

# How Can I Help? *Donations*

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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](http://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](http://www.accfb.org)  
Disperses surplus/donated food to local agencies.  
Accepts canned goods and soups, pastas, beans, rice, powdered milk and other non-perishable foods.

## **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 toys, children's clothing, books, games and more.  
Vehicle donation program.

## **Berkeley Food and Housing Project**

2362 Bancroft Way Berkeley 94704  
510-809-8585 [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.berkeleyfoodproject.org](http://www.berkeleyfoodproject.org)  
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, grains, milks, beans and fruit. Also accepts toiletries.

## **Berkeley Humane - Pet Food Pantry**

2700 Ninth St. Berkeley 94710  
510-845-7735 ex. 205  
[www.berkeleyhumane.org/pet-food-pantry](http://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 - Music Program**

Willard Middle School  
2425 Stuart St. Room D 19C Berkeley 94705  
510-644-8831 [www.berkeleyschools.net](http://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.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, toiletries, musical instruments and art supplies.

## **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 new and excellent condition clothing and shoes for adults, food and dry goods, blankets, sleeping bags, towels, books, toiletries, laptops/computers and equipment, school and office supplies, art supplies. Vehicle donation program.

## **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.

## **Computer & Technology Resource Center**

620 Page St. Berkeley 94710  
415-883-1428 [www.ewastecollective.org](http://www.ewastecollective.org)  
Recycles, repairs, and redistributes computers to non-profits, libraries, schools, and individuals with low incomes.  
Accepts computers, monitors and accessories as well as televisions, microwaves, toasters and other unusual items.

## **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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## **Jewish Family and Community Services East Bay**

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, household items. Vehicle donation program.

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

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 (especially flat or queen sized).

## **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, blankets, linens (sheets and towels), sleeping bags, nonperishable food items, furniture, small kitchen appliances, hygiene kits and household goods.

## **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, 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 linens, and canned/packaged food.

## **St. Vincent de Paul Alameda County**

9235 San Leandro St. Oakland 94603

510-636-4252

[www.svd-p-alameda.org/get-involved/contribute-merchandise.html](http://www.svd-p-alameda.org/get-involved/contribute-merchandise.html)

*Non-profit chain of retail stores whose revenue supports social services programs and job training sites for the disadvantaged.*

Accepts clothing, household goods, furniture, tools, CDs and records, DVDs, sports equipment, electronics, computers, books and more. Vehicle donation program.

## **Telegraph Ministry Center**

5316 Telegraph Ave. Oakland 94609

510-658-4457 [www.telegraphcenter.com](http://www.telegraphcenter.com)

*Provides emotional support and emergency food.*

Accepts clothing, food, diapers, small household and personal care items. Accepts toys and gifts suitable for all ages during the holiday season.

## **Toys for Tots**

510-814-1600 [alameda-ca.toysfortots.org](http://alameda-ca.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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.*

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.

## **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, woodworking 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 support services to homeless women and their children.*

Accepts gift cards, personal care items, new socks, underwear, and bras in all sizes, tools, rain gear, linens, bedding, kitchenware, school supplies 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 t-shirts, pants, shoes, socks, new underwear, pet food and kennels, blankets, ponchos, toiletries, backpacks, and other items. Call or visit website for wishlist.



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