

# 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](http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org).

## **Alameda County Community Food Bank**

7900 Edgewater Dr. Oakland 94621

510-635-3663 [www.accfb.org](http://www.accfb.org)

*Disperses surplus/donated food to local agencies.*

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

## **Alameda County Computer Resource Center**

1501 Eastshore Highway Berkeley 94710

510-528-4052 [www.accrc.org](http://www.accrc.org)

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

**Laptops & accessories; cell phones**

## **Alta Bates Summit Medical Center**

2450 Ashby Ave. Berkeley 94705

510-204-5213 Contact: Carol Harte

*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](http://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

510-649-4965 Ext. 312 Donations Coordinator

*Serves hot meals; runs shelters.*

**New men's socks and underclothing; food; clean blankets, linens, sleeping bags and bath towels; toiletries**

## **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](http://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](http://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](http://www.self-sufficiency.org)

*Homeless support services.*

**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 Contact: Emmitt Hudson

*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**

6713 San Pablo Ave. Oakland 94608  
 After early 2007: 4695 Telegraph Ave. Oakland  
 510-547-6470 www.creativereuse.org  
*Sells reusable discards; "Every teacher's first stop  
 and every artist's second home."*

**Art and teaching supplies of all kinds including  
 craft materials, office supplies, paper products,  
 fabric, paper bags, CD/DVD cases, yarn, etc.**

**Henry Robinson Multi-Service Center**

559 16<sup>th</sup> St. Oakland 94612  
 510-419-1010 www.phoenixprograms.org  
*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**

**Over 60 Health Center**

3260 Sacramento St. Berkeley 94702  
 510-981-4137 www.lifelongmedical.org  
*Provides low-cost medical, dental, mental health,  
 and social services for older persons.*

**Walkers, wheelchairs, etc.**

**Pets are Wonderful Support (PAWS)**

510-464-1011 pawseastbay@sbcglobal.net  
*Volunteers offer practical pet care support for  
 low-income, medically disabled individuals living in  
 the Oakland-Berkeley corridor.*

**Pet food and cat litter**

**RACORSE/Home CARES**

2619 Broadway Oakland 94612  
 510-251-2273  
*Recycles home healthcare equipment and supplies  
 for redistribution to the community.*  
**Wheelchairs, shower chairs, canes, walkers, etc.**

**Square Meals Project**

Ellsworth St. Berkeley 94704  
 510-649-8154  
*Provides food and clothing to people in need.*  
**Practical clothing; sleeping bags, blankets;  
 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**

**Tinkers Workshop**

84 Bolivar Dr. Berkeley 94710  
 510-644-2577 www.tinkersworkshop.org  
*Craft workshop. Also bicycle repair, sewing  
 machine repair, & sewing classes.*  
**Bicycles; tools; sewing machines; leather**

**Toys for Tots**

510-814-1613 www.toysfortots.org  
*Marine Corps Reserves program collects toys for  
 area youth during the holiday season (until 12/25).*  
**Bring unwrapped toys to any Berkeley Fire Station**

**Vital Life Services**

5720 Shattuck Ave. Oakland 94609  
 510-655-3435 www.vitalcalifornia.org  
*Drop-in center provides emotional and practical  
 help to HIV-positive or AIDS patients.*  
**Nonperishable food; personal care items**

**Wardrobe for Opportunity**

510-463-4100 www.wardrobe.org  
*Dresses & provides job interview clothes for low-  
 income women referred by job-training programs.*  
**Clean, on-hangers business-appropriate  
 clothing & accessories (jewelry, handbags,  
 coats, etc.) no older 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; washable twin-sized  
 blankets; umbrellas, ponchos; toiletries**

For more information on these & other organizations, contact us at 510-981-6166/TTY 510-548-1240

Or, peruse our free online database of community organizations & services:

<http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org>

**Berkeley Information Network (The BIN)**

Your connection to free community information since 1980