

CLOTHING/HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS

1) BENNINGTON-RUTLAND OPPORTUNITIES COUNCIL (BROC)

*332 Orchard Road (802) 447-7515
Bennington, VT 05201
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

Food pantry, commodity distribution, legal services on fuel and utility bills, landlord/tenant issues, information and referral services for homelessness. Serves low income families and individuals. Operates thrift store at 704 Main Street, Bennington.

2) THE CHRISTIAN CENTER

*193 Robbins Avenue 413-443-2828
Pittsfield, MA 01201 413-443-3933
Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

Emergency services such as food, clothing, information and referral. Free meals are served on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at noon for anyone in need. Offers assistance to income-eligible people in need of eye exams or eyeglasses, in conjunction with the Lions Club and local doctors.

3) FAMILY NET CLOTHING EXCHANGE

*Haskins Community Center 413-664-4821
210 State Street
North Adams, MA 01247
Hours: First Friday of each month, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.*

Free quality used clothing is available for families with children in sizes birth – 6T. Parents can also drop off used clothing that their children have outgrown; however this is not necessary to receive the free clothing.

4) GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF THE BERKSHIRES INC.

*273 North Street 413-442-1548
440 Merrill Road 413-442-6627
158 Tyler Street 413-442-0061
Pittsfield, MA 01201
130 Howland Avenue 413-743-8092
Adams, MA 01220
Hours: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (office)
Merrill Road: Administration offices and rehabilitation center.
Donation Center (158 Tyler St.) M-F 8:30am – 4:30pm and 11am-3pm Saturdays.*

Vocational rehabilitation services, education and support to disabled or disadvantaged individuals within Berkshire County. Also operates three thrift stores.

5) HOPE CHEST

St. Francis Rectory 413-663-3308
12 Union Street
North Adams, MA 01247
Hours at the St. Francis Rectory: Thursday 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.
Saturday, 10:30 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Sponsored by St. Francis Church, sells used clothing and donates clothing for those in need.

6) LIFERIGHT OF NORTH ADAMS

*57 – 61 Main Street, Suite 208 413-664-4106
North Adams, MA 01247
Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10 a.m - 1 p.m.
Wednesday and Friday 10 - 11:45 a.m.
12:45 - 2 p.m.*

Information, referral and counseling agency for those dealing with the issues of problem pregnancy. Services include pregnancy tests, home placements, baby clothes, food and furnishings, emergency transportation, and first doctor's visit if no insurance or other resources are available.

7) NIFTY-THRIFTY SHOP

*Rear of St. Teresa Church
290 South Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
Hours: Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – Noon*

Offers used clothing, shoes and more at very low prices.

8) PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICES OF BERKSHIRE COUNTY

*74 North Street, 2nd Floor, Room 221 413-443-7351
Pittsfield, MA 01201 (24 Hours)
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.*

Free and confidential professional counseling services, pregnancy testing and advocacy on behalf of the client. Maternity and baby clothing/furniture available. Post-abortion counseling and referrals also offered.

9) SALVATION ARMY GATEWAY NEW LIFE CENTER (NORTH ADAMS)

393 River Street 413-663-7987

North Adams, MA 01247

Hours: Food Pantry: Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Sunday Meal: 4 p.m. following Praise and Worship

Office hours: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Services include emergency transportation, emergency assistance for disaster victims, food pantry, fuel assistance (Good Neighbor Fund, December-April), free bread, free clothing, furniture (when available), senior citizen activities, social recreation, and educational programs for children. Saturday breakfast for children and a Tuesday and Wednesday feeding program are planned for early 2004.

10) WILLIAMSTOWN FOOD PANTRY

c/o Sts. Patrick & Raphael Parish Center c/o 413-458-3149

53 Southworth Street

Williamstown, MA 01267

Hours: Wednesday, 1-3 p.m.

Call above number for individual appointments or emergencies.

Help offered for those who receive no other benefits, such as those suffering from job loss or catastrophic illness. Clothing and furniture sometimes available to general public.

11) THE WOMEN'S EXCHANGE & EXCHANGE II

Cole Ave., Williamstown, MA 01267

Hours: 10-4 Tuesday through Friday, Saturday 10-3pm

Thrift Shops featuring low priced clothing and household items run by the Northern Berkshire Visiting Nurse Association. Volunteer help always appreciated!