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**AIDS Healthcare Foundation – Out of the Closet**
1600 University Ave. Berkeley 94703
510-841-2088 / 877-274-2548 (pick up) outofthecloset.org
Non-profit chain of thrift stores whose revenues provide medical care for patients with HIV/AIDS.
Accepts furniture and large items (with arrangement), kitchenware, electronics, appliances, clothing, tools, books, CDs and records, artwork, musical instruments and more.

**Alameda County Community Food Bank**
7900 Edgewater Dr. Oakland 94621
510-635-3663 www.accfb.org
Disperses surplus/donated food to local agencies.
Accepts donations of packaged food (especially high protein food), canned goods (vegetables, fruits, meat and fish), peanut butter, low-sugar cereals, bread, and produce.

**Berkeley Food and Housing Project**
1901 Fairview St. Berkeley, Ca. 94703
510-318-6633 www.bfhp.org
Serves hot meals and operates shelters.
Donations accepted of protein and fruit bars, emergency rain ponchos, personal care and household items, clothing, blankets and sheets, and gift cards.

**Berkeley Food Pantry**
1600 Sacramento St. Berkeley 94702
510-525-2280 http://berkeleyfoodpantry.org
Provides food supplies to meet the emergency needs of individuals in need who live in Berkeley or Albany.
Accepts donations of food and toiletries by signup and pre-arranged pickup.

**Berkeley Humane - Pet Food Pantry**
2700 Ninth St. Berkeley 94710
510-845-7735 ex. 202
www.berkeleyhumane.org/pet-food-pantry
Provides free pet food to low-income pet guardians in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.
Accepts donations of unopened dry or wet dog and cat food.

**Berkeley Unified School District – Visual and Performing Arts**
Willard Middle School
2425 Stuart St. Room D 19C Berkeley 94705
510-644-8831 www.berkeleyschools.net
Distributes instruments to students in BUSD 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.abetterwayinc.org
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 toiletries.

**Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS)**
1918 University Ave, #2A Berkeley, CA 94704
510-649-1930 www.self-sufficiency.org
Support and services for people who are homeless, have disabilities, or have very low incomes in Berkeley, Oakland, and Hayward.
Accepts donations of new/clean sleeping bags and clean blankets; clean men's clothes/shoes; socks; warm clothes; towels, linens and personal care items.

**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.

**Computer & Technology Resource Center**
620 Page St. Berkeley 94710
415-883-1428 www.ewastecollective.org
Recycles, repairs, and redistributes computers to non-profits, libraries, schools, and individuals with low incomes.
Accepts used computers, electronic equipment, and small appliances.

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**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, postcards, jewelry, etc.

**Jewish Family and Community Services East Bay**
2484 Shattuck Ave. Suite 210 Berkeley 94704
510-704-7475  www.jfcs-eastbay.org
Provides mental health and social services.
Accepts practical clothing and job training programs.

**Night on the Streets – Catholic Worker**
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 clean blankets, sleeping bags, and sheets (especially flat or queen sized).

**Operation Dignity, Inc.**
3850 San Pablo Avenue, Suite 102, Emeryville, CA 94608
800-686-9036  www.operationdignity.org
Transitional housing program for homeless veterans.
Accepts donations of blankets, linens, sleeping bags, and nonperishable food items.

**Prisoners Literature Project**
Grassroots House 2022 Blake St. Berkeley 94704
510-749-4160  www.prisonersliteratureproject.com
Provides free books to prisoners on literary or educational topics.
Accepts paperback books, including textbooks, dictionaries, GED test prep, non-fiction 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 canned/packaged food.

**St. Vincent de Paul Alameda County**
2272 San Pablo Ave. Oakland CA 94612
Non-profit chain of retail stores whose revenue supports social services programs and job training sites for the disadvantaged.
Accepts clothing, kitchen goods, furniture, sports equipment, electronics, and more. Vehicle donation program.

**Telegraph Ministry Center**
5316 Telegraph Ave. Oakland 94609
510-658-4457  www.telegraphcenter.com
Provides emotional support and emergency food.
Accepts clothing, food, diapers, and personal care items.
Accepts toys and gifts suitable for all ages during the holiday season.

**Toys for Tots**
510-205-3617  alameda-ca.toysfortots.org
Marine Corps Reserves program collects toys for area youth during the holiday season.
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
Provides professional clothing and career support to low-income workers and job searchers referred by job-training programs.
Accepts clean, undamaged, business-appropriate clothing on hangers and accessories (umbrellas, jewelry, handbags, coats, etc.), no more than five years old. Check website for full list of acceptable items and drop-off locations.

**Waterside Workshops**
84 Bolivar Dr. Berkeley 94710
510-644-2577  www.watersideworkshops.org
Craft workshop, bicycle repair, sewing machine repair, and sewing classes for youth job training.
Accepts bicycles and bicycle parts, woodworking tools, and office and café supplies.

**Women’s Daytime Drop-In Center**
2218 Acton St. Berkeley 94702
510-548-2884  www.womensdropin.org
Provides support services to homeless women and their children.
Accepts donations of personal care items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand towels, etc.) and basic baby care items (diapers, baby food).

**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 18-24 and their pets.
Accepts donations of socks, new underwear, washable twin-sized blankets, toiletries, umbrellas, and ponchos.

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