

How Can I Help? *Donations*

Information from the Berkeley Information Network (BIN) www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org/bin

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 BIN website for more listings.

Alameda County Community Food Bank

7900 Edgewater Dr. Oakland 94621

510-635-3663 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.acccr.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

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

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

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

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

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

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 duffle bags; computer equipment; and 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.

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

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

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

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.

Henry Robinson Multi-Service Center559 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*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*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*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*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*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 Tots510-814-1600 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 Opportunity570 14th St. Suite 5 Oakland 94612510-463-4100 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*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*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*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.

For more information on these and other organizations that seek donations, visit the BIN website:

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For BIN assistance, contact us at 510-981-6166, or TTY 510-548-1240

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