

How can you help people in need?

Etz Groups

Etz/Spark Border Response Crisis Group

CONTACT Dana Kornfeld (dskornfeld@gmail.com)

Soup Kitchen Meal prep

CONTACT Mark Lee (markalan.lee@gmail.com)

Mitzvah Chavurah

CONTACT Sue Weber (sue.weber@gmail.com) and/or Liz Shane (lizshane1963@yahoo.com)

Second Harvest Food Bank bins

located in Etz Lobby (and outside most grocery stores)

Teen Chai

CONTACT Abra Greenspan (abra@etzchayim.org)

Tikkun Olam Initiative (TOI):

CONTACT Ted Schachter (tedmschachter@yahoo.com)

TOI Working Groups:

Lots of Love

Works with faith-based group to allow people living in RV/cars to park/sleep in their parking lots overnight

CONTACT Lisa Ratner (eratner@pacbell.net) and/or David Bergen (david.bergen@outlook.com)

Isolation Task Force

CONTACT Don Goer (dgoer@intraop.com)

Local / Bay Area Services

Project WeHOPE

www.projectwehope.org

- Helping people become healthy, employed and housed
- Transitional/Supportive Housing Programs
- Dignity on Wheels Mobile Hygiene Outreach Program
- H.O.P.E. Jobs: free certification courses
- Dignity @ Work: supports formerly incarcerated individuals

NEEDS Money; Time; Goods (non-food items such as fleece blankets, linens, underwear/white socks, bath tissue, hygiene kits, first aid kits, laundry detergent pods, office supplies, etc.); Professional Services (resume writing, interview prep, administrative help, building maintenance)

LifeMoves: Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness

www.lifemoves.org

Provides interim housing and supportive services for homeless families and individuals

NEEDS money, meals, holiday parties, Halloween costumes, etc.

There with Care

www.therewithcare.org

Helping families and children facing critical illness

NEEDS money, non-perishable food, new/used infant clothing, baby carriers, strollers, books, activities, cleaning supplies, soap, toothpaste, etc. Professional services: transportation, therapy, house cleaning, laundry, legal assistance, etc.

Family Giving Tree

www.familygivingtree.org

Provides holiday wish drive and backpack back-to-school drive

NEEDS money, time (volunteers sort and pack gifts and backpacks seasonally).

West Valley Community Services

www.wvcommunityservices.org

Provide critical food, housing and support services in west Santa Clara Country.

NEEDS money, volunteers, host canned food drive, donate food, diapers

Jewish Family and Children's Services

www.jfcs.org

Strengthening individuals, families, community. Multitude of services: for children (Parents Place, parenting education, Child Training Institute, specialized services for children), for youth (including Impact Year, internships, summer programs, scholarships and loans, Holocaust education), for adults and families (counseling and consultation, adoptions, LGBTQ services, grief and bereavement, domestic violence prevention, emergency family assistance, nutrition program, JFCS Food bank, High Holiday food drive, holiday programs), for Seniors (Seniors at Home, home/dementia/palliative care, fiduciary services, transportation and meals) and more!

NEEDS money, volunteer, English practice, citizen pathways, case aides, childcare assistants, food bank volunteers, holiday outreach and food delivery, food bank shoppers)

Housing Trust Silicon Valley

www.housingtrustsv.org

Leading the effort to create a strong affordable housing market in the greater Bay Area as one of the region's highest-volume non-profit housing lenders Serving the homeless to first-time homebuyers, they assist a wide range of residents with programs across the entire spectrum of housing issues.

NEEDS Opportunities to donate and invest

Second Harvest Food Bank

www.shfb.org

Ensure anyone who needs a healthy meal can get one. (1 in 10 people in Silicon Valley receive food from SHFB)

NEEDS money, food, volunteers (individual and group opportunities)

(Note: Food bins located in the Etz lobby)

Peninsula Volunteers

www.penvol.org

Provide innovative services and house to support aging adults in the mid-peninsula and Silicon Valley. Programs include senior day centers and housing in Menlo Park, Meals on Wheels, and more.

NEEDS money, activities helpers, yoga instructor (certified), meals on wheels drivers, and more

Abode Services

www.abodeservices.org

Secures permanent homes for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Specialize in partnering with local government, community groups and foundations. Provide services to more than 9000 people across Alameda, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Mateo and Napa counties.

NEEDS Tours of shelters to get a behind-the-scene look at their programs, meal preparation, tutoring and leading children's activities, sort/store donated items, office/front desk support, holiday events, and more

Samaritan House

www.samaritanhousesanmateo.org

Working to counter poverty in San Mateo County. Services for housing & shelter, food, children's program, health & dental programs, case management, worker resources, financial empowerment.

NEEDS money, volunteers (including medical providers, food preparation, sort clothing, etc.), donation drives, etc. Opportunities available for individuals and groups, including children's activities.

The Princess Project

www.princessprojectsiliconvalley.org

Provides free prom dresses and accessories to teens that could not otherwise afford them.

NEEDS money; volunteers to help sort dresses, host dress drives, help as a "personal shopper" during giveaway days; donations of prom and other formal or fancy party dresses.

Homeless Children's Network

www.hcnkids.org

Empowering children, youth and families to decrease the trauma of homelessness and domestic violence

NEEDS money, volunteer time, and more.

Sunnyvale Community Services

www.svcommunityservices.org

Preventing Homelessness and Hunger in Sunnyvale. Also provide emergency services and food.

NEEDS money, donations of shelf-stable food, toiletries, hygiene supplies, new socks/underwear, holiday gifts, school backpacks, and more

Farming Hope

www.farminghope.org

Community organization providing transitional employment and training in the culinary industry to unhoused and low-income people. (spin-out from Stanford's FEED Design School Incubator).

NEEDS money, people to eat at their restaurant: Manny's, 3092 16th Street, SF

Ecumenical Hunger Program

www.ehpcares.org

Provide compassionate, dignified and practical assistance to families and individuals experiencing economic and personal hardship. Material help, support service and advocacy.

NEEDS money, volunteers (food closet, clothing closet, gardening, clerical, website/social media)

Cake4Kids

www.cake4kids.org

Works with agencies to identify and deliver cakes (or other baked treats) to underserved kids in group homes, human trafficking shelters, low-income housing, and/or homeless. Bakers do not meet the kids served.

NEEDS bakers! To make fun treats for kids.

Dress for Success

<https://sanjose.dressforsuccess.org/>

Empowering women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and development tools.

NEEDS money; gently used women's professional clothes

Wardrobe for Opportunity (Oakland/Walnut Creek)

<https://www.wardrobe.org/>

Wardrobe for Opportunity works in partnership with community organizations to assist Low-income individuals in their efforts to Find a Job, Keep a Job, and Build a Career.

NEEDS money; donations of gently used men's and women's professional clothes

Bay Area Shared Housing

HIP Housing (San Mateo Country)

www.hiphousing.org

Home sharing, Self-sufficiency, and Property Development programs

NEEDS rooms in homes (rent paid), money, in-kind donations, time volunteers, holiday programs, consignment donations, furniture, etc.

Lots of Love

Working with faith-based organizations to provide a safe place for people living in RVs or cars an overnight parking space along with access to some building facilities. Developed by Joe Simitian. Etz Members Lisa Rattner and David Bergen are involved with them

Catholic Charities Santa Clara County

www.catholiccharitiesscc.org/house-sharing

House sharing program for Santa Clara County residents.

Sacred Heart (San Jose)

www.sacredheartcs.org

Sacred Heart Community Service brings our community together to address poverty in Silicon Valley. Through a comprehensive array of community organizing committees, mutual support programs, and resources, we are working together to improve our lives.

Also provides services for immigrants.

Back on My Feet

www.backonmyfeet.org/san-francisco/

National organization combatting homelessness through the power of running, community support and essential employment and housing resources.

NEEDS money, early morning runners (3 teams in SF), volunteer on race day (work a water stop), run training or workshop for members.

Helping Families from the Border in the Bay Area

PACT, San Jose, CA

<https://pactsj.org>

PACT: People Acting in Community Together, is a multi-faith, grassroots organization that provides leadership training and experience to community members of many different ethnic, religious and socio-economic backgrounds. Through PACT, people work together to solve the most pervasive social problems of our day.

Freedom for Immigrants (Oakland)

<https://freedomforimmigrants.org>

Support hotline, translation or interpretation, visit people in detention, recruit volunteers, fundraising, host/supporting asylum seekers in your community, providing transportation, witness the processes, etc. to help end immigrant detention.

Nueva Esperanza

<https://www.im4humanintegrity.org/accompaniment/>

Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity's Nueva Esperanza Accompaniment Team (NEAT) program trains small teams within faith communities to walk alongside recently arrived immigrants. Include: navigating legal processes, teaching English, transitional housing, medical care, enrolling in school, finding employment, etc. Working toward families' goals, create sanctuary, safety, and friendship in community.

Jewish Family & Child Services – East Bay

<https://jfcs-eastbay.org/refugee-resettlement/>

Serves refugees from around the world, particularly focusing on those who have experienced persecution based on their religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation or gender identity.

International Rescue Committee (IRC) (San Jose + national)

www.rescue.org

The International Rescue Committee provides opportunities for refugees, asylees, victims of human trafficking, survivors of torture, and other immigrants to thrive in America. Each year, thousands of people, forced to flee violence and persecution, are welcomed by the people of the United States into the safety and freedom of America. These individuals have survived against incredible odds. The IRC works with government bodies, civil society actors, and local volunteers to help them translate their past experiences into assets that are valuable to their new communities. In San Jose and other offices across the country, the IRC helps them to rebuild their lives.

Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto

<https://clsepa.org/>

Community Legal Services is a nonprofit offering legal services that improve the lives of low-income families throughout the region. Specialize in immigration, housing, workers' rights, records clearance, and consumer protection.

SF-CAIRS (San Francisco Coalition of Asylee, Immigrant and Refugee Services)

<https://sf-cairs.org/>

Provides a collective voice for immigrant issues, networking opportunities, resources for immigrants and providers, forum for collaboration and funding opportunities.

At the Border

Annunciation House (El Paso/Juarez)

<https://annunciationhouse.org/>

Hope Border Institute <https://www.hopeborder.org/>

Al Otro Lado <https://www.alotrolado.networkforgood.com>

Via Libra Bond Fund

<https://alotrolado.networkforgood.com/projects/68785-vida-libre-bond-fund>

Amplify the Children <https://www.project-amplify.org/>

Immigrant Legal Resource Center <https://www.ilrc.org/>

RAICES <https://www.raicestexas.org/>

The Refugee Health Alliance <https://refugeehealthalliance.org/>

CARA Pro Bono

https://www.standwithimmigrants.org/cara_pro_bono_project

#StandWithImmigrants www.standwithimmigrants.org

Homestead Florida Child Detention Ctr (witness opportunities)

One Justice www.onejustice.org/immigration-response

Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) www.supportkind.org

The Tahirih Justice Center (Virginia) <https://www.tahirih.org/>

Centro Legal de la Raza <https://www.centrolegal.org/>

HIASrefugee settlement www.hias.org

Human Rights watch www.hrw.org

Close the Camps Choir (SF) www.closethecampschoir.com

Lawyers for Good Government

<https://www.lawyersforgoodgovernment.org/>

American Immigration Lawyers Association www.aila.org

Pro bono legal opportunities:

<https://www.aila.org/practice/pro-bono/find-your-opportunity>

Your Government Representatives

Federal: Senate

Dianne Feinstein

<https://www.feinstein.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/e-mail-me>

Kamala Harris <https://www.harris.senate.gov/contact/email>

Congress: to find your rep:

<https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

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