



Where Can I Go to Help?

Some local opportunities to practice the works of mercy

Abundant Table (Norwood, MA)

Our mission is to provide healthy, hearty meals and compassionate camaraderie to each of our many guests. The Abundant Table, Inc. recognizes and affirms the essential need for nutrition as well as social connection; a partnership that creates soundness both in body and spirit. [Website here](#)

Bethany Health Care Center (Framingham, MA)

The mission of Bethany Health Care Center is to provide quality care for the residents in a manner that helps them connect with God, with our people and with the world in which they live. [Website here](#)

Birthday Wishes

Birthday Wishes brings the magic of a birthday party to thousands of homeless children each year. Founded in 2002 as a volunteer organization serving one local shelter, Birthday Wishes has expanded its program to serve more than 200 shelters and transitional living facilities in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Long Island, New York. [Website here](#)

Boston Common (Boston, MA)

Several parishes regularly visit the Boston Common and South Station areas in Boston to distribute blankets, clothing and food.

The Boston Project (Boston, MA)

The Boston Project invites your youth group to join our Summer Missions Program, a dynamic, five-day service adventure for teenagers. Group Volunteers of all ages are also invited to serve with The Boston Project. We love engaging volunteer teams in work that meets immediate needs and contributes to long-term community change. Our primary opportunity for groups to volunteer is on a Service Day, which we host on Saturdays and school vacation days throughout the academic year. [Website here](#)

Cardinal Cushing Center (Hanover, MA)

There are so many ways our volunteers can contribute their unique talents, skills, and knowledge to enhance many of our programs. Individuals provide personalized attention to our students with special needs. [Website here](#)



Cor Unum (Lawrence, MA)

Cor Unum serves a hot breakfast and dinner 365 days a year. The Cor Unum Meal Center relies on the assistance of volunteers to function. As a volunteer, you will not be an "extra helper" but rather a vital element of our ability to serve the many poor in our community. To volunteer, please complete an application, or contact the Cor Unum Meal Center at 978 688-8900, or the Saint Patrick's parish office at 978 683-9416. [Website here](#)

Fr. Bill's Place (Quincy/Brockton, MA)

For almost three decades, Father Bill's & MainSpring (FBMS) has been dedicated to ending, not just managing, homelessness. As a leading provider of emergency shelter, housing and supportive services in the South Shore area, we help people struggling with homelessness or at-risk of homelessness to achieve self-sufficiency. [Website here](#)

Greater Boston Food Bank (Boston, MA)

The mission of Greater Boston Food Bank is to end hunger here. The objective is to distribute enough food to provide at least one meal a day to those in need. [Website here](#)

Habitat for Humanity (Boston, MA)

Greater Boston, Inc. is a Massachusetts charitable nonprofit organization dedicated to building simple low-cost homes by forming partnerships with low-income families in need of decent and affordable housing. We believe homeownership is a vital step to help families break the cycle of poverty and contributes to pride in families and communities. [Website here](#)

Hands for Prisoners

Trace your hand, decorate and cut out. Write an inspirational scripture verse on the hand and mail to a local prison.

Home for the Little Wanderers (Boston, MA)

Provides a seamless continuum of vital programs and services for every stage of child and family development. For more than 200 years, we've earned a reputation for doing whatever it takes to strengthen vulnerable families and keep children safe in their own communities, even when they don't have family support. [Website here](#)

Homeless Shelters in MA listed by city/town

[Listed here](#)

House of Hope (Lowell, MA)

The House of Hope, a temporary shelter, provides advocacy and care for homeless families. Rooted in a belief in God, and under the direction of an ecumenical board, it seeks to affirm the dignity of life to all who are served. [Website here](#)

Host a Parish/School Baby Shower

Build a culture of life by supporting mothers and children. Collect new baby supplies (ie: bottles, socks, etc.) to help support mothers and children who are served by the Archdiocese of Boston Pregnancy Help Office. [Website here](#)



Hunger for Justice Retreat (St. Mary's, Lynn, MA)

This retreat and service experience for teens takes place annually from Good Friday-Holy Saturday. [Website here](#)

Lazarus House Ministries (Lawrence, MA)

Individual & Group Volunteers: Each day Lazarus House volunteers work side by side with staff to ensure that every guest who comes through our doors is welcomed and served with dignity and respect. Our volunteers have a profound impact on those they serve. Volunteers not only give of their time and talents, but prepare and serve meals, assist with administrative duties, sort food for our food pantry and clothing for our thrift stores, provide housekeeping services, offer electrical, plumbing and carpentry skill, and so much more. [Website here](#)

Pine Street Inn (Boston, MA)

Pine Street Inn provides a comprehensive range of services, including permanent supportive housing, job training and placement, emergency shelter and street outreach to more than 1,600 homeless men and women each day. Founded in 1969, Pine Street is the largest resource for homeless men and women in New England. [Website here](#)

Remembering the parishioners who have died during the year

Many parishes remember their loved ones with flowers or freshly baked bread at Christmas time. Flowers could be delivered and bread baked by teens and/or families.

Rosie's Place (Boston, MA)

Rosie's Place was founded in 1974 as the first women's shelter in the United States. Our mission is to provide a safe and nurturing environment that helps poor and homeless women maintain their dignity, seek opportunity and find security in their lives. [Website here](#)

Special Olympics

Through the power of sports, the Special Olympics movement has a major impact on the lives of people with and without intellectual disabilities, uniting Massachusetts communities by fostering a sense of goodwill and inclusion. [Website here](#)

St. Vincent de Paul Society

SVD is in many parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Boston and many parishes have a youth component. Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person services to the needy and suffering, in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul. [Website here](#)

Teens for Jeans

Collect jeans for local youth who are experiencing homelessness. [Website here](#)

Your local parish and city/town

No doubt there is plenty of additional opportunities to put the Works of Mercy into action! Be proactive!

