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Advent Church

The Advent Church enjoys a diverse, vital, and close-knit parish family - young, old, rich, poor, of various ethnic origins and differing backgrounds. From our extraordinary music program to a growing church school, our guilds of bell ringers, gardeners and acolytes, to those who serve our long-standing Tuesday Night Community Dinner for the needy, the Advent is a community of faith which tries to keep the Gospel close to her heart and to live by Jesus' teaching.

Address: 30 Brimmer Street Boston, MA 02108

Website: www.theadvent.org

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Boston Rescue Mission

Boston Rescue Mission's Statement:

- To offer resources that prevent and end homelessness
- To support the recovery, health, faith, and independence of those who have a history of substance abuse, incarceration, and homelessness
- To raise awareness about the root causes of these life risks
- To serve everyone with respect, integrity, and grace
- To continue to learn, grow, and excel in our services
- To be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us by our supporters
- To reflect the teachings of Jesus and the love of God in all we do

Address: 39 Kingston Street Boston, MA 02111

Website: www.brm.org

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Community Servings

Community Servings is a not-for-profit food and nutrition program providing services throughout Massachusetts to individuals and families living with critical and chronic illnesses. We give our clients, their dependent families, and caregivers appealing, nutritious meals, and send the message to those in greatest need that someone cares. Our goals are to help our clients maintain their health and dignity and preserve the integrity of their families through free, culturally appropriate, home-delivered meals, nutrition education, and other community programs.

Address: 18 Marbury Terrace Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

Website: www.servings.org

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Greater Boston Food Bank

The Greater Boston Food Bank's Mission is: To help end hunger in eastern Massachusetts.

“To achieve [their] mission, The Food Bank feeds more than 394,000 people annually in nine counties in eastern Massachusetts. They're poor to middle-class people who can't make ends meet. They're our friends, neighbors, and colleagues. “

“The Food Bank is the largest hunger-relief organization in New England and one of the largest food banks in the country. We distribute more than 34 million pounds of food and grocery products annually to a network of nearly 600 member hunger-relief agencies. We are a trusted and efficient resource for these local food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless and residential shelters, youth programs, senior centers, and day-care centers, providing the food they need to feed the hungry. Still, the need for food is growing in the 190 communities we serve. That's why we need your help.”

Address: 99 Atkinson Street Boston, MA 02118

Website: www.gbfb.org

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Oasis Coalition

Oasis is a new coalition that seeks to support, empower, and give voice to the homeless and poor of Boston.

VISION AND MISSION:

“The key lies in the word, ‘community’. Most of us take it for granted that we belong to a wider community - the employed, the educated, the relatively prosperous. The men and women on whom Oasis Coalition serve do not belong to that wider community though some once did. Instead, they are separated from it for a variety of reasons - addiction, mental trauma, medical problems and, sometimes, great and inescapable misfortune. Many are military veterans while others are drawn from a broad spectrum - social, geographical and educational. They share a common need - radically underserved at present - to be treated, first and foremost, as people. Not patronized, not treated as patients or even as victims.

Address: 140 Bowdoin St. Boston, MA 02108

Website: www.oasiscoalition.org

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On The Rise, Inc.

On The Rise creates a community where women have the relationships, safety, and resources they need to move out of homelessness. They engage with those most in need and support their initiatives and strength as they move beyond crisis and discover new possibilities.

“Homelessness is about so much more than not having a home. Women at *On The Rise* face a complicated web of challenges including traumatic experiences like childhood abuse and domestic violence; health conditions like chronic diseases, physical disabilities, and mental illness; systemic issues like poverty, inequality, and the lack of affordable housing, education and job training; and the destructive coping methods that lead to alcoholism, drug addiction, and legal issues.”

“*On The Rise* depends on over 200 individuals, families, businesses, faith communities, schools and other groups who provide energy, time, talents and resources to create and maintain a caring environment for the women who come to *On The Rise*.”

While *On The Rise* does not invite individuals from the community to work directly with program participants, we offer projects and ways to be involved that demonstrate to women, who often feel shunned by society, that the broader community is concerned for their well-being.”

Address: 341 Broadway Cambridge, MA 02139

Website: www.ontherise.org

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The Paulist Center

Mission Statement: “Attentive to the Holy Spirit and nourished by vibrant liturgy, we are a Catholic community that welcomes all, fosters healing and reconciliation, and acts for justice.”

The Paulist Center runs programs throughout the year in order to enrich the spiritual lives of the community.

Address: 5 Park Street Boston, MA 02108

Website: www.paulistboston.com

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Pine Street Inn

Everyone deserves a place to call home. That's why Pine Street Inn provides a comprehensive range of services, including permanent supportive housing, job training, emergency shelter and street outreach to over 1,300 homeless men and women each day. Founded in 1969, Pine Street is the largest resource for homeless men and women in New England.

Address: 444 Harrison Avenue Boston, MA 02118

Website: www.pinestreetinn.org

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Project Bread

Good food nourishes the body and the spirit. With regular meals, a child is free to grow, to think, to ask a question, to tell a joke. Being chronically hungry is the fate of more than 660,000 people in Massachusetts

Project Bread is dedicated to alleviating, preventing, and ultimately ending hunger in Massachusetts.

Address: 145 Border Street, East Boston, MA 02128-1903

Website: www.projectbread.org

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Rosie's Place

“Since 1974 poor and homeless women have found an oasis of hope and nourishment at Rosie's Place. The mission of Rosie's Place is to help women maintain their dignity, seek opportunity and find security in their lives.”

“Rosie's Place, a sanctuary for poor and homeless women, offers emergency and long-term assistance to women who have nowhere else to turn. Founded in 1974, Rosie's Place welcomes each guest with respect and unconditional love. Rosie's Place accepts no government funds, and relies instead on committed volunteers and private supporters to accomplish its effective and innovative work. Many of the women we assist are working and in housing but simply can't make ends meet. Some are newly homeless, while others women have been living on the streets for years. We serve women as young as 18 and as old as 80. Approximately one-third of our guests have children. Rosie's Place serves guests from a wide variety of ethnic groups, with the majority being African American, Hispanic, Haitian, or White. Some of our guests are living with HIV/AIDS or have hidden disabilities such as addiction or mental illnesses that prevent them from effectively integrating into society.”

With the help of people who believe change is possible and share our vision of justice, Rosie's Place has accomplished amazing things, both big and small.

Address: 889 Harrison Ave Boston MA 02118

Website: www.rosiesplace.org

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Women's Lunch Place

The Women's Lunch Place provides a safe, comfortable daytime shelter, nutritious food, and services for women who are homeless or poor. We treat women with dignity and respect and foster a community committed to meeting each woman's needs.

“Since 1982, thousands of Boston's poorest women have found refuge and welcome at the Women's Lunch Place. Many of these women sleep outside or in temporary overnight shelters. They are often required to take their belongings with them and to search for their own food and shelter during daytime hours. The Women's Lunch Place is one of the few places where they and other women can find comfort and sustenance during the day. We treat our guests with dignity and respect and foster a community committed to meeting each woman's individual needs. Our work is made possible by the kindness of private donations and dedicated volunteers.”

Address: 67 Newbury Street Boston, MA, 02116

Website: www.womenslunchplace.org