

TIPS FOR ADDRESSING PANHANDLERS

While many panhandlers are truly in need, giving spare change is only a short-term solution.

- *If you are comfortable talking with someone who is asking for assistance, encourage them to call 2-1-1. IMPACT 2-1-1 can offer information about a variety of resources to resolve basic needs.*
- *If you feel threatened in any way, call the police or step inside a business and have someone call for you.*
- *Donating to local organizations that are working to house homeless individuals is another way to provide assistance. Give spare change to an organization or Key to Change meter directly.*

CONTACT A HOMELESS OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Through the Milwaukee County Housing Division's homeless initiative, the Division has expanded its role to provide homeless outreach as a component of the Housing First model. Outreach staff coordinate immediate housing and service plans to quickly get individuals off the street.



For any homeless-related issues, messages may be left for Milwaukee County Housing Division's outreach coordinators at 414-263-0989. The 24-hour hotline is for messages only, calls will not be returned. You can also email outreach@milwaukeecountywi.gov.

KEY TO CHANGE

Key to Change is a local campaign created to assist homeless individuals within our community. Key-shaped parking meters have been repurposed to raise awareness of our community's quality-of-life programs and collect donations for both short- and long-term assistance. 100% of all donations go directly toward housing assistance and support services.



DOWNTOWN MILWAUKEE

HOMELESS

RESOURCE GUIDE



301 W. Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53203

414-220-4700

milwaueedowntown.com

To donate, visit keytochangemke.com or make a donation at any of the meters located throughout Downtown Milwaukee or on Marquette University's campus.



■ SHELTERS

In Milwaukee County, people experiencing a housing crisis are supported by a comprehensive system in which streamlined assessment tools determine strengths, needs and vulnerabilities. This approach caters to those with the most severe needs and ensures that they are prioritized. In most cases, access to an emergency shelter requires a referral via IMPACT 2-1-1.

The following shelters utilize the Coordinated Entry System:

- **The Cathedral Center**
- **Guest House of Milwaukee**
- **Hope House of Milwaukee**
- **Salvation Army Emergency Lodge**
- **Milwaukee Women's Center**
(family placements only)

To access Coordinated Entry for homeless services, simply dial **2-1-1**, **414-773-0211** or **1-866-211-3380** at any time or day of the week. Or, text your zip code to **TXT-211 (898-211)** weekdays between 9am to 9pm and IMPACT 2-1-1 will respond promptly.

■ MEAL SITES & SERVICES

Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist - Open Door Café

831 N. Van Buren Street
414-276-9814 | stjohncathedral.org
Hot lunch served 11:15am to 12:30pm, Sun - Fri. Bag lunch provided 12:30pm to 1pm, Mon - Fri. Hygiene kits distributed at 10:30am every Fri (one per person per month, ID required).

Milwaukee Central Seventh-Day Adventist Church

Redeemer Lutheran Church | 631 N. 19th Street
414-273-7933 | mkecentralsda.com
Soup, sandwiches and clothing provided at 4pm on the 3rd & 4th & 5th Sat of every month.

The Gathering at Running Rebels

1300 W. Fond du Lac Avenue
414-272-4122 | thegatheringwis.org
Breakfast provided from 8:30am to 9:30am, Mon - Fri, lunch from 11:30am to 12:30pm, Sat only.

■ FOOD PANTRIES

Interchange Food Pantry - Village Church

130 E. Juneau Avenue
414-551-2184 | interchangefoodpantry.org
Open from 2pm to 4pm, Tues, 9:30am to 11:30am and 4pm to 6pm, Wed, and 9:30am to 11:30am, Sat.

Friedens Community Ministries

Coggs Center | 1220 W. Vliet Street
414-289-6030 | friedenspantry.org/coggs-center
Open from 8:30am to 4pm, Mon - Fri, for one-time use every 12 months.

Gesu Parish Midnight Run

1210 W. Michigan Street
414-288-7101 | gesuparish.org
Dinner provided on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sat of each month from 5:40pm to 6:30pm. Breakfast bags distributed at 8:20am, Sun only.

Milwaukee Rescue Mission - Safe Harbor

1820 W. Wells Street
414-344-2211 | milmission.org
Men only - breakfast at 6:45am, Sun - Sat, lunch from 11:30am to 12:15pm, Mon - Sat, and dinner at 4:30pm, Sun - Sat.

St. Ben's Community Meal

930 W. State Street
414-271-0135 | capuchincommunityservices.org
Dinner provided from 5:15pm to 6:30pm, Sun - Fri.

House of Peace

1702 W. Walnut Street
414-933-1300 | capuchincommunityservices.org
Emergency food pantry open from 8:30am to 12pm and 1pm to 3:30pm, Mon - Fri. Available to zip codes 53205 and 53233. Please bring a photo ID, proof of residence, proof of income, and ID for everyone in the household. The Capuchin Clothing Closet is open from 1pm to 3:30pm, Mon - Fri, appointment required.

St. Ben's - Front Door Ministry

930 W. State Street
414-271-0135 | capuchincommunityservices.org
Mon - Fri services: Showers and assistance with medication copays available from 1pm to 4pm. Laundromat.
Wed services: Hygiene bags distributed from 1pm to 4pm. Custom-fit eyeglasses assistance. ID and birth certificate assistance with \$5 copay.

■ TELEPHONES

Repairers of the Breach

1335 W. Vliet Street
414-342-9323 | repairers.org
On-site telephone use available for individuals who are homeless.

Grand Avenue Club

210 E. Michigan Street
414-276-6474 | grandavenueclub.org
On-site telephone use for members only.

■ TRANSPORTATION

Milwaukee County Transit System - GO PASS

1220 W. Vliet Street - 3rd Floor
414-289-5800 | ridemcts.com
Apply in-person 9am to 2pm, Mon - Fri, for a \$2 all-day pass. First-time applicants will be required to pay a one-time \$5 processing fee.