

# HOMELESS SHELTERS AND ASSISTANCE FOR THE HOMELESS

## 1) AMERICAN RED CROSS – BERKSHIRE COUNTY CHAPTER

[www.redcrossberkshirecounty.org](http://www.redcrossberkshirecounty.org)

*480 West Street 413-442-1506*

*P.O. Box 644 1-800-332-2030*

*Pittsfield, MA 01202*

*Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.*

24-hour assistance for disaster victims, medical transportation, blood services, HIV/AIDS education and assistance for individuals living with HIV/AIDS. Service for the military and their families, homeless prevention services and sheltering. First Aid, CPR, AED, water safety, babysitting and lifeguard education. Nurse assistant training and caregivers program. Food pantry and Berkshires Bounty perishable food distribution. International tracing services. Volunteer development and youth leadership program.

## 2) CONSTRUCT/PROJECT HOME

*41 Mahaiwe Street 413-528-1985*

*Great Barrington, MA 01230-0582*

*Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.*

Short-term rental assistance, housing advocacy, apartment search services, home ownership programs. Adult education workshops and counseling for the homeless. Free GED, basic literacy and ESOL training for the homeless and people at risk of homelessness.

## 3) ELIZABETH FREEMAN CENTER

[www.efcenter.org](http://www.efcenter.org)

*146 First Street 413-499-2425*

*Pittsfield, MA 01201 (24 Hour) 413-443-0089*

*54 Housatonic Street (24 Hour) 413-243-1119*

*Lee, MA 01238*

*85 Main Street (24 Hour) 413-663-9709*

*North Adams, MA 01247*

*Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.*

Support, information, counseling and advocacy for women in crisis or “transition” relating to battering, divorce, separation, shelter, restraining orders or reentering the job force. Individual support and workshops available. Twenty-four hour crisis program; counseling, advocacy, and support for victims of rape and sexual assault (includes incest and sexual harassment). The Center welcomes help with its child advocacy, domestic violence/sexual assault work and special projects of interest to the student.

#### **4) FAMILY LIFE SUPPORT CENTER, INC.**

*85 Main Street, Suite 228 413-664-8279*

*North Adams, MA 01247*

*Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.*

*(Can leave message evenings and weekends.)*

Housing search assistance and homelessness prevention through apartment listings, landlord/tenant mediation, housing code checklist and limited financial aid. Emergency homeless shelter (Louison House). Employment & budget counseling, assistance in obtaining benefits if eligible (food stamps, WIC, housing subsidies). Information & referral for child care, as well as information about free medical and dental services. Also runs emergency food pantry. Volunteers/interns welcome to help with intake and eventually solve client problems with staff guidance.

#### **5) KEY EMERGENCY SHELTER**

[www.key.org](http://www.key.org)

*369 West Street 413-443-7218*

*Pittsfield, MA 01201*

*Hours: 24 hours*

*Office: 100 Wendell Avenue, Suite 302*

*Pittsfield, MA 01201*

*Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

Temporary (21-day) emergency shelter for adolescents (ages 12-18, sometimes younger). Services include crisis intervention, individual and family assessment and referral, short term individual and family counseling. Also provides individual and family therapy, and education for clients before their school placement.

#### **6) OUR FRIENDS HOUSE FAMILY SHELTER**

**Operated by Berkshire Community Action Council**

*292 West Street 413-499-2877*

*Pittsfield, MA 01201 (Office)*

*Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.*

*(Someone is available 24 hours/7 days a week.)*

Short-term (three months) housing available for homeless families (not individuals) in Berkshire County. Works with families and agencies to ensure long-term housing placement. Pregnant single women are eligible. Shelter can accommodate persons with disabilities. Also offers GED tutoring, budget counseling, nutritional instruction and family advocacy.

## **7) 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.

## **8) SALVATION ARMY (PITTSFIELD)**

[www.salvationarmy-ma.org/locations/corps\\_pittsfield.shtml](http://www.salvationarmy-ma.org/locations/corps_pittsfield.shtml)

*298 West Street 413-442-0624*

*Pittsfield, MA 01201*

*Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.- noon, and 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.*

*(Bread pickup open until 4 p.m.)*

Grocery items for anyone in need, referrals for emergency housing, budget counseling, counseling for families, marriage counseling, and counseling for victims of domestic violence. Also handles Pittsfield Area Council of Churches (PACC) emergency funds. Serves breakfast daily (9-10 a.m.) and Sunday evening dinner at 4:30 p.m.

## **9) WILLIAMSTOWN ECUMENICAL ASSOCIATION**

*c/o St. Patrick's Church 413-458-4946*

*54 Southworth Street*

*Williamstown, MA 01267*

Provides a limited number of vouchers for groceries, meals, one night's lodging or transportation. Call any church in Williamstown (listed in phonebook yellow pages) for services.