

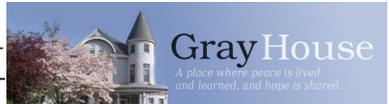
First Church Longmeadow
Mission Fair
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Christina's House
Hope and Healing for Women and Children



The Food Bank
of Western Massachusetts



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Here is a list of charitable organizations that the church currently supports through mission donations. Included are their respective mission statements and contact information.



**Springfield
Rescue
Mission**

www.hope4springfield.org



OPEN PANTRY COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.
Post Office Box 5127, Springfield, Massachusetts 01101-5127



Action Centered Tutoring Services

35 Chestnut Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413) 731-9810

www.acts86.org

The ACTS Mission: To provide free on-to-one tutoring and mentoring to the elementary children of Springfield, in the Spirit of Christ.

Burt Hansen - Executive Director

Baystate Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice

www.baystatehealth.org

For over 100 years, Baystate Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice has provided the highest quality care to patients and families, primarily in the home setting.

We are a nonprofit agency that is fully certified by Medicare and Medicaid. We accept all major insurances. Serving patients in Hampden, Hampshire, and western Worcester counties, Baystate Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice provides care seven days a week with 24-hour availability.

Christina's House

38 Madison Avenue
Springfield, MA 01105
(413) 372-5087

www.christinashouse.org

Christina's House is a Christ centered ministry developed to meet the needs of women and their children who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Our mission is to encourage, embrace, and educate these women.

Food Bank of Western Massachusetts

PO Box 160
Hatfield, MA 01038
413-247-9738 or 800-247-9632

www.foodbankwma.org

The mission of The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts is to feed our neighbors in need and lead the community to end hunger.

Andrew Moorehouse-Contact

Freedom Guide Dogs

1210 Hardscrabble Rd.
Cassville, NY 13318
Phone: (315) 822-5132

<http://freedomguidedogs.org>

Freedom Guide Dogs breeds, raises, trains and places guide dogs with the blind and visually impaired. Freedom Guide Dogs' services are available to people in the Eastern United States at no cost.

Friends of the Homeless

755 Worthington St.
Springfield, MA 01105
(413) 732-3069

www.fohspringfield.org

Friends of the Homeless is committed to assisting people who are homeless. We strive to bring dignity to people's lives during their difficult journey from homelessness to stability and independence. We believe that every person deserves a place to call HOME.

Bill Miller - Executive Director

Emergency Fuel Assistance Program provided by the

Council of Churches of Greater Springfield

39 Oakland St.

Springfield, MA 01108

(413) 733-2149

http://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/hampden_county_assistance_prog.html

*The Council of Churches of Greater Springfield does not have its own website.

The Emergency Fuel Assistance Program provides financial support for low income families offering financial assistance to purchase heating fuel during winter months and to pay for heating bills.

Gray House

22 Sheldon St.

Springfield, MA 01107

(413) 734-6696

www.grayhouse.org

Our mission is to encourage our neighbors in transition to achieve a more stable, safe, productive, and spiritually satisfying life through education and community service.

Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity

www.habitatspringfield.org

Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through constructing, rehabilitating and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions.

Our Vision

A world where everyone has a decent place to live

Our Mission

To put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope

Hospice Life Care of the Holyoke VNA

www.holyokevna.org

Hospice Life Care provides compassionate care to terminally ill patients throughout the Pioneer Valley. Hospice's holistic approach to care seeks to make patients as comfortable as possible, and to manage symptoms so that their last days may be spent with dignity and quality. Hospice services are provided at home, assisted living, or in long term care facilities.

Hospice addresses not only the physical dimensions of terminal illness, but also the practical, emotional and spiritual. As part of its guiding philosophy, hospice pays special attention to the needs of family members as they make this difficult journey.

Longmeadow Food Pantry

c/o Longmeadow Adult Center

231 Maple Rd

Longmeadow, MA 01106

The Longmeadow Adult Center houses the Food Pantry the which is open to all people residing in Longmeadow. Residents may shop, on a drop-in basis, each Tuesday from 10 am – noon and 6:30-7:30pm or by appointment. For those physically unable to come to the Longmeadow Adult Center at Greenwood Center, food delivery is available. Emergency situations will be handled as they arise.

New England Center for Women in Transition

www.nelcwit.org

NELCWIT's mission is to work within the community to build safety, justice, and dignity for all. We offer counseling, education, advocacy, and community organizing to women and children who have survived domestic violence or sexual abuse. As an antiracist, multicultural organization, NELCWIT also joins with and mobilizes other groups and individuals who are working to end domestic violence and sexual abuse, ensure human rights, and create social change. Serving Franklin County and the North Quabbin region of western Massachusetts, NELCWIT offers safety planning, advocacy, education, and support for anyone who has survived domestic or sexual abuse, and prevention education for our community, especially area youth. All of these services are free and confidential. NELCWIT's services are available for adults and children; for able-bodied and disabled individuals; for straight, lesbian, gay, bi, and trans people; and for speakers of other languages. We have special programs for members of our area's Latino and Indigenous communities. NELCWIT's newest program, the Franklin County Children's Visitation Program, offers supervised visits for children with non-custodial parents.

Open Pantry Community Services

www.openpantry.org

Our mission statement is “We endeavor to provide meaningful services and processes, with humanity and dignity, which can assist people who are hungry, homeless or disadvantaged to improve the quality of their lives.” Open Pantry receives wonderful support from area faith communities and houses of worship however, the agency does not have or promote any religious mission. Operating under the auspices of Open Pantry are the Emergency Food Pantry, Holiday Meals, Loaves and Fishes Kitchen, Open Door Social Services, Tranquility House, The Teen Living Center, and the People’s Center

Springfield Rescue Mission

www.hopeforspringfield.org

The goal of the Springfield Rescue Mission since 1892 is to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the hungry, homeless, addicted, and poor by introducing them to Christ and helping them apply the Word of God to every area of their lives.

No person is denied services based on race, creed, gender, or nationality

Square One

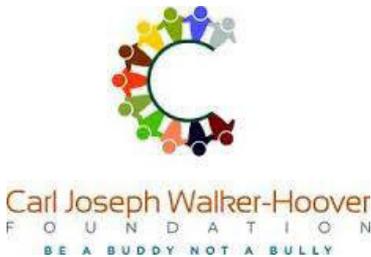
www.sdn.org

The vision of Square One is to affect meaningful change that results in better lives and more promising futures for children, families and our communities. Square One achieves this vision by raising funds, advocating on behalf of children and families, delivering research-based solutions, and developing needed services that promote education, health, safety, holistic development and self-reliance.

Square One supports children and the adults in their lives whose wellbeing directly impacts their own health and wellness. No matter who arrives at the table of need, we stand ready to serve.

First Church Volunteers

Here is a brief list of some of the other organizations that fellow First Church members work with. Please ask them if you would like more information!



Stew Creelman:

The Kiwanis Club of Springfield

Kiwanis Motto: "SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD" is evident throughout the activities and projects of the Springfield Kiwanis Club. As a Community Club, Springfield Kiwanis is the implementation of Kiwanis Internationals mission as being "volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time." We are a local social, service organization of adult men and women structured for FUN--- FELLOWSHIP --- AND SERVICE. As SERVICE volunteers WE VOLUNTEER: "Doing Together What We Can't accomplish Alone!"

Jim Flaherty:

Carl Joseph Walker-Hoover Foundation

Carl was 11 years old when he took his own life as a result of bullying. Our founder, Gwynnetta Sneed, started the foundation to raise awareness and scholarship money. For the past 5 years, the Foundation has given \$63,000 in scholarships to college bound students all over the country. Carl's tragedy has raised awareness on a national level, and two years ago, Extreme Make-Over Home Addition came to town and "moved that bus" to reveal a new home for Sirdeaner Walker (Carl's mom) and her family.

Cindy Hibert:

The Network Against Domestic Abuse, Enfield CT

The Network is the primary resource in North Central CT for providing a safe environment, education, counseling, advocacy and related services focused of prevention and breaking the cycle of domestic violence for people of all ages, cultures, sex, ethnicity and background. It offers a 25-bed safe home for women and children emphasizing safety and returning families to independent living. All services are confidential.

The Network assists families and individuals who have experienced domestic and intimate partner violence, educates to promote healthy relationships, and advocates for safer communities. With a strong and dedicated staff, we work together to achieve the mission of our agency while implementing and promoting client and child related programs. We continue to progress in schools, and update our curriculum to educate children in areas of bullying, self-esteem, healthy friendships, and teen dating violence. We strive to increase our educational efforts in our catchment area towns beyond Enfield and Suffield.

Ken White:

The Masons

“Freemasonry is the world’s oldest Fraternity. It strives to have a membership which embraces the tenets of brotherly love, relief, and truth. It is visible in the community via the Shriners’ Hospital for Children, Scottish Rite Learning Centers for dyslexic children, the York Rite Eye Foundation, and support of local library youth summer reading programs. There are also organizations within the Fraternity for women related to a Mason.”

