



PEN AMERICAN CENTER RESOURCES FOR WRITERS: EMERGENCY SHELTER AND FOOD PROVISIONS

This list of both [national](#) and [regional](#) resources is provided for those who are without a home, and/or in need of food. Although many of the shelters have religious or government affiliations, they do not discriminate and will help any one in need. Please contact each shelter directly as neither PEN nor AHC has any affiliation with the shelters.

NATIONAL LISTINGS

America's Second Harvest (800) 771-2303

America's Second Harvest Network is a nationwide hunger-relief network that collects and distributes nutritious, high-quality food to help feed people who cannot afford to buy groceries. Second Harvest can help you to locate emergency food assistance services in your community. www.seconddharvest.org/get_help/

Artists Helping Children

The AHC provides an exhaustive listing of adult as well as youth emergency shelters around the United States. Please consult individual shelters for the most current information: www.artistshelpingchildren.org/shelters.

Hunger Relief Resources

Homeless shelters, soup kitchens, and rescue mission directory for men, women, and children within the United States. <http://www.recipelink.com/hunger.html>

Tedrico's Page

Homeless shelters, soup kitchens, and rescue mission directory for men, women, and children within the United States and Canada. http://4homeless.hypermart.net/soup_kitchens.html

The Santa Fe Art Institute (505) 424-5050

The Santa Fe Art Institute in Santa Fe, New Mexico is offering Emergency Relief Residencies to artists and writers affected by the recent California wildfires. The one-to-three month residencies include a room with private bath, studio space for visual artists, and basic breakfast foods. All residency fees are waived. The Santa Fe Art Institute has provided Emergency Relief Residencies for New York artists affected by the terrorist attacks on 9/11 and artists from the Gulf Coast affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. For applications and more information, visit www.sfai.org or call Residency Director Gabe Gomez at (505) 424-5050.

Yahoo! Directory of Homeless Shelters

List of homeless shelters organized by region. Follow link for complete listing: http://dir.yahoo.com/Society_and_Culture/Issues_and_Causes/Housing/Homelessness/Organizations/Relief_Organizations/Shelters/By_Region/

REGIONAL LISTINGS

(alphabetical by state)

Borderland Food Bank (AZ) (520) 287-2627

Borderland Food Bank serves over 5,000 families per month. Borderland works to improve the quality of life of the people of Santa Cruz County through food distribution. http://www.charity.com/charities/charity_listings/684.shtml

Tempe Community Action Agency (AZ) (480) 350-5883

TCAA works to empower community members to address basic needs to live providing such services as emergency food boxes, helping the homeless, and making visible the needs of the homebound elderly. TCAA is a nonprofit charitable organization serving the needs of low-income residents in Tempe and Scottsdale, Arizona. <http://www.tempeaction.org/>



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Hospitality Kitchen (CA) (213) 614-9615

The Hospitality Soup Kitchen, known commonly as "The Hippie Kitchen" is located in the central city of L.A.'s Skid Row. The kitchen provides food for men, women, and children three days a week for two and a half hours.

<http://lacatholicworker.org/>

Laura's House (CA) (949) 366-4973 Ext: 201

Preventing and reducing the incidence of domestic and family violence through shelter and support services.

<http://www.laurashouse.org/>

Los Angeles House of Ruth (CA) (323) 266-4139

The mission of the Los Angeles House of Ruth is to provide temporary and transitional shelter and supportive services for homeless battered women and their children. Through its mission, the House of Ruth offers women with children a caring and supportive environment in order to help them transition to long-term self-sufficiency.

<http://www.lahouseofruth.com/>

Orange County Rescue Mission (CA) (714) 258-4450 Ext: 1216

The Orange County Rescue Mission endeavors, through the use of innovative, faith-based programs, to assist the homeless in transitioning from a state of dependency to one of self-sufficiency. <http://www.rescuemission.org/>

The Springs Rescue Mission (CO) (719) 632-1822

Springs Rescue Mission is a non-profit charity serving the homeless and poor of Colorado Springs.

<http://www.springsrescuemission.org/>

Daily Bread Food Bank (FL) (305) 633-9861

Daily Bread is a not-for-profit organization that empowers other South Florida not-for-profit organizations to feed needy people and improve their lives. Daily Bread does this by providing food and other grocery products, and by educating and engaging our community to fight hunger and poverty.

<http://www.dailybread.org/index.cfm/category/1/lang/en.html>

Greater Chicago Food Depository (IL) (773) 247-3663

The Greater Chicago Food Depository, Chicago's food bank, is a not-for-profit food distribution and training center providing food for the hungry. Site provides an agency locator for the nearest food pantry, soup kitchen, or shelter in Chicago according to zip code.

http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/site/PageServer?pagename=member_need_food

Lazarus House (IL) (630) 587-2144

Lazarus House is a community home located in St. Charles, Illinois. Lazarus House provides shelter, food, case management and counseling to men, women and children in need in the Batavia, Geneva, St. Charles, or Kaneland School area. <http://www.lazarushouseonline.com/>

Heading Home (MA) (617) 864-8140

Boston shelter works to end homelessness in Greater Boston by providing housing in conjunction with effective support services to help change the conditions that create homelessness.

<http://www.headinghomeinc.org/AboutUs/Mission/tabid/66/Default.aspx>

SafePlace (NC) (828) 765-4044 Ext: 16

SafePlace is a domestic violence shelter and outreach program serving Mitchell, North Carolina and the surrounding counties. SafePlace provides a safe environment. Help and support with court advocacy and references to other organizations for educational and employment opportunities also provided.

<http://www.mitchellcountysafeplace.com/>



Albany Rescue Mission (NY) (229) 435-7615

Albany Rescue Mission houses homeless men, women, and children and provides thousands of meals for the homeless each month. <http://www.albanyrescuemission.org>

Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen (NY) (212) 924-0167

Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen is committed to feeding the hungry, comforting the afflicted, and counseling and providing a sense of hope and opportunity to those in need. <http://www.holyapostlesnyc.org/haskhome.htm>

New York City Coalition against Hunger (NY) (212) 825-0028

The New York City Coalition against Hunger (NYCCAH) represents the more than 1,200 nonprofit soup kitchens and food pantries in New York City and the more than one million low-income New Yorkers who are forced to use them. The Coalition works to meet the immediate food needs of low-income New Yorkers and enact innovative solutions to help them gain self-sufficiency. <http://www.nyccah.org/>

AIDS Housing Coalition Houston (TX) (713) 864-1795

AHCH operates various levels of housing for people with AIDS. AHCH is the only same day entry shelter in Harris County, TX. <http://web.wt.net/~ahch/>

Shelter House (VA) (703) 536-2155

Shelter House is a private nonprofit organization. Its mission is to provide temporary emergency housing and supportive services to homeless families in order to enable them to transition to permanent housing and a stable, self-sufficient family life. <http://www.shelterhouse.org/>

