

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 unsheltered individuals is another way to provide assistance. Give spare change to an organization or Key to Change meter directly.*

CONTACT AN OUTREACH COORDINATOR

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



For issues concerning unsheltered individuals, 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 unsheltered 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 COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE

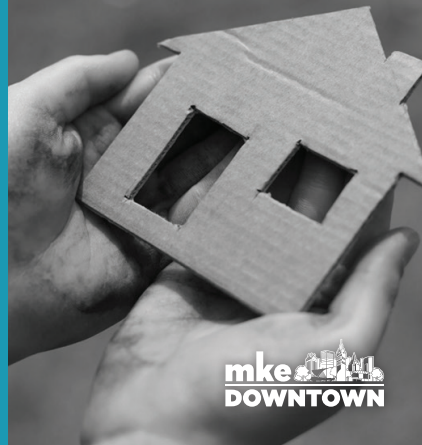


301 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Ste. 106
Milwaukee, WI 53203

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**
- **Milwaukee Women's Center**
(family placements only)
- **Pathfinders Milwaukee**
- **Salvation Army Emergency Lodge**

To access Coordinated Entry for 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

Bagged lunches distributed 11:15am to 1pm, Sun – Fri.
Hot lunch option on Tues & Thurs. Hygiene kits distributed 11:15am to 1pm 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 or 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 2pm to 4pm, Tues; 4pm to 6pm, Wed; 9:30am to 11:30am Thurs and Sat. Please bring ID for all household members, see website for acceptable forms of identification.

Friedens Community Ministries

Coggs Center | 1220 W. Vliet Street

414-289-6030 | friedenspantry.org/get-food

Open from 9am to 12pm, Mon – Fri, and 10am to 1pm, Wed.

Milwaukee Rescue Mission – Safe Harbor (Men Only), Joy House (Women & Children), and Door of Hope (Women Only)

830 N. 19th Street

414-344-2211 | milmission.org

Need to be a resident to receive meal services. Call to receive information on shelter, addiction recovery and children's educational programs.

Repairers of the Breach

1335 W. Vliet Street

414-342-9323 | repairers.org

Breakfast served from 7am to 9:30am. Lunch served from 11:30am to 12:45pm. Second helpings served from 1pm to 1:30pm. Brown bag lunches available daily, along with donated breads and bagels.

St. Ben's Community Meal

930 W. State Street

414-271-0135 | capuchincommunityservices.org

Dinner service from 5:15pm to 6:30pm, Sun – Fri.

St. Ben's – Front Door Ministry

930 W. State Street

414-271-0135 | capuchincommunityservices.org

Mon – Fri services: Showers and assistance with medication copays and IDs available from 1pm to 4:30pm.
Wed services: Hygiene bags and bus tickets distributed from 1pm to 4:30pm. Custom-fit eyeglasses and birth certificate assistance also available from 1pm to 4:30pm.

■ TELEPHONES

Repairers of the Breach

1335 W. Vliet Street

414-342-9323 | repairers.org

On-site telephone use available for unsheltered individuals. The center is open 7am to 3:45pm, Mon-Sat.

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.