To just see the web pages, follow these instructions:

http://www.workworld.org/wwwebhelp/basic.htm

1. In the upper left, click on "Contents". A directory "strip" (window) should expand on the left hand side of the screen.

2. Then choose "benefit programs" from that left hand strip/window.

3. Then choose "state specifics", which is just up from the bottom of the list of options in the left hand strip/window.

4. Then choose Massachusetts. Now focus on the right hand window. And follow various buttons to find services that are related to your situation.

Here's a direct link to help for disabled/elderly:

http://www.workworld.org/wwwebhelp/emergency_aid_to_the_elderly_disabled_and_children_eaedc_overview_massachusetts.htm

And one for the basics for Transitional Assistance for Families w/Dependent Children:

http://www.workworld.org/wwwebhelp/transitional_aid_to_families_with_dependent_children_tafdc_overview_massachusetts.htm

Services offered: Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, How to, File Disaster Disability Benefits; Assistance, How To, File Disaster Unemployment Claims; Assistance, How to, File Food Stamp Application; Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, How To, Navigating Disaster Survivor Insurance Process ; Assistance, How To, Navigating Insurance Process; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Services for Special Needs Folks; Directories, Directory of Services, Disabled Services; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Directories, Special Needs, Services for Special Needs Folks; Financial Assistance, Referrals, Temporary Financial Assistance Referrals; Information Resource, ADA & Useful Info for Disabled Folks; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Services, Social Services, General Social Services
Campaigns: WorkWorld
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WWOOF–USA (WorldWide Opportunities on Organic Farms) Volunteering/Food Exchange (Massachusetts)

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From the website:

One–half day of volunteer help is traded for food and accommodation, with no money exchanged. The WWOOF–USA Host Farm Directory lists more than one–thousand organic farms (not necessarily USDA certified organic) and gardens across the country. The Host Farm profile contains information about the location, general responsibilities, and lifestyle of the host. Any farm, community, or garden project in the US that is willing to host and accommodate volunteers can participate in our program. We encourage all types of volunteers and hosts who can cooperate to strengthen sustainable agriculture worldwide to be a part of WWOOF–USA. The program is open to anyone 18 years of age or older, regardless of experience.

WWOOF farms offer a variety of educational opportunities, including growing vegetables, keeping bees, building straw bale houses, working with animals, making wine, and much more. With over a thousand farms in all 50 states, the US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, there is something for everyone. You can preview the Directory of Farms before becoming a member on this website.

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A WWOOF member contacts the Host Farms to discuss hopes and expectations to form an agreeable arrangement. WWOOFing is a way to learn practical farming skills, be part of the organic agriculture movement, and experience the heart of American agrarian culture.

Once you become a WWOOFer by joining the organization, you will receive online access to the Directory of Host Farms. You can choose to also receive a printed and bound Directory of Host Farms mailed to you. Next, contact the farms you are interested in visiting to check availability and arrange a stay. WWOOFers generally volunteer for half a day in exchange for meals, accommodation, and education. The length of a farm stay is determined by you and the host, and can vary from a few days to a season. The key to a mutually beneficial experience is lots of clear and open discussion about hopes and expectations before arriving at the farm– we recommend using the telephone to have a conversation.

WHY WWOOF?

WWOOF offers a rare opportunity for people to share their knowledge and efforts with others from a variety of backgrounds. It relies on trust, respect, and hard work. Read below to determine if WWOOF is right for you.
Hosts welcome willing WWOOFers onto their property to help get work done with the intention of sharing knowledge and meeting new people while growing food for local communities.

Being a WWOOF host may be right if you:
* will provide a safe, comfortable, and welcoming environment for a volunteer
* are participating in organic or sustainable activities
* have projects and tasks that you could use help with
* are interested in sharing your knowledge and daily life with volunteers

One–half day's work on a farm by a WWOOFer is exchanged for food and accommodation from the Host. Your trade agreement can be defined any number of ways: Work hours, days, length of stay, meal arrangements and accommodations vary greatly, and it is each host's and volunteer's joint responsibility to form a clear agreement.

Being a WWOOFer may be appropriate if you:
* are a respectful and courteous guest in the homes and on the lands of others
* are interested in learning about sustainable and organic farming methods
* are willing to work hard on projects and tasks presented to you

Have questions? Try reading the FAQs or feel free to contact us directly at info @ wwoofusa.org. We are available in the office from 9 to 5, Monday through Friday: 949–715–9500

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Directories, Organic/Local Food Producers/Users; Documentation, Environmental Education; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Fresh, Organic ($ NOT FREE); Food, Fresh, Vegetables * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Food, Organic ($ NOT FREE); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Service, Bartering; Training, Farming, Organic Farming; Training, Green Energy, Development of Energy Creation Facilities; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Elder/Senior Volunteers (This facility accomodates Elder Volunteers); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteers, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities; Volunteers, Youth Volunteers (This facility accomodates Youth Volunteers) ; Volunteer, Volunteer Referral Services; Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online
Campaigns: Bartering Network; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Northeast Organic Farming Association
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