

Participate

- Contact your local food bank and ask what items of food are needed the most for the homeless or plant a row for the hungry in your home garden and donate to your local food bank.
- Organize a drive for white tube socks at your church or club and give to any of the groups listed (except #4, #9, #13, & #14).
- Volunteer your time and talent at any of the organizations listed (except #9, #13 & #14).
- Organize a community food drive for your local food bank.
- Every school district has a “Homeless Liaison” who works with their kids. Call your district’s administration office to connect with them and ask them what they need to help their students stay in and succeed at school.
- Volunteer for the Kitsap Department of Emergency Management’s Severe Weather Shelters, Call Jason McMillan, (360) 307-5877.
- Volunteer at Dayroom at the Kitsap Rescue Mission (#7) visit www.kitsaprescue.org.
- Help prepare and serve the evening meal for single homeless men and those with children at Benedict House (#1).
- Volunteer your time at Helpline House (#3) on Bainbridge Island.
- Prepare a welcome basket for families moving in to housing to lessen the initial burden of setting up their home. For example: towels, washcloths, dish soap & scrubber, laundry detergent, hygiene products, condiments. Contact Housing Resources Bainbridge at (206) 842-1909.

Advocate and Educate

- Learn about homelessness in Kitsap County. Contact the Kitsap Housing and Homelessness Coalition by calling chair Sarah Van Cleve at (360) 616-7140 or www.kitsapcontinuumofcarecoalition.org
- Invite someone from the Kitsap Housing and Homelessness Coalition to speak at your civic group or organization’s meeting to learn more about homelessness.
- Work to dispel the myths about those who don’t have a home to call their own.
- Suggest to your faith-based organization that special collections be designated to organizations in their region or community providing aid to people who are homeless.
- Know where to refer people who are homeless for services. Dial 2-1-1 or contact the Housing Solutions Center (#4).

KITSAP HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COALITION

The KHHC’s mission is to provide leadership to end homelessness through planning, coordination among social service providers, advocacy and education.

The KHHC strives to carry out our mission with respect, commitment, compassion, integrity and a willingness to change.

For more information about the KHHC call Sarah Van Cleve at (360) 616-7140 and/or visit: www.kitsapcontinuumofcarecoalition.org

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How You Can Help People Living Homeless

No matter what your skills, age or resources, there are ways you can make a difference for people who are living homeless.



Kitsap County has thousands of homeless men, women, children and infants, many of whom can use some help.

“How can I help?”

Here are some ideas



Donate

- Buy bus tokens from Kitsap Transit (40 for \$40). Call the Transit Finance Dept. at (360) 478-6234.
- Donate gas cards to all the organizations listed so folks can get to work, case management, training, doctor, meal sites, etc.
- Taking It To The Streets Ministries (#14), Kitsap Rescue Mission (#7), and Coffee Oasis (#2) need sleeping bags, tents and tarps, and outdoor gear for homeless youth and adults.
- Donate your gently used clothing and household items to Abraham's House which provides them to families in need. (360) 405-0488.
- Donate gift cards to any of the organizations listed (except #15).
- Donate money to Taking It To The Streets Ministries (#14) to pay for families to stay at Illahee State Park.
- St. Vincent's Shelter (#12) needs cleaning supplies, laundry soap, gas cards, etc. The assistance office (#11) needs toilet paper, travel sized soap/conditioner, and food items.
- Add a donation to your monthly YMCA membership dues to sponsor children in the Y's Strong Kids Campaign, (360) 377-0522.
- Buy personal/feminine hygiene items such as toothbrush/paste, deodorant, tampons/pads, shampoo/conditioner and donate to Agape Unlimited for residents transitioning out of homelessness. (360) 373-1529.
- Fishline (#9) needs gift cards for Subway, Taco Time, and McDonald's for homeless clients. Donate beef jerky, peanut butter, nuts, spam, can openers, nail clippers, small jars & coffee packets.
- Kitsap Rescue Mission (#7) needs grocery store gift cards to purchase food to feed the homeless.

- Donate flashlights, batteries, hand-crank lanterns to Kitsap Rescue Mission (#7), The Salvation Army (#10) or Taking It To The Streets Ministries (#14).
- Coffee Oasis (#2) provides shower access for youth and others. Donate travel-size bath soaps, shampoos and conditioners.
- YWCA DV shelter (#16) needs hair products, especially for women of color; feminine hygiene products; High Efficiency (HE) laundry soap, baby/toddler formula and food, diapers, paper towels and drivable cars.
- Donate to the Peninsula Community Health Services' "Willow Fund" to help cover medical costs for qualifying homeless persons. Call (360) 478-2366 or www.pchswb.org/donate for details.
- Coffee Oasis Teen Center (#2) needs bags of cookies, snacks, Cup 'O Soups, granola bars, paper towels & toilet paper.
- Bremerton's Renaissance Alternative High School needs women's tennis shoes size 5 to 9, men's size 8 to 13 and socks. Call Administration for details at (360) 473-1080.
- Donate pocket-size daily planners to Kitsap Recovery Center for clients to keep track of appointments. (360) 337-4625.
- Donate new or gently used bedding, comforters, blankets and pillows to Agape for residents transitioning to homes. (360) 373-1529.
- Donate a roll of quarters to the Max Hale Center's (#8) laundry fund to help residents with this expense. Additionally in need of toothpaste and men's/women's deodorant.
- Donate food to First Christian Church in Port Orchard for their "Back Pack Friday" program where food is sent home for the weekend. (360) 876-8172.
- Support Project Connect. Make your check payable to Kitsap Community Foundation, PO Box 3670, Silverdale, WA 98383, list 'Project Connect' in the memo line.

Organizations

1. **Benedict House Men's Shelter**
250 S Cambrian, Bremerton – (360) 377-6136
2. **Coffee Oasis Teen Centers**
822 Burwell, Bremerton – (360) 479-5123
3. **Helpline House**
282 Knechtel Way, Bainbridge Is. (206) 842-7621
4. **Housing Solutions Center**
1201 Park Ave, Bremerton, (360) 473-2035
5. **Kitsap Community Resources**
1201 Park Ave, Bremerton (360) 377-0053
6. **Kitsap Recovery Center**
661 Taylor St, Pt. Orchard (360) 337-4625
7. **Kitsap Rescue Mission**
810 6th St, Bremerton (360) 373-3428
8. **Max Hale Center**
285 5th St, Bremerton (360) 792-2117
9. **North Kitsap Fishline**
787 NW Liberty Ln, Poulsbo (360) 779-5190
10. **The Salvation Army**
832 6th St, Bremerton (360) 373-5550
11. **St. Vincent de Paul Assistance Office**
1137 Callow Ave N, Bremerton (360) 479-7017
12. **St. Vincent de Paul Birkenfeld Stella Maris House Woman's Shelter**
email polly@svdpaul.com
13. **StandUp for Kids** - (360) 479-2389
14. **Taking It To The Streets Ministries**
call Pastor Art Speight (360) 689-3219
15. **Washington Veterans Home, Building 9**
1141 Beach Dr East, Retsil (360) 895-4346
16. **YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter**
Call (360) 479-1980