

How Can I Help? *Donations!*

These organizations accept donations all year long, except as noted. **ALWAYS CALL FIRST** to verify specific needs, times, etc.

Many local organizations need donations—call Berkeley Public Library's Berkeley Information Network (The BIN, at 510-981-6166) or visit the The BIN's online database of community organizations: www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org.

Alameda County Community Food Bank

7900 Edgewater Dr. Oakland 94621

510-635-3663 www.accfb.org

Disperses surplus/donated food to local agencies.

Produce, bread, and packaged food (especially high-protein)

Alameda County Computer Resource Center

620 Page St. Berkeley 94710

510-528-4052 www.acrc.org

Recycles, repairs, and redistributes computers to nonprofits, libraries, schools, disadvantaged individuals

Laptops & accessories; cell phones

Alta Bates Summit Medical Center

2450 Ashby Ave. Berkeley 94705

510-204-5213 www.altabatessummit.org

Gives baby supplies to in-hospital new parents.

Clothes and supplies for babies

Bananas

5232 Claremont Ave. Oakland 94618

510-658-7353 www.bananasinc.org

Resource and referral center on children, child care information, and child care workers.

Clothes for children (including diapers); maternity clothes; baby formula and food; baby equipment; toys

Berkeley Food & Housing Project

2140 Dwight Way Berkeley 94704 (Administration)

510-649-4965 www.bfhp.org

Serves hot meals; runs shelters.

New men's socks and underclothing; food; clean blankets,

linens, sleeping bags and bath towels; toiletries

Berkeley Food Pantry

1600 Sacramento St. (& Cedar) Berkeley CA 94702

510-525-2280

Provides 2- to 3-day food packages to serve emergency needs of persons referred by Berkeley community service agencies.

Canned and packaged foods- especially those high in protein- tuna, beans, peanut butter. Fruit from your tree.

Neatly folded grocery bags with handles.

Berkeley Unified School District Music Program

1500 Derby St Berkeley 94703

510-644-8831 <http://www.berkeley.k12.ca.us>

Distributes donated instruments to students in BUSD K-12 music programs.

Clean, usable musical instruments in good condition

A Better Way Foster Family and Adoption Program

3200 Adeline St. Berkeley 94703

510-601-0203 www.abetterwayinc.net

Foster family and adoption program for children from birth to 18 (including pregnant teenagers and mothers with children).

Clothes for babies and children; suitcases, duffle bags; computer equipment; toys

Bonita House

Office: 6333 Telegraph Ave. Suite 102

Oakland 94609

510-923-1099 www.bonitahouse.org

Provides transitional living for people recovering from mental illness and chemical dependency.

Food; household items; personal care items

BOSS Multi-Agency Service Center (MASC)

1931 Center St. (Veterans' Center) Berkeley

510-843-3700 Contact: Robert Long

www.self-sufficiency.org

Support and self-sufficiency services for homeless, poor and disabled people in Alameda County.

Adult durable clothes, shoes; packaged snack food; blankets, sleeping bags, towels, etc.; books; personal care items (detergent, soap, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste/brush).

Catholic Worker. Night on the Streets

PO Box 13468 Berkeley 94712-4468

510-684-1892

Nonprofit volunteer group serves and aids the homeless and poor.

Canned dry goods, dairy products; clean blankets, sleeping bags, and sheets

Coalition for Alternatives in Mental Health

Berkeley Drop-in Center

3234 Adeline St. Berkeley 94703

510-653-3808

Mental health drop-in center.

Clothes; food for cold breakfasts/snacks; blankets, towels, sleeping bags, backpacks; furniture; kitchen items; personal care items; toys

East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse

4695 Telegraph Ave. Oakland

510-547-6470 www.creativereuse.org

Sells reusable discards; "Every teacher's first stop and every artist's second home."

Craft materials, office supplies, paper products, fabric, paper bags, CD/DVD cases, yarn, etc.

Henry Robinson Multi-Service Center

559 16th St. Oakland 94612

510-419-1010

Provides emergency and transitional housing, and drop-in services to homeless people.

Food; clothing for all ages

Jewish Family and Children's Services

2484 Shattuck Ave. Suite 210 Berkeley 94704

510-704-7475 www.jfcs-eastbay.org

Provides mental health and social services.

Furniture; computers; toys

Operation Dignity, Inc.

1405 Franklin St. Suite 102 Oakland 94612

510-287-8465 www.operationdignity.org

Transitional housing program for homeless veterans & mobile outreach to homeless encampments.

Blankets, sleeping bags; nonperishable food; foul weather gear; home goods; etc.

Over 60 Health Center

3260 Sacramento St. Berkeley 94702

510-601-6060 www.lifelongmedical.org

Provides low-cost medical, dental, mental health, and social services for older persons.

Walkers, wheelchairs, etc.

Pets are Wonderful Support (PAWS) East Bay

2700 Ninth Street Berkeley 94710

510-845-7735, ext. 40

www.berkeleyhumane.org/Community/PAWS_EastBay.htm

Pet care support for low-income, medically disabled individuals living in the Oakland-Berkeley corridor.

Pet food; cat litter; flea and tick medication; pet grooming products; etc.

For more information on these & other organizations,

<http://www.berkeley>

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Square Meals Project

Ellsworth St. Berkeley 94704

510-649-8154

Provides food and clothing to people in need.

Practical clothing; sleeping bags, blankets, linens; canned and packaged food

Telegraph Community Center

5316 Telegraph Ave. Oakland 94609

510-658-4457

Provides emotional support and emergency food.

Clothing; food; personal care items. Holiday season only:

Toys & gifts suitable for all ages

Waterside Workshops

84 Bolivar Dr. Berkeley 94710

510-644-2577

Craft workshop. Also bicycle repair, sewing machine repair, & sewing classes.

Bicycles and bike parts; tools; sewing machines and accessories; leather

Toys for Tots

510-814-1624 www.toysfortots.org

Marine Corps Reserves program collects toys for area youth during the holiday season (until 12/25).

Unwrapped toys, games, electronics, school supplies, etc. for children and youth. Call for information on drop-off locations.

Vital Life Services

5720 Shattuck Ave. Oakland 94609

510-655-3435 www.vitalcalifornia.org

Drop-in center provides emotional and practical help to those with HIV, AIDS, and other critical illnesses.

Call or visit website for wish list of items currently needed.

Wardrobe for Opportunity

570 14th Street Suite 5 Oakland 94612

510-463-4100 www.wardrobe.org

Provides professional clothing and career support to low-income workers referred by job-training programs.

Clean, on-hangers, business-appropriate clothing & accessories (jewelry, handbags, coats, etc.) no more than five years old

Youth Emergency Assistance Hostel (YEAH)

Lutheran Church of the Cross

1744 University Ave. Berkeley 94703

510-848-1424 www.yeah-berkeley.org

Provides safe emergency wintertime shelter for youth 18-25, and their pets.

Socks, new underwear; pet items; umbrellas, ponchos; toiletries; backpacks; more. Call or visit website for wish list.

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