

HOUSING INSECURITY AND HOMELESSNESS: A VOLUNTEERING TOOLKIT



What is this? A non-exhaustive two-page resource detailing volunteering guidelines and opportunities for Christians in Massachusetts to combat homelessness and housing insecurity.



Who is this for? Christians and churches who are willing to dedicate time and resources to addressing housing insecurity and homelessness in Massachusetts through volunteering and direct service.

A PATH TO SERVICE



You can use this toolkit to locate volunteering opportunities in your region. This is a non-exhaustive list, so do spend time doing your own searches also.



Find out more about organizations you're interested in and what they do. Are they offering direct service (food, shelter, clothes) to unhoused people or more focused on advocacy (through case management, social work etc.). Where do your skills meet the organization's needs?



Once you've decided on a volunteering opportunity, sign up! Find out where there is the biggest need (maybe they have many cooks but not enough servers), and step in there. Complete any necessary training.



Establish a regular rhythm when volunteering so the organization can rely on you and you can build relationships with staff, other volunteers and guests.

The following page contains logos of organizations who work to combat homelessness and poverty across Massachusetts. Links to the organizations can be found at www.bostonfaithjustice.org.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

**CRAIG'S
DOORS**



**FOOD BANK
OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS**



CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS



UNITED WAY
North Central
Massachusetts



Mustard Seed Catholic Worker



NORTHEAST MASSACHUSETTS AND METROWEST



SOUTHEAST MASSACHUSETTS, CAPE COD AND THE ISLANDS

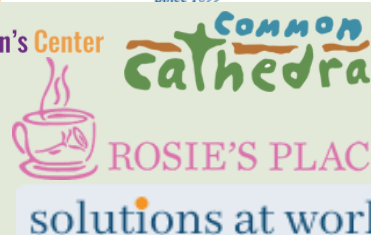
**SCHOOL
on WHEELS
MASSACHUSETTS**



Cape Cod
Council of Churches



BOSTON AND GREATER BOSTON



As you volunteer, ask **why** direct service to unhoused people is necessary in the first place. It takes informed advocacy to change unjust structures. Consult our advocacy toolkit to see how to connect your volunteering work to addressing systemic injustice.