

Why Participate?

The fastest growing homeless population is children. It has been demonstrated that children who are homeless experience deflated self-worth, diminished school achievement, and related health and emotional issues. By shopping with Hope for Housing gift cards you can help.

Our goal, with the assistance of the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance, is to prevent families from becoming homeless and entering a shelter. Prevention is the most cost effective and least disruptive approach to ending family homelessness. By using Hope for Housing gift cards you can make a life changing difference to families in great need without spending an extra cent when shopping.

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Ripples of Hope Donation

Please consider being a **"Ripple of Hope"** to a family at great risk for becoming homeless by making a donation to Hope for Housing. Together we can create currents of change that will end family homelessness in Central Massachusetts. *I recognize that preventing homelessness is both least disruptive to children and their families and the most cost effective means of ending family homelessness in Central Massachusetts. Therefore I have enclosed a donation of* _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

My donation is in honor / memory of: _____

Please make check payable to "Hope for Housing" and mail to:

Hope for Housing / CMHA • 6 Institute Road • Worcester, MA 01609

All donations are tax deductible and will be acknowledged. Thank you for helping to end family homelessness.

The Interfaith Coalition
to Prevent
Family Homelessness
Invites you to

**"Build a Habit...
Save a Home"**



HOPE for HOUSING
CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS
Preventing Homelessness • Providing Hope

*This is the fast that
pleases me... sharing your bread
with the hungry and sheltering
the homeless poor.*

Isaiah 58: 6-7

What it is!

Hope for Housing is a non-profit program developed by the Interfaith Coalition to End Family Homelessness with assistance from the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance. The goal of the project is to utilize the collective buying power of congregations to prevent family homelessness and to advocate for homeless prevention policies.

Hope for Housing purchases grocery cards in bulk from local supermarkets and CVS which are sold to members of participating congregations at their place of worship.

The supermarkets and CVS in turn, will donate 5% of all sales to the Hope for Housing Central Massachusetts Program to assist families at risk of becoming homeless.

*“If today
you hear His voice,
Harden not your
Heart”*

Psalms 95

How it works!

- You purchase gift cards in various amounts of \$10 – \$100
- You use the gift cards for your grocery shopping
- You receive the full face value of the card you purchase
- All of what you don't spend remains on your card for later use
- The stores donate an additional 5% of what is spent to prevent family homelessness

*Together, We Can End
Family Homelessness!*



Interfaith Coalition Members

All Saints Church, Worcester
Blessed Sacrament Church, Worcester
Christ Episcopal Church, Rochdale
Christ the King Church, Worcester
Congregational Church of Grafton
Epworth United Methodist Church, Worcester
First Baptist Church, Holden
First Baptist Church in Worcester
First Congregational Church of Holden
First Congregational Church, Paxton
First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury
First Congregational Church, West Boylston
First Congregational Church in Worcester
First Church in Sterling
First Parish Church, Berlin
Greendale Peoples Church, Worcester
Immaculate Conception Parish, Worcester
Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, West Boylston
Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Worcester
St. George Church, Worcester
St. John's Church, Worcester
St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Worcester
St. Mary's Church, Jefferson
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Worcester
St. Stephen's Church, Worcester
Trinity Church, Northborough
Trinity Lutheran Church, Worcester
United Congregational Church, Worcester
Wesley United Methodist Church, Worcester

PARTICIPATING SUPERMARKETS/STORES:

Stop & Shop | Shaws | Big Y | Dunkin' Donuts
Hannaford | CVS | Panera Bread