

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

1. Learn about homelessness in Kitsap County. Contact the Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition by calling coordinator Terry Schroeder at (360) 473-2028 or visit the website at [www.kitsapcontinuumofcarecoalition.org](http://www.kitsapcontinuumofcarecoalition.org)

Buy a bag of **bus tokens** from Kitsap Transit (30 for \$30) from their Customer Service office at 60 Washington Ave., in downtown Bremerton and drop them off (or call for details) at:

2. Benedict House Men’s Shelter 250 S. Cambrian, Bremerton. (360) 277-6136
3. Coffee Oasis Teen Center 822 Burwell, Bremerton. (360) 479-5123
4. Helpline House 282 Knechtel Way, Bainbridge Island. (206) 842-7621
5. Housing Solutions Center. The county’s single point of entry system for housing needs (360) 473-2035
6. Kitsap Community Resources 1201 Park Ave., Bremerton. (360) 377-0053
7. Kitsap Recovery Center (360) 337-4625
8. Kitsap Rescue Mission 810 6th St, Bremerton. (360) 373-3428
9. Max Hale Center 285 Fifth St., Bremerton. (360) 792-2117
10. NK Fishline Emergency Services, 787 Liberty Lane NW., Poulsbo (360) 779-5190
11. The Salvation Army 832 Sixth., Bremerton. (360) 373-5550
12. St. Vincent de Paul Assistance Office, 1137 N. Callow, Bremerton.
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 Drive E., Retsil, Port Orchard. (360) 895-4346
16. YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter. Call (360) 479-5118

- ◆ Donate gas cards to all the organizations listed so folks can get to work, case management, training, doctor, meal sites, etc.
- ◆ St. Vincent de Paul Women’s Shelter (#12) needs laundry and dish soap, toilet paper, travel-size shampoo and conditioner. (360) 479-7017.
- ◆ Taking It To The Streets Ministries (#13) needs sleeping bags, tents and tarps for homeless in Kitsap and Seattle. (360) 689-8064.
- ◆ Invite someone from the Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition (#1) to speak at your civic group or organization’s meeting to learn more about homelessness.
- ◆ 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 #11 & #15).
- ◆ 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. ([www.kcfbc.org](http://www.kcfbc.org))
- ◆ Organize a drive for white tube socks at your church or club and give to any of the groups Listed (except #5, #9 & #13).
- ◆ Donate money to Taking It To The Streets Ministries (#14) to pay for families to stay at Illahee State Park.
- ◆ Volunteer your time and talent at any of the organizations listed (except #4, #10, #13 & #14).
- ◆ Organize a community food drive for your local food bank. ([www.kcfbc.org](http://www.kcfbc.org))
- ◆ Coffee Oasis (#3) provides shower access for youth and others. Donate travel-size bath soaps, shampoos and conditioners.
- ◆ Work to dispel the myths about those who don’t have a home to call their own.
- ◆ Be present for the annual Homeless Person’s Memorial Service in Bremerton on Dec. 21. Call Rev. Little at(360) 373-2444.
- ◆ Donate flashlights, batteries, hand-crank lanterns to Kitsap Rescue Mission (#8) , The Salvation Army (#11) or Taking It To The Streets Ministries (#14).
- ◆ St. Vincent de Paul Shelter (#12) needs feminine hygiene products and toddler size diapers.
- ◆ 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 for details.
- ◆ Coffee Oasis Teen Center (#3) needs bags of cookies, snacks, Cup ‘O Soups, granola bars, paper towels & toilet paper.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Volunteer for the Kitsap Department of Emergency Management’s Severe Weather Shelters, Call Michele Moen, (360) 307-5871.
- ◆ Volunteer at Dayroom at the Kitsap Rescue Mission (#8) visit [www.kitsaprescue.org](http://www.kitsaprescue.org).

# How to Help People Living Homeless

- ◆ Turn in your used personal printer ink cartridges to The Salvation Army (#11) to turn in for credit toward the agency's next ink purchase.
- ◆ Help prepare and serve the evening meal for single homeless men and those with children at Benedict House (#2).
- ◆ Ask your Rotary, Soroptimist, Kiwanis, Lions Club to underwrite the cost of producing an edition of the "Homeless In Kitsap" newsletter by donating to The Salvation Army (#11). Contact Sheryl at sheryl.piercy@usw.salvationarmy.org
- ◆ Help make Project Connect a reality. Make your check payable to Kitsap Community Foundation, PO Box 3670, Silverdale, WA 98383 with 'Project Connect in the memo line or Volunteer to work on the next Project Connect. Call Terry Schroeder to get on the list. (360) 473-2028.
- ◆ Are you a Bremerton YMCA member? Add a donation to your monthly membership dues to support the Y's Strong Kids Campaign, so more low/no-income kids can receive scholarships to benefit from Y activities. (360) 377-0522.
- ◆ Buy personal/feminine hygiene items such as toothbrush/paste, deodorant, tampons/pads, shampoo/conditioner and donate to Agape for their residents transitioning out of homelessness. (360) 373-1529.
- ◆ Purchase toothpaste and men's/women's deodorant for residents at Max Hale Center (#9). (360) 792-2117.
- ◆ 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 (360) 842-1909.
- ◆ Collect complimentary soaps, shampoos and toiletries from your travels and donate them to Kitsap Mental Health for homeless clients. Call (360) 415-5815.
- ◆ Volunteer your time at Helpline House (#4) on Bainbridge Island. (360) 842-7621.
- ◆ Donate new or gently used bedding, comforters, blankets and pillows to Agape for residents transitioning to homes. (360) 373-1529.
- ◆ Coffee Oasis (#3) needs jeans for both genders.
- ◆ Kitsap Rescue Mission (#8) needs grocery store gift cards to purchase food to feed the homeless.
- ◆ Donate a roll of quarters to the Max Hale Center's (#9) laundry fund to help residents with this expense (360) 792-2117. Donate 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.
- ◆ Tarps and tents are needed for homeless youth. Contact Coffee Oasis (#3).



## 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:  
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