

HUNGER AND HOMELESS SERVICES

The following list includes links to organizations that provide services to the homeless and links to the organizations' volunteer pages, where available. The list includes non-profits and government agencies and descriptions summarized from information publicly available on organization websites at the time of posting or publishing. Programs may require background checks.



- [Andre Bessette Catholic Church](#). Downtown Portland community programs for homeless including morning and evening meals, foot care, art program and food pantry. [Volunteers](#) provide food, clothing, hospitality, sort donations and include teams, families, groups and members of community.
- [Blanchet House](#). Offers breakfast, lunch and dinner six days a week, with Sundays being a day of rest. Transitional shelter for men struggling with addictions. [Volunteers](#) work in cafe. Portland NW
- [Bridgetown Incorporated](#). Serves needs of homeless in downtown Portland. Night Strike program volunteers spend time with homeless under Burnside Bridge to distribute donated items. Programs for homeless kids to play and eat. [Volunteer](#) information.
- [Central City Concern](#). Services for homeless including housing, healthcare and recovery, employment and peer support. [Volunteer](#) information.
- [City Team Ministries](#). Provides hot meals, safe shelter, showers, clean clothing, recovery programs and other essential care to this city's homeless population. [Volunteer](#) information.
- [Clackamas Service Center](#), Community Resources, medical, dental, clothing, homeless, meals, other services to those in need. [Volunteer](#) information.
- [Council for the Homeless](#). Offers programs to end homelessness. [Volunteer](#) information. Vancouver.
- [Family Promise of Washington County](#). Provides resources and services for homeless individuals and families in Washington County. Brings faith community together to house homeless families overnight in church buildings. Families reside during the day at the Day House (Resource Center) where we help families achieve self-sufficiency. [Volunteers](#) help staff the shelter, provide a supportive environment of care, help with donations, perform office tasks, help with laundry and interact with parents and children.
- [Good Neighbor Center](#). Homeless Shelter. Tigard. Family homeless shelter. [Volunteers](#) bring dinner, are overnight hosts and meal hosts, perform yard work.
- [HomePlate Youth Services](#). Supports development of young people experiencing homelessness or housing instability through community building, education, access to services and resources, and youth empowerment. [Volunteer](#) information. Hillsboro.
- [Human Solutions](#). Provides low-income and homeless families with affordable housing, family support services, job readiness training and economic development opportunities. [Volunteer](#) opportunities include on-going commitments, seasonal and one-time projects.

- [Janus Youth Programs](#). Serves homeless and runaway youth with immediate shelter, safe place to stay, in Portland and Vancouver. [Volunteers](#) do house and yard projects, prepare meals, help with outreach.
- [JOIN](#). Homeless serves; uses a "housing first" approach to achieve rapid re-housing. Services include outreach and engagement, housing retention, immersion programs, and basic services such as showers, storage lockers, laundry vouchers, mail pick-up, telephone access, and a place to escape the weather. [Volunteer](#) information. Portland.
- [Kids First Project](#). Provides the resources necessary for children experiencing homelessness to reach their full potential, freeing up time for parents to get training on job skills. [Volunteer](#) information.
- [Lift Urban Portland](#). Supports those in need in Northwest Portland, the Pearl District, Old Town and the West End to reduce hunger and improve the lives of low-income residents. [Volunteers](#) unload, sort and prepare food, pack backpacks, deliver food boxes, pick up food, work in vegetable gardens, teach wellness classes.
- [Mainspring](#). Operates a food pantry and clothing pantry for qualifying children, families and seniors, transit assistance and monthly bus passes. [Volunteers](#) are drivers and work in food pantry, clothing room, and check-in desk.
- [Neighborhood House](#). Programs for low-income children, families and seniors providing assistance with rent, food, employment, housing. [Volunteers](#) are senior visitors, distribute food boxes, work in community garden, yard cleanup, after-school programs. Portland.
- [Northeast Emergency Food Program](#). Meets urgent food needs of north and northeast Portland neighbors; works to develop community access to adequate, affordable and healthy food. [Volunteer](#) information.
- [Operation Nightwatch](#). Operates safe hospitality centers where those on the streets can find food, socks, clothing, blankets, and medical care, as well as caring staff and volunteers who will listen to their stories and welcome them as friends. [Volunteer](#) information.
- [Outside In](#). Helps homeless youth and others move toward self-sufficiency. Offers food programs, dog activities, administrative, drug users health services. Connects them with resources and provides information and referrals. [Volunteer](#) information.
- [p:ear](#). Builds positive relationships with homeless and transitional youth ages 15 - 24 through education, art and recreation to affirm personal worth and create more meaningful and healthier lives. [Volunteer](#) information.
- [Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon](#). Raises awareness about hunger, connects people to nutrition programs, and advocates for systemic changes that end hunger before it begins. [Volunteer](#) information.
- [Pixie Project](#). Adoption and rescue center, offers pet adoption, pet owner education and support and low cost and free spay and neuter and veterinary services for homeless and low-income pet owners. [Volunteer](#) information.
- [Portland Animal Welfare Team \(PAW\)](#). Provides vet care to the pets of the homeless and low-income in times of crisis. [Volunteer](#) information.
- [Portland Food Project](#). Collects food donations from long-term, regular food donors from neighborhood volunteers and distributes to 19 food pantries. [Volunteer](#) information.

- [Portland Fruit Tree Project](#). Registers fruit-growers throughout the area to make it available to the needy. [Volunteers](#) participate in harvests, community outreach and fruit monitors.
- [Portland Homeless Family Solutions](#). Helps homeless families with children move into long-term housing. Relies on volunteers every day at Goose Hollow Family Shelter (our night shelter) and Thirteen Salmon Family Center (our day shelter). [Volunteer](#) information.
- [Portland OIC / Opportunities Industrialization Center](#). Reconnects alienated at-risk youth affected by poverty, family instability and homelessness; with high school education and with career training. Mentor and supports our graduates in post-secondary education. [Volunteer](#) information.
- [Portland Police Bureau Sunshine Division](#). Provides food and clothing relief to Portland families and individuals in need. [Volunteer](#) information.
- [Portland Rescue Mission](#). Provides homeless services, addiction services, for women and children. [Volunteers](#) serve breakfast/lunch, welcome guests, and help clean and reset the dining room; meet basic needs, answer phones, greet guests and respond to inquiries. Teach, mentor, work with children, work in operations, maintenance, office.
- [Potluck in the Park](#). Serves a free hot meal to anyone in need, Sundays rain or shine, 5; 2 weeks a year, at O'Bryant Square in downtown Portland. [Volunteer](#) information.
- [SnowCap Community Charities](#). Provides food, clothing, advocacy and other services to the poor. [Volunteer](#) information. Portland SE.
- [Street Roots](#). Publication published weekly in has been Portland's flagship publication addressing homelessness and poverty since 1998. [Volunteer](#) information. Portland NW
- [The Father's Heart Street Ministry](#). Faith-based organization that helps anyone in need including homeless population of families living in vehicles, seniors, veterans, single mothers, single fathers and single individuals. [Volunteers](#) pick up donations, organize clothing, make sack lunches, serve lunch and meals for emergency (weather), special holiday food. Setup/clean up, driver, teaching, fundraising, grants, special skills. Oregon City.
- [Transition Projects Inc.](#) Serves people's needs while transitioning from homelessness to housing providing short-term residential programs, permanent housing, veterans services, mentor programs. [Volunteer](#) information.
- [Union Gospel Mission](#). Provides over 200,000 meals per year to the homeless and people in need. Provides food boxes, a dayroom with coffee and snacks, clothing, hygiene items, referral services and emergency cold weather shelter to the homeless. [Volunteers](#) serve meals, snacks or coffee, teach, work a thrift store, help at women's center.
- [Write around Portland](#). Creative writing workshops in hospitals, prisons, schools, treatment centers, low income residences, homeless shelters and social service agencies. Publishes anthologies and holds readings to connect readers and writers. [Volunteer](#) information.

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