

Kitsap County has thousands of homeless men, women, children and infants, many of whom can use some assistance. We are often asked “How can I help?” Here are some ideas.

1. Each of the organizations listed below can use the following items. Individuals or community groups can provide these. Contact info for them follows the name of the organization: **BUS TOKENS** (Buy a bag from Kitsap Transit (30 for \$30 - most trips take at least two). Call Customer Service at (360) 479-6962 for info. **GAS, PHONE (MINUTES), and GROCERY STORE CARDS, BAGS OF WHITE TUBE SOCKS, HYGIENE KITS (see #33 for items)**

- A. * Kitsap Community Resources
(360) 377-0053
- B. * The Salvation Army
(360) 373-5550
- C. * Benedict House Men’s Shelter
(360) 405-4986
- D. * Bremerton Rescue Mission
(360) 813-5183
- E. * Taking It To The Streets Ministries
(360) 689-3219
- F. * St. Vincent de Paul Shelter
(360) 479-7017
- G. * YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter.
(360) 479-5118.
- H. * Coffee Oasis Teen Center
(360) 509-8642
- I. * Kitsap Recovery Center (Guest Program)
(360) 337-4625
- J. * StandUp For Kids
(360) 479-2389
- K. * Max Hale Center
(360) 792-2117
- L. * Agape Unlimited
(360) 373-1529
- M. * Georgia’s House
(360) 479-9020
- N. * Building 9/Washington Veterans Home
(360) 895-4393
- O. * South Kitsap Helpline
(360) 876-4089
- P. * NK Fishline Emergency Services
(360) 779-5190
- Q. * Helpline House
(206) 842-7621

- R. * R. W. Martin Youth Outreach
(360) 621-6293
- 2. Send funds to help cover utility and other costs for Georgia’s Shelter (M).
- 3. St. Vincent de Paul Women’s Shelter (F) needs laundry and dish soap, toilet paper, travel-size shampoo and conditioner, toddler size diapers and feminine hygiene items.
- 4. Taking It To The Streets Ministries (E) needs sleeping bags, tents and tarps for homeless in Kitsap and Seattle. Call (360) 689-8064.
- 5. Invite someone from the Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition’s Community Education and Outreach committee to speak at your civic group or organization’s meeting to learn more about homelessness. Call the coordinator, Terry Schroeder at (360) 473-2028.
- 6. Donate your gently used clothing and household items to Abraham’s House which provides them to families in need. (360) 405-0488.
- 7. Contact your local food bank, ask them for their list of food items the homeless need most and send it out to those you know.
- 8. Plant a row for the hungry in your home garden and donate to your local food bank.
- 9. Donate to Bremerton Rescue Mission (D) to support their mobile shower unit and meal truck.
- 10. Donate money to The Salvation Army (B) to fund “Sally’s Camp” for families & couples. Make note on memo line of check.
- 11. Volunteer your time and talent at any of the organizations listed in this brochure .
- 12. Organize a community food drive for your local food bank.
- 13. Coffee Oasis ((H)) provides shower access for youth and others. Need travel-size bath soaps, shampoos and conditioners.

- 14. Work to dispel the myths about those who don’t have a home to call their own.
- 15. Be present for the annual Homeless Person’s Memorial Service in Bremerton on Dec. 21. Call Rev. Little for details at (360) 373-2444.
- 16. Donate flashlights, batteries, hand-crank Lanterns and tarps to The Salvation Army (B), Bremerton Rescue Mission (D), and Taking It To The Streets Ministries (E).
- 17. Bremerton’s Renaissance Alternative High School needs women’s tennis shoes size 5 to 9, men’s size 8 to 13, and socks. Call principal Kristen Morga for details at (360) 473-1080.
- 18. YWCA DV shelter ((G)) needs hair products for women of color; plastic-coated tampons; High Efficiency (HE) laundry soap.
- 19. Donate to the Peninsula Community Health Services “Willow Fund” to help cover medical costs for qualifying homeless persons. Call (360) 478-2366 for details.
- 20. Coffee Oasis Teen Center (H) needs bags of cookies, snacks, Cup ‘O Soups, granola bars, etc.
- 21. 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.
- 22. Coffee Oasis (H) needs paper towels and toilet paper.
- 23. Donate pocket-size daily planners to Kitsap Recovery Center (I) for clients to keep track of appointments. Also, during winter, all types of outerwear, i.e. warm coats, gloves/mittens, hats, scarves; slippers and blankets.
- 24. Save your gently used small appliances and household goods to furnish one of OneChurch/OneFamily’s emergency homes. (360) 692-8064.

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25. Turn in your used personal printer ink cartridges to The Salvation Army (B) to turn in for credit toward the agency's next ink purchase.
26. Help prepare and serve the evening meal for single homeless men and those with children at Benedict House (C).
27. Ask your Rotary, Soroptimist, Kiwanis, Lions Club to underwrite the cost of producing an edition of the "Homeless In Kitsap" newsletter. Contact Sally for details at sally.santana@wavecable.com
28. Volunteer to work on the next Project Connect. Call Terry Schroeder to get on the list. (360) 473-2028.
29. Are you a Bremerton YMCA member? Add a donation to your monthly membership dues to support the Y's StrongKids Campaign, so more low/no-income kids can receive scholarships to benefit from Y activities. (360) 377-0522.
30. Buy personal/feminine hygiene items such as toothbrush/paste, deodorant, tampons/pads, shampoo/conditioner and donate to Agape (L) for their residents transitioning out of homelessness. (360) 373-1529.
31. Schedule a date when you and your church or neighborhood group can sponsor one of Max Hale's (K) seasonal "Family Meals".
32. 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 Board at (206) 842- 1909.
33. Create hygiene kits (travel size soap, shampoo, conditioner, razor, toothbrush and paste, deodorant, alcohol-free mouthwash) and donate them to Kitsap Mental Health for homeless clients. Call (360) 415-5815.
34. Volunteer your time at Helpline House on Bainbridge Island. (360) 842-7621.
35. Coffee Oasis (H) needs jeans for teens, both genders.
36. Donate new or gently used bedding, comforters, blankets and pillows to Agape (L) for residents transitioning to homes. (360) 373-1529
37. Donate baby/toddler formula and food, diapers, useable car seats to the Y's domestic violence shelter (G).
38. Get a list of free meal sites from The Salvation Army and offer to help with costs, volunteer, etc.
39. Donate a roll of quarters to the Max Hale Center's (K) laundry fund to help residents with this expense (360) 792-2117.
40. Help make the next Project Connect a reality. Make your check out to Kitsap Community Resources, 845 8th St., Bremerton, 98337 with "Project Connect" in the memo line.
41. Call your local school district to see if they have a Friday Backpack program and offer to help with time and money.
42. Tarps and tents are needed for homeless youth. Contact Coffee Oasis (H).
43. Craft scarves and hats for the Warm for Winter Program. Contact Sally for details at (360) 895-6022.

**All the organizations listed here are members of the
Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition.
Membership is free!
Contact Terry Schroeder (5) for details.**

KITSAP CONTINUUM OF CARE COALITION

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

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

For more information about the KCoCC call Terry Schroeder at (360) 473-2028 and/or visit our website at:
www.kitsapcontinuumofcarecoalition.org

