

# How Can I Help? *Donations*

How Can I Help? Donations Information from the Berkeley Public Library (Community Resources) [www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org](http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org)

*These organizations accept donations all year long, except as noted. **Always call first** to verify specific needs and requirements.*

*Many more local organizations need donations—check the Berkeley Public Library website for more listings.*

## **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.*

Accepts produce, bread, and canned/packaged goods (especially high-protein).

## **Alameda County Computer Resource Center**

620 Page St. Berkeley 94710

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

*Recycles, repairs, and redistributes computers to non-profits, libraries, schools, and individuals with low incomes.*

Accepts computers and computer accessories.

## **Alta Bates Summit Medical Center**

2450 Ashby Ave. Berkeley 94705

510-204-4444 [www.altabatesummit.org](http://www.altabatesummit.org)

*Gives baby supplies to in-hospital new parents.*

Accepts 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, childcare information, and childcare workers.*

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

## **Berkeley Food and Housing Project**

2362 Bancroft Way Berkeley 94704

510-649-4965 [www.bfhp.org](http://www.bfhp.org)

*Serves hot meals and operates shelters.*

Accepts new socks and underclothing; clean blankets, linens, sleeping bags, and bath towels; toiletries; household goods.

## **Berkeley Food Pantry**

1600 Sacramento St. Berkeley 94702

510-525-2280 [www.berkeleyfoodpantry.vpweb.com](http://www.berkeleyfoodpantry.vpweb.com)

*Provides food supplies to meet the emergency needs of individuals in need who live in Berkeley or Albany.*

Accepts canned and packaged foods (especially high-protein), produce, and fruit.

## **Berkeley Unified School District Music Program**

### **Willard Middle School**

2425 Stuart St. Room D 19C Berkeley 94705

510-644-8831

[www.berkeleyschools.net/departments/visual](http://www.berkeleyschools.net/departments/visual)

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

Accepts clean, playable musical instruments in good condition.

## **A Better Way Foster Family and Adoption Program**

3200 Adeline St. Berkeley 94703

510-601-0203 [www.abetterway.net](http://www.abetterway.net)

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

Accepts clothes for babies and children; suitcases and duffel bags; computer equipment; and 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.*

Accepts food, household items, and personal care items.

## **Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS)**

2065 Kittredge St. Suite E Berkeley 94704

510-649-1930 [www.self-sufficiency.org](http://www.self-sufficiency.org)

*Support and services for people who are homeless, have disabilities, or have very low incomes in Alameda County.*

Accepts durable clothing and shoes for adults; packaged snack food; blankets, sleeping bags, towels, etc.; books; personal care items (detergent, soap, shampoo, lotion, toothbrushes and toothpaste).

## **Catholic Worker. Night on the Streets**

PO Box 13468 Berkeley 94712

510-684-1892 [sites.google.com/site/berkeleycatholicworker](http://sites.google.com/site/berkeleycatholicworker)

*Non-profit volunteer group aids people who are homeless or poor.*

Accepts canned goods and 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.*

Accepts clothes; food for cold breakfasts and snacks; blankets, towels, sleeping bags; backpacks; furniture; kitchen items; personal care items; toys.

## **East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse**

4695 Telegraph Ave. Oakland 94609

510-547-6470 [www.creativereuse.org](http://www.creativereuse.org)

*Non-profit that sells reusable discarded goods as low-cost supplies for art, education, and social services.*

Accepts craft materials, office supplies, paper products, fabric, paper bags, CD/DVD cases, yarn, photos, art, posters, jewelry, bulk items.



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## **Henry Robinson Multi-Service Center**

559 16th St. Oakland 94612  
510-419-1010

*Provides emergency and transitional housing and drop-in services to people who are homeless.  
Accepts food and clothing for all ages.*

## **Jewish Family and Children's Services**

2484 Shattuck Ave. Suite 210 Berkeley 94704  
510-704-7475 [www.jfcs-eastbay.org](http://www.jfcs-eastbay.org)

*Provides mental health and social services.  
Accepts furniture, computers, toys.*

## **Operation Dignity, Inc.**

160 Franklin St. Suite 103 Oakland 94607  
510-287-8465 [www.operationdignity.org](http://www.operationdignity.org)

*Transitional housing program for homeless veterans and mobile outreach to homeless encampments.  
Accepts jackets/coats, socks, warm clothes, blankets, linens (sheets and towels), sleeping bags, nonperishable food items, lamps, furniture, dishes, small kitchen appliances, and household goods.*

## **Lifelong Medical Care (Over 60 Health Center)**

3260 Sacramento St. Berkeley 94702  
510-981-4100 or 510-981-4183 [www.lifelongmedical.org](http://www.lifelongmedical.org)

*Provides low-cost medical, dental, mental health, and social services for older persons.  
Accepts walkers, wheelchairs, etc.*

## **Pets Are Wonderful Support (PAWS) East Bay**

2700 Ninth St. Berkeley 94702  
510-845-7735 ext. 205

[www.berkeleyhumane.org/programs/pawssupport](http://www.berkeleyhumane.org/programs/pawssupport)

*Pet care support for low-income, medically disabled individuals living in the Oakland-Berkeley corridor.  
Accepts cat and dog food, flea and tick products, clay or clumping cat litter, cat and dog nail clippers, cat and dog brushes and combs, folding luggage carts or shopping carts, and gas cards.*

## **Prisoners Literature Project**

Grassroots House 2022 Blake St. Berkeley 94704  
415-672-7858 [www.prisonersliteratureproject.com](http://www.prisonersliteratureproject.com)

*Provides free books to prisoners on literary or educational topics.  
Accepts paperback books, including textbooks, dictionaries, GED test prep, and literature (check website for list). Also accepts stamps, packing supplies (especially large manila envelopes), and tape.*

## **Square Meals Project**

2607 Ellsworth St. #201 Berkeley 94704  
510-383-0855

*Provides food and clothing to people in need.  
Accepts practical clothing, sleeping bags, blankets and linens, and canned/package food.*

## **Telegraph Community Center**

5316 Telegraph Ave. Oakland 94609  
510-658-4457

*Provides emotional support and emergency food.  
Accepts clothing, food, and personal care items. Accepts toys and gifts suitable for all ages during the holiday season.*

## **Toys for Tots**

510-814-1600 [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org)

*Marine Corps Reserves program collects toys for area youth during the holiday season (until December 25).  
Accepts unwrapped toys, games, electronics, school supplies, etc. for children and youth. Call or check website for information on drop-off locations.*

## **Wardrobe for Opportunity**

570 14th St. Suite 5 Oakland 94612  
510-463-4100 [www.wardrobe.org](http://www.wardrobe.org)

*Provides professional clothing and career support to low-income workers and job searchers referred by job-training programs.  
Accept clean, business-appropriate clothing on hangers and accessories (jewelry, handbags, coats, etc.), no more than five years old.*

## **Waterside Workshops**

84 Bolivar Dr. Berkeley 94710  
510-644-2577 [www.watersideworkshops.org](http://www.watersideworkshops.org)

*Craft workshop, bicycle repair, sewing machine repair, and sewing classes.  
Accepts bicycles and bicycle parts, tools, sewing machines and accessories, leather, office and café supplies.*

## **Women's Daytime Drop-In Center**

2218 Acton St. Berkeley 94702  
510-548-2884 [www.womensdropin.org](http://www.womensdropin.org)

*Provides ongoing support services to homeless women and their children.  
Accepts personal care items (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand towels); new socks, underwear, and bras in all sizes; rain gear; linen, bedding, kitchenware and household goods; and basic baby care items (diapers, baby food). See website for full wishlist.*

## **Youth Engagement, Advocacy and Housing (YEAH)**

Lutheran Church of the Cross  
1744 University Ave. Berkeley 94703  
510-704-9867 [www.yeah-berkeley.org](http://www.yeah-berkeley.org)

*Provides safe emergency wintertime shelter and support services for youth 18-25 and their pets.  
Accepts socks, new underwear, pet items, umbrellas, ponchos, toiletries, backpacks, and other items. Call or visit website for wishlist.*



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