

# Bessemer/Birmingham Area Resource Guide

## Food Pantries/Soup Kitchens

### BIRMINGHAM AIDS OUTREACH, INC.

205 32nd Street South South Ste. 101 (205)322.4197 Food boxes and nutritional supplements. Must have written documentation of positive HIV or AIDS.

### BROTHER BRYAN MISSION

1616 2nd Avenue North (205)322.0092 Bread and other food as available after 10:00 AM

### CATHOLIC CENTER OF CONCERN

712 4th Court West (205)786.4388 Food Boxes. Monday-Thursday. Need ID & utility bill or referral from agency

### CHURCH OF THE RECONCILER

112 14th Street North (205)324-6402 Monday-Thursday: Snack: 8:00 AM; Breakfast: 9:30 AM. Sundays: Snack 8 AM; Lunch 12:00 Noon. Monday - Friday: Bag lunch 3:00 PM Provides support for obtaining food stamps. Office Hours are Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - NOON

### COLLAT JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

(205)879.3438 call for information. Food closet. Need referral from an agency.

### COMMUNITY FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL ALABAMA

(205)942.8911

107 Walter Davis Dr, Birmingham, AL 35209. Call for details.

### COMMUNITY KITCHENS

[thecommunitykitchens.org](http://thecommunitykitchens.org)

- St. Andrew's Episcopal Church 1024 12th Street South (205)251.3569

Monday-Saturday 12:00 Noon-1:00 PM, hot lunch inside.

- Grace Episcopal Church (Woodlawn) 5712 1st Avenue North (205)251.3569 Lunch 7 days at 12:45 PM.

**FIREHOUSE MINISTRIES**

1501 3rd Avenue North (205)252.9571

Breakfast 5:20 AM-5:40 AM (residents only).

Lunch 11:45 AM -12:30 PM (men, women, children).

Dinner 7:45 PM-8:30 PM (residents only).

Meal at 4:00 PM at Day Shelter on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday (men only). Saturday and Sunday (Men, women and children).

**GRACE EPISCOPAL (WOODLAWN)**

5712 1st Avenue North (205)595.4636 Food Sack. 2nd-4th Tuesdays 9:00 AM. First come, first served. Must live in the area. Don't need ID.

**GREATER BIRMINGHAM MINISTRIES**

2304 12th Ave. North (205)326.6821 Food Boxes to first 50 families. Fridays 9:00 AM

**THE FOUNDRY RESCUE MISSION & RECOVERY CENTER**

1804 6th Avenue North, Bessemer (205) 428.8449 Food boxes as available, call for application information.

**THE GRACE PLACE- 519-5402**

1630 Powder Plant Rd, Bessemer, AL 35022

Open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Assistance with clothing-call to schedule an appointment

**HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

1045 20th Street North (205)933.8751 Light Breakfast: Monday-Saturday. 9:00 AM-10:00 AM.

**THE HOPE HOUSE**

1323 7th Avenue North (205)252.HOPE (4673) Teens (13-21) Monday-Friday 11:00 AM-3:00 PM.

**INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

3100 Highland Avenue (205)933.1687 Food Boxes (at 6 month intervals). Need picture ID. Need appointment. Leave a message after 9:00 AM on Mon. only.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY DEPT. OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

(Food Stamps, SNAP, WIC) 4500 5th Avenue South (205)599.2900

**JIMMIE HALE MISSION**

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner. 7 days a week (residents only).

**LIVING CHURCH MINISTRIES**

401 Omega Street S. (205)323.3733 Breakfast every 4th Saturday at Linn Park. 8:00 AM-10:00 AM.

**METRO WEST MINISTRIES**

6101 Martin Luther King Drive, Fairfield (205)923.1545 Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 9:00 AM-12:00 NOON Food Boxes (must have a photo ID plus ID for household members and proof of income).

**NEW PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH**

Bread of Life Ministry 321 6th Avenue S.W. (205)326.6225 Food Box twice a month. Must make appointment and show proof of income, copy of lease, social security cards for all household members. 2nd and 3rd Thursday in month. No walk-ins.

**PATHWAYS, INC.**

409 Richard Arrington, Jr. Blvd. North (205)322.6854 Women and Children Lunch: Daily 11:30AM-12:30PM

**Project Hopewell- 923.0203**

4817 Jefferson Ave SW, Birmingham, AL 35221. Assistance with food, please call for details

**SAINT PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

1500 6th Avenue North (205)252.3236 Hot Lunch: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 11:30AM - 12:00 NOON

**SAMARITAN PLACE**

3900 5th Avenue South (205)868.3345 Lunch 2:00-3:00 PM Wednesdays

**SALVATION ARMY**

2015 26th Avenue North (205)328.5656 bread available while supply lasts. Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Lunch Monday-Friday 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. (men, women and children).

Food Boxes available for homeowners/renters on Wednesday & Thursday. Call for requirements.

**SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH**

1016 19th Street South (205)933.8381 Food Bank Tuesdays at 7:00 AM For residents in the 35205 zip code only. Need picture ID and proof of residency

**TRIUMPH YOUTH AND ADULT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT- 424.6892**

PO BOX 649, BESSEMER, AL 35021. Food Pantry: provide food to registered food recipients through weekly distribution on Tuesday and Fridays based on need. Summer Feeding Program: We provide free meals for children ages 5 to 18 during summer. Emergency Food Assistance: We provide emergency food services based on United Way's 211 Emergency Referrals and Walk-ins based on need.

**URBAN MINISTRY**

1229 Cotton Avenue Southwest (205)781.0517 Lunch Wednesday 11 AM-2 PM at WE Cafe  
FPay-as-you-can

**YOUTH TOWERS**

609 19th Street North (205)540.6839 A continuum of care for young adults (19-26). Food box or gift card with eligibility requirements. Call for appointment Monday-Friday  
youthtowers.org

**VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER PHOENIX CLINIC**

700 19th Street South (first floor inside the Blue Clinic). (205)933.8101 ext. 6012 or ext. 6016 Homeless Veterans Monday-Fridays 8:00 AM-3:00 PM Help with food referrals. Supply is contingent upon donations.

## **Clothing Closets**

**ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF BIRMINGHAM-870.5555**

1755 Oxmoor Rd, Homewood, AL 35209  
Operation School Bell-provides new clothing to school children.  
Learn and Live-tutoring to children and adults.

**CATHOLIC CENTER OF CONCERN-786.4388**

712 4th Court West  
Clothing-Thursdays 9:00 AM-2:30 PM. Come early; supply limited. Need ID & utility bill or referral from agency.

**FIREHOUSE MINISTRIES-252.9571**

1501 3rd Avenue North  
Monday & Wednesday 1:00 PM-3:00 PM. Men only.

**THE FOUNDRY RESCUE MISSION & RECOVERY CENTER-428.8449**

1804 6th Avenue North, Bessemer  
Men & Women. As available, call for application information.

**THE GRACE PLACE- 519-5402**

1630 Powder Plant Rd, Bessemer, AL 35022

Open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Assistance with clothing-call to schedule an appointment

**GREATER BIRMINGHAM MINISTRIES-326.6821**

2304 12th Avenue North, Birmingham.

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 AM-11:00 PM.

**HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH-933.8751**

1045 20th Street South, Birmingham

Tuesdays 9:00 AM-10:00 AM.

**THE HOPE HOUSE-252.HOPE (4673)**

1321 7th Avenue North, Birmingham

Teens (13-21). Monday-Friday 10:00 AM-3:00 PM.

**INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-933.1687**

3100 Highland Ave, Birmingham

**METRO WEST MINISTRIES-923.1545**

6101 Martin Luther King Drive, Fairfield

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 9:00 AM-12:00 NOON

**MY SISTER'S CLOSET-322.9922**

2324 3rd Avenue North, Birmingham

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

Women only. Need certificate from Service agency.

**PATHWAYS, INC.-322.6854**

409 Richard Arrington, Jr. Blvd., Birmingham

Women Only. Tuesday -Thursday-9:30 AM-11:00 AM and 1:30 PM-3:00 PM.

Need referral from agency. Emergency situations are also accepted.

**SALVATION ARMY-328.5656**

2015 26th Avenue North, Birmingham

Fridays 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon. Need photo ID.

**SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH-933.8381**

1016 19th Street South, Birmingham

Clothing Closet Tuesdays, 7:30 AM. For residents in the 35205 ZIP Code only. Need picture ID and proof of residency.

**VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER**

**PHOENIX CLINIC-933.8101 ext. 6012 or ext. 6016**

700 19th Street South (first floor inside the Blue Clinic).

Homeless Veterans. Monday-Fridays 8:00 AM-3:00 PM, Help with clothing referrals. Supply is always contingent

**YOUTH TOWERS-540.6839**

609 19th Street North, Birmingham. A continuum of care for young adults (19-26).

Clothing for interviews. Call for appointment Monday-Friday [youthtowers.org](http://youthtowers.org)

## **Utility/Rent Assistance**

**HARDEST HIT ALABAMA-1.877.497.8182**

Hardest Hit Alabama (HHA) is a foreclosure prevention program that helps eligible homeowners facing temporary financial hardships keep their home. Call for appointment.

**JCCEO- EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE-212-9603**

589 Bessemer Super Highway, Midfield, AL 35218

DOROTHY CROSBY-Energy Services and Asset Development Coordinator

**Bridge Ministries- 930.0309**

1016 19th St S, Birmingham, AL 35205

Assistance with utility bills and rent payments

**CATHOLIC CENTER OF CONCERN-786.4388**

712 4th Court West, Birmingham

**COLLAT JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES-879.3438**

Call for information. Need referral from an agency.

**INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-933.1687**

3100 Highland Ave, Birmingham

**METRO WEST MINISTRIES-923.1545**

6124 Myron Massey Blvd. Fairfield

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday, 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon. Rent & utility assistance.

Also is a satellite location for JCCEO LIHEAP program.

**RED CROSS- 428-4131**

1720 2nd Ave N, Bessemer, AL 35020, Assistance with utility bills

**TRIUMPH YOUTH AND ADULT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT- 424.6892**

PO BOX 649, BESSEMER, AL 35021. Project Share Satellite Office for American Red Cross of Alabama: We interview and screen applicants for Project Share which is a program that assist Senior Citizens and/or Disabled people who need Utility Assistance.

**URBAN MINISTRY-781.0517**

1229 Cotton Avenue Southwest, Birmingham

## **Shelters**

**NOTE: When the weather is severe (below 32 degrees) most shelters will take in extra people. The City of Birmingham may also announce the opening of a warming station.**

**BETHANY HOME-930.0144**

Adult women. Intake 9:00 AM-5:00 PM. Phone referral okay.

**BRIDGE MINISTRIES-930.0309**

Homeless Families with Children-1016 19th Street South

(10th Court side of Southside Baptist Church)

Temporary lodging for families with children when all other shelters are full.(Referral from family shelter required.) Financial assistance from shelter to housing. (By appointment only.)

**CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY-251.7148 Emergency 337.3910**

Project Independence-2141 14th Avenue South

Young mothers ages 16-21 who are pregnant and/or parenting. Comprehensive program including parenting and living skills, job skills training and housing.

**FAMILY PROMISE OF BIRMINGHAM-918.0246**

Formerly Birmingham Hospitality Network

[www.familypromisebham.org](http://www.familypromisebham.org)

Assistance for families transitioning from shelter to housing. Two parent families with minor children. Single mothers only if they have at least one boy age 10 or above.

Single fathers with minor children. Intake Interviews Monday – Friday from 7:30 AM until 2:00 PM by appointment only.

**FAMILY VIOLENCE CENTER-Domestic Violence HOTLINE: 322.HURT (4878)**

Confidential shelter for victims of family violence.

**FIREHOUSE MINISTRIES-252.9571**

1501 3rd Avenue North, Birmingham

Men Only (no ID required). Intake 6:00 PM-6:45 PM.

**FIRST LIGHT-323.4277**

2230 4th Avenue North

Women & children. No ID required. Residents are fed breakfast and dinner.

**THE HOPE HOUSE-252.HOPE (4673)**

1323 7th Avenue North

Teens (13-21). Monday-Friday 10:00 AM-3:00 PM.

Transportation provided to shelter facility.

**JESSIE'S PLACE-323.0170**

2305 5th Avenue North

Women & children. Alabama ID required. Apply in person. Intake Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM.

**JIMMIE HALE MISSION-324.2271**

3420 2nd Avenue North

Men only, (ID required for 2nd-timers). 7 day limit (3 month lifetime) waived if request enrollment into. Program. Intake 3:00 PM-7:00 PM. Require religious service Attendance.

**MARY'S HOUSE-780.2020**

2107 Avenue G, Birmingham

Primarily houses visitors to hospital or prison. Others for short-term emergencies. Call for vacancy inquiry.

**SALVATION ARMY-328.5656**

2015 26th Avenue North

Men, women & children. Men Intake 4:00 PM-until full. Women Intake 8:00 AM-until full.  
(After hours intake for emergencies.) No ID required for first night.

**YWCA CENTRAL ALABAMA-591.4302**

5916 1st Avenue South

Two parent families with children, single women with at least one boy age 10+, and single fathers with minor children. Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Call for details, qualifications, and an assessment.

## **Housing/Housing Resources**

**If you have been staying on the street or in an emergency shelter, consider calling One Roof's Coordinated Assessment team at 205.254.8833. Coordinated Assessment team members are specially trained to help identify any resources that may be available to you.**

**AIDS ALABAMA-1.800.592.2437/324.9822. Confidential Help Line 324.9308.**

3529 7th Avenue South, Birmingham

info@aidsalabama.org

For HIV-positive persons: rental assistance & utility assistance for low income.

Transitional housing for persons with substance abuse problems; permanent housing for mentally ill. Note: All of these services apply to persons with HIV positive and a low income status.

**ALABAMA REGIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES-323.5311**

712 25th Street North, Birmingham

Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-4:30 PM. Housing Assistance SRO (Single Room Occupancy)

**ALHOUSINGSEARCH.ORG**

1.877.428.8844

Free online housing locator service.

**B.E.A.T.-Bethel Ensley Action Task-780.4352**

1524 Avenue D, Ensley

**BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-254.2309**

710 20th Street North, Birmingham

Housing rebates for individual home repairs. Low interest loans for home repairs for low to moderate income.

**BIRMINGHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY-324.0641**

1826 3rd Avenue South, Birmingham

Section 8 Housing-Check for availability. Can apply in any area. Voucher can go anywhere in US. Section 8 Birmingham 521.0652.

Other Housing Authorities

Bessemer 481.4420 • Fairfield 923.8017

Jefferson Co. 849.0123 • Tarrant 841.2270

**BIRMINGHAM TOWERS-322.0728**

2712 31st Avenue North, Birmingham

Elderly, handicapped or disabled. 30% of adjusted income.

**BIRMINGHAM URBAN LEAGUE-326.0162**

1229 3rd Avenue North, Birmingham

Comprehensive housing counseling. Mortgage default advocacy. Home buyers counseling & loan assistance. Credit repair & financial counseling. Reverse equity for elderly.

**BRIDGE MINISTRIES-930.0309**

1016 19th Street South, Birmingham (Southside Baptist Church)

Financial assistance for homeless prevention crises. (By appointment only-Call on Mondays at 8:30 AM) Currently only seeing new clients that have never been assisted.

**BROTHER BRYAN MISSION-322.0092**

1616 2nd Avenue North, Birmingham

\$50/week. Not an emergency shelter.

**CHANGED LIVES CHRISTIAN CENTER-521.6421**

1608 26th Ave. North, Birmingham

Two year transitional program. Providing a mailing address, getting Social Security cards and/or drivers licenses if needed, Residents have savings accounts, learn personal financial management and pay monthly rent to live at CLCC.

**CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY-Project Independence-251.7148**

2141 14th Avenue South, Bessemer

Young women ages 16-21 who are pregnant and/or parenting.

Comprehensive program including parenting and living skills, job skills training, and housing.

**THE DANNON PROJECT-(PRISON RE-ENTRY SUPPORT SERVICES)-202.4072**

**A.C.E.R Project-www.dannonproject.org**

1600 20th Street South, Suite B, Birmingham

Housing coordination to men and women seeking to re-enter society following a prison term. Must be 18 years of age or older by release date, non-violent offense, no conviction for sexual offense, sentenced in the Adult Criminal Justice System within 180 days of release. Call for an appointment.

**FIREHOUSE MINISTRIES-252.9571**

1501 3rd Avenue North, Birmingham

Transitional and permanent supportive housing. Call for details and qualifications.

**FIRST LIGHT-323.4277**

2230 4th Avenue North, Birmingham

Permanent housing for mentally ill (screening & waiting list).

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY-780.1234**

Call for details and qualifications. Affordable housing building program.

**HEALTHCARE FOR HOMELESS VETERANS-933.8101 ext 6871**

900 19th St. South (2nd Floor, Rm 2900)

Temporary and permanent housing. Veterans with honorable discharge.

Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-4:30 PM. Walk-ins welcome.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY-849.0123**

3700 Industrial Parkway

Public Housing & Section 8 vouchers. Housing Counseling. Credit/Mortgage Default.

Pre-ownership/Rental Permanent, housing, rental assistance for recovering substance abusers, severely mentally ill, HIV+, with referral from appropriate agency.

**LOVE LADY CENTER-833.7410**

7916 2nd Avenue South, Birmingham

6-12 month housing program for women and children. Also offers recovery program, GED classes, job training, day care, and counseling.

**MAGIC CITY ACCEPTANCE CENTER HOMES PROGRAM-322.4197 ext 104**

412 37th Street South, Birmingham

Housing coordination for LGBTQ identified individuals seeking safe, affirming housing. Includes access to community resources and counseling. Must be 19-24 years of age.

**NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES-NHS-328.4292**

3601 19th Street North, Suite 103

Down payment, loan assistance, credit counseling, foreclosure assistance, rehab loans for homes for disabilities, safety, & health.

**NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES, INC.-251.0734**

700 8th Avenue West, Birmingham

Housing counseling, down payment, & closing assistance.

**NEW COVENANT BIBLE CHURCH-785.5224**

Financial Counseling. Permanent housing referrals (Arlington West End Neighborhood).

**PRESBYTERIAN MANOR-841.0682**

926 Overton Avenue, Birmingham

Subsidized housing for low income elderly and mobility impaired.

**PRINCETON TOWERS-783.3291**

909 Princeton Avenue Southwest, Birmingham

Income-scaled housing for elderly or physically impaired.

**RISING WEST PRINCETON NEIGHBORHOOD CORP.-785.0230 or 786.4345**

1708 1st Avenue West, Birmingham

Low-moderate income home buyers.

**SALVATION ARMY-328.5656**

2015 26th Avenue North

Men, Women & Families. Housing financial assistance. (Limited. Call for appointments.)

**SHEPHERD'S FOLD, INC.-780.6211**

826 Fulton Avenue Southwest, Birmingham

Housing for men & women seeking to re-enter society following a prison term. Six months to 1 year. Call for appointment.

**STEPS AND TRADITIONS-785-2103/243-0857**

1945 Warrior Rd, Birmingham 35208

Homeless transition agency-Men only