



## **American Friends Service Committee Material Aid & Advocacy Program Wishlist & Donation Guide**

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The AFSC Material Aid & Advocacy Program (MAAP) is a one-stop resource for those in need in the Greater Boston Area. MAAP alleviates people's immediate basic suffering by providing referred recipients with free material aid; including clothing, household goods, survival supplies and hygienic items. MAAP assists recipients in meeting their wider needs by providing critical information including all the information necessary for individuals to access shelters, food pantries, community meals, employment assistance and more independently via our Resource Guides. Annually MAAP serves over 2,000 individuals and families referred by over 80 service providers and community organizations from the Greater Boston Area. MAAP is committed to treating all recipients with dignity and respect, and provides a safe space to share resources, build community and move forward together. MAAP also advocates alongside and on behalf of those they are serving for their immediate needs, such as humane and dignified treatment in shelters and improved shelter conditions, as well as long-term solutions to homelessness including increased low-income housing, expanded voucher programs and housing first initiatives.

### **Wish List**

**Donations are accepted at the Clothing Room Tues & Thurs 9am-3pm.  
If you have any questions or would like to host a donation drive please contact us.**

MAAP strives to provide our recipients with items of the highest quality. Please help us by donating the items listed below in good to new condition, with absolutely no rips or stains. Items that are not of use to our recipients or are not of the best quality take up precious space and cost us valuable time to sort and deliver to other service providers. Please use your best discretion when choosing items to donate. If you are unsure if an item you would like to donate would be of use to our recipients please contact us before bringing it to MAAP.

#### **Clothing & Accessories (GOOD to NEW condition. please)**

Clean, Seasonal\*, Fashionable Clothing in **good condition** for Adults (esp. in larger sizes)

\*We accept **good quality** Winter Coats, Boots, Hats, Scarves & Gloves/Mittens year-round

Underwear, Bras, Socks and Pajamas in **brand new condition** for men and women

Shoes & Boots, Belts, Ties, Scarves, Purses, Umbrellas and Reading Glasses in **good condition**

#### **Housewares (MUST be in LIKE NEW condition. please)**

Pots, Pans & Bakeware  
Cooking Prep & Kitchen Utensils  
Dishware & Glassware  
Silverware & Mugs  
Small Kitchen Appliances

Radios, CD Players & Alarm Clocks  
Table & Floor Lamps  
Newer TVs & Converter Boxes  
Fans & Space Heaters  
Ironing Boards & Irons

**Linens (NO rips or stains, please)**

Bedding & Pillows  
Curtains

Bath Mats & Shower Curtains  
Towels- Bath, Hand & Washcloths

**Full & Trial Size Hygiene Kit Items (All must be New & Unopened, please)**

Toothbrushes  
Toothpaste  
Deodorant  
Soap & Body Wash  
Shampoo

Conditioner  
Brushes & Combs  
Disposable Razors  
Pocket Tissues  
Maxi Pads & Tampons

Band-Aids  
Antiseptic Wipes  
Lotion  
ChapStick  
Baby Wipes

**Survival Supplies (Good Condition, please)**

Tarps  
Sleeping Bags  
Camp Mats & Yoga mats  
Flashlights

Rain Ponchos  
Mylar Blankets  
Hand Warmers  
Travel Sewing Kit

Sunblock  
Water Bottles  
Coffee Mugs  
"Mess Kit"

**Miscellaneous**

Rolling Luggage & Metal Shopping Carts  
Daypacks, Backpacks & Duffel Bags  
Reusable Shopping Bags  
Bungee Cords

Single Fare MBTA Passes  
\$5 gift cards to Dunkin Donuts, McDonalds etc.  
Granola & Energy Bars, Fruit Cups, Fruit  
Snacks & Other Individually Wrapped Snacks

**Semi-Annual Tag Sale Fundraiser Items (Items must be in New condition, please)**

*Our Tag Sale takes place in May & Nov; donations may be made year-round*

Vintage & Designer Clothing  
Jewelry

Fine Art  
China

Collectibles  
Antiques

**School Supply Drive Items (Items must all be New, please)**

*MAP distributes backpacks & supplies in September; donations may be made year-round*

Backpacks  
Pencils  
Pencil Cases  
Erasers  
Pencil Sharpeners  
Pens (Black & Blue)  
Highlighters

3-Ring Binders  
Spiral Notebooks  
Loose-Leaf Paper  
Folders  
Index Cards  
Rulers  
Children's Scissors

Colored Pencils  
Crayons  
Markers  
Drawing Paper  
Glue Sticks  
School Glue

**MAAP Operations Supplies**

Letter & Legal Size Copy Paper  
HP 950/951 Black, Yellow, Cyan, Blue Ink  
Black Sharpie Markers  
Ziplock Bags

Masking Tape  
30 Gallon Garbage bags (sturdy)  
Cleaning Wipes  
Postcard & Regular Stamps

As noted there are many material goods MAAP is not able to accept due to limited space and program capacity. However, there are many amazing organizations that will happily accept your donations of quality material goods where they will either provide direct aid or otherwise benefit people in need in the Greater Boston Area and stay out of landfills. If you know of an organization or service provider who is in need of material donations, please contact MAAP Program Coordinator, Cassie Hurd at [churd@afsc.org](mailto:churd@afsc.org) so we may add them to our list.

### Bicycles & Rags

<p><b>Bikes Not Bombs</b>                  284 Amory St.                  Jamaica Plain, MA 02130                  (617)522-0222                  Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri:                  10am-6pm                  Wed: 12pm-10pm  <a href="http://bikesnotbombs.org">bikesnotbombs.org</a></p>	<p><u>Accepts:</u> Bicycles (Road, Hybrid, Mountain, BMX and Tandem), Bicycle Parts, Tools of any kind, Cycling Clothing and Accessories (Helmets, Bags, Lights, Pumps, Locks etc.).</p> <p><u>Cannot Accept:</u> Anything that has rust, kick scooters, Exercise Equipment or anything motorized.</p> <p><u>How to Donate:</u> Donations may be dropped off during BNB's hours of operation. Please see website for additional drop off locations. BNB also asks for an optional donation of \$10/bicycle to cover shipping costs for bikes sent overseas.</p>
<p>Bikes Not Bombs uses the bicycle as a vehicle for social change. BNB reclaims thousands of bicycles each year and creates local and global programs that provide skill development, jobs and sustainable transportation. BNB's programs mobilize youth and adults to be leaders in community transformation.</p>	
<p><b>CommonWheels Earn-A-Bike Program</b>  <a href="http://www.commonwheels.org/">http://www.commonwheels.org/</a></p>	<p><u>Accepts:</u> Bicycles (Road, Hybrid, Mountain, BMX and Tandem), Bicycle Parts, Tools of any kind, Cycling Clothing and Accessories (Helmets, Bags, Lights, Pumps, Locks etc.).</p> <p><u>Cannot Accept:</u> Anything that has rust, kick scooters, Exercise Equipment or anything motorized.</p> <p><u>How to Donate:</u> Fill out the contact form here:  <a href="http://www.commonwheels.org/feedback">http://www.commonwheels.org/feedback</a>                  to arrange a donation.</p>
<p>CommonWheels Bicycle Collective hosts Earn-A-Bike programs for women in the Allston-Brighton area. This program is designed to give women who lack financial access to a bicycle an opportunity to learn bike mechanics and maintenance while fixing up a bicycle that they will keep at the end of the program. Participants will be taught skills such as how to fix a flat tire, how to fix brakes, and how to fix problems inside their bike. Participants go on community rides to learn about cycling safely in the city.</p>	

## Books & Media

<p><b>More Than Words</b>          376 Moody St.          Waltham, MA 02453          (781)788-0035          Tues-Thurs: 11:30am-9pm          Fri &amp; Sat: 11:30am-10pm          Sun: 11:30am-6pm          242 E. Berkeley St.          Boston, MA 02118          Fri &amp; Sat: 10:30am-6pm          Sun: 10:30am-4pm          mtwyouth.org</p>	<p><u>Accepts:</u> Hardcover or Paperback Fiction &amp; Non-Fiction, Antique Books, Audio Books (CD or Cassette), Music CD's, Movies (DVD &amp; VHS) and video games (all items must be in good condition).  <u>Cannot Accept:</u> Books in Poor Condition (ripped or missing pages, water damaged, moldy, extreme writing or highlighting), Out of Date: Health, Textbooks, Computer Books, Travel Guides, Encyclopedias, Periodicals, Magazines, Music Cassettes and Fiction Mass Market Books.  <u>How To Donate:</u> Books may be dropped off at either location during store hours, see website for additional drop box locations.</p>
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More Than Words aims to empower youth who are in the foster care system, court involved, homeless or out of school. Youth are provided employment skills training, personal transition planning and case management to support their progress towards further education and employment.

<p><b>Prison Book Program</b>          c/o Lucy Parsons          Bookstore          1306 Hancock St.          Quincy, MA 02169          (617)423-3298          Tues &amp; Wed: 6:30pm-9pm          prisonbookprogram.org          Note: Program is located in the basement of the United First Parish Church.</p>	<p><u>Accepts:</u> Paperback fiction &amp; non-fiction in good to new condition that is 25 years old or newer. Topics in high demand include: African-American, Native American, Mexican, Aztec, Mayan and Puerto Rican Studies, English Dictionaries &amp; Thesauruses, Foreign Language Dictionaries, GED Prep, Spanish/English Dictionaries, How to Start a Small Business, Consumer-Level Legal Materials, General Health, GLBTQ Studies, Trades (i.e. woodworking, automotive), Spirituality &amp; Religion, History, Psychology &amp; Philosophy, Secret Societies &amp; The Occult, Mysteries and Westerns.  <u>Cannot Accept:</u> Hardcover books, Encyclopedias, Legal &amp; Academic Journals, Textbooks printed before 2000, Books with spiral or comb bindings, Books with stickers or writing in the margins (light highlighting OK) and books in poor condition.  <u>How to Donate:</u> Books may be dropped off during hours of operation.</p>
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The Prison Book Program provides books to individual prisoners in the United States. Prisoners have limited access to educational materials, which are a powerful tool in reducing the likelihood that an individual will return to the prison system.

## Building Materials

<p><b>Resource Center at Boston Building Resources</b>          100 Terrace St.          Boston, MA 02120</p>	<p><u>Accepts:</u> Kitchen Cabinets, Countertops, Sinks, Faucets &amp; Appliances; Bathroom Vanities, Sinks, Faucets, Tubs &amp; Enclosures, Ceramic Tile; Windows; Doors; Lumber, Plywood &amp; Drywall; Flooring; Electrical and Paint. Detailed wishlist can be found at MAP.</p>
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<p>(617)442-2262          Mon-Fri: 8am-4:30pm          Sun: 10:30am-4pm          bostonbuildingresources.com</p>	<p><u>How to Donate:</u> Contact BBR via phone or by filling out their "Donation Offer Form" located on their website to ensure your donation will be accepted. Drop-Off donation during their hours of operation or schedule a home pickup.</p>
<p>The Resource Center at Boston Building Resources provides high-value, affordable materials, both new and used, for home maintenance and home improvement. Customers can find expert advice, technical assistance and home improvement workshops. BBR provides low-cost rain barrels, home compost bins, weather stripping and materials made from recycled components. Anyone can shop at the resource center. Additional discounts are given to "plus members", those who meet income guidelines and non-profit charitable organizations.</p>	

### Cell Phones

<p><b>HopeLine from Verizon</b>          Verizon Locations          verizon.com</p>	<p><u>Accepts:</u> Cell phones, accessories and chargers in any condition from any wireless provider.  <u>How to Donate:</u> Erase all data from the phone, remove any storage cards and turn off phone before donating.          Donations may be made at any Verizon Wireless location or mailed in a postage paid envelope (see website for info).</p>
<p>HopeLine collects cell phones that are no longer in use, refurbishes them and provides them to survivors of domestic violence connecting them to vital resources. Phones include 3,000 anytime minutes and are given to survivors affiliated with domestic violence agencies.</p>	

### Children's Items

<p><b>Children's Clothing Exchange</b>          391 Everteze Way          (Roosevelt Towers)          Cambridge, MA 02141          (617)576-0039          Tues-Thurs: 10am-4pm          2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Sat: 11am-3pm          solutionsatwork.org</p>	<p><u>Accepts:</u> Children's Clothing, Footwear, Infant Items (formula, diapers, bottles etc.), Baby Equipment (car seats, cribs, carriage etc.), Toys (board games, puzzles, dolls etc.), Children's Books and School Supplies. See website for detailed list of acceptable items.  <u>How to Donate:</u> Items that are clean and in good condition may be dropped off during hours of operation. If you are in need of a tax receipt a legible inventory list including your name and address should accompany donation.</p>
<p>Clothing Exchange provides homeless and low-income parents with clothing and other items for their children which can then be traded for more age-appropriate clothing, books and toys as their child grows. MAP works in partnership with The Children's Clothing Exchange to ensure the needs of entire families both programs serve are met.</p>	
<p><b>Cradles to Crayons</b>          155 North Beacon St.          Brighton, MA 02135          Tues-Fri: 10am-3pm          cradlestocrayons.org</p>	<p><u>Accepts:</u> Children's Clothing &amp; Footwear, Books, New Arts &amp; Crafts Supplies, Toys, New Baby Gear (strollers, car seats etc.) and New Baby Supplies (safety, feeding, bedding etc.).          See website for a detailed list of what can and cannot be accepted.  <u>How to Donate:</u> Items may be dropped off during hours of operation or at various drop boxes throughout the area (locations listed on website).</p>
<p>Cradles to Crayons provides children from birth through age 12, living in homeless or</p>	

low-income situations, with the essential items they need to thrive-at home, at school and at play.

**Children’s Toys & Party Supplies (New only, please!)**

<p><b>Birthday Wishes</b>          11 Homer Street          Newton Centre, MA 02459          To schedule drop off time,  <a href="http://Birthdaywishes.org/contact">Birthdaywishes.org/contact</a>  <a href="http://birthdaywishes.org">birthdaywishes.org</a></p>	<p><u>Accepts:</u> Themed Plates, Cups &amp; Napkins, Themed Plastic Tablecloths, Themed Birthday Banners, Streamers, Party Hats, Blowers, Balloons, Disposable Cake Pans, Wrapping Paper, Silverware, Toddler Toys, Toddler Books, Action Figures, Legos, Sports Equipment, Lotion Sets, Hair/Makeup Accessories, Drawstring Bags and Water Bottles. *All items must be new and in their original packaging.</p>
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Birthday Wishes makes a difference in the lives of homeless children and their families by bringing them the joy of a birthday party, ensuring that children are not denied this important rite of passage simply because of their living situation. Their On-site Program provides monthly parties at the shelters and celebrates all children, ages 1-19 years, with birthdays in that month. Their Birthday-in-a-Box Program provides a party box and birthday gifts to children and their families staying in domestic violence safe shelters, hotels, and scattered sites.

**Computers**

Unfortunately, our previous partner organization who provided refurbished computers to low-income individuals recently closed. If you know of an organization that refurbishes computers for people in need please contact us so we may add them to our list. For now, [www.cristina.org](http://www.cristina.org) enables your to search for local non-profit organizations that are accepting material donations of specific technology.

**Eyeglasses**

<p><b>Lenscrafters Onesight</b>          Lenscrafters, Pearle          Vision &amp; Sears Optical          Locations  <a href="http://onesight.org">onesight.org</a></p>	<p><u>Accepts:</u> Prescription Eyeglasses, Bifocals and Sunglasses.  <u>How to Donate:</u> Eyeglasses may be dropped off at any Lenscrafters, Pearle Vision or Sears Optical location.</p>
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Onesight is dedicated to providing healthy vision, eyewear and sun protection to those in need. Onesight operates temporary optical clinics, vision vans and builds sustainable vision care centers worldwide. Collected glasses are refurbished and dispensed to patients.

**Furniture**

<p><b>Household Goods of MA</b>          530 Main St.          Acton, MA 01720          (978)635-1710          Tues, Thurs &amp; Sat:          9am-12pm  <a href="http://hgrm.org">hgrm.org</a></p>	<p><u>Accepts:</u> Metal Bedframes, Mattresses &amp; Box Springs, Dresses &amp; Bureaus, Night Stands, Kitchen &amp; Dining Room Tables &amp; Chairs, Sofas, Loveseats, Sofabeds &amp; Recliners, Coffee &amp; End Tables, Computers (5 years or newer), Flat Screen Monitors, Printers (3 years or newer), Car Seats, Changing Tables, High Chairs, Pack-N-Plays, Safety Gates, Strollers and Toddler Beds. See website for a</p>
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	<p>detailed list of items that can and cannot be accepted.  <u>How to Donate:</u> Items may be dropped off during hours of operation.</p>
<p>HGRM matches the great need for household items with the generosity of the surrounding communities. HGRM accepts and distributes recycled household goods free of charge to individuals and families in need through the use of volunteers and in cooperation with community agencies and organizations.</p>	
<p><b>MA Coalition for the Homeless Furniture Bank</b>  15 Bubier St.  Lynn, MA 01901  (781)595-7570 X13  Albenny Arcangel  Albenny@MAhomeless.org  mahomeless.org</p>	<p><u>Accepts:</u> Kitchen Tables, Kitchen Chairs, Couches, Love Seats, Sofa Chairs, Ottomans, Hutches, End Tables, Coffee Tables, Dressers, Mirrors, Rugs, Bed Frames, Lamps, Bookshelves, Cabinets, Cribs, Toddler Beds, High Chairs, Playpens, Bouncers, Swings, Walkers, Jumpers, Child Carriers, Booster Seats, Changing Tables, Bedding, Nursery Décor, Strollers, Rocking Chairs and Dressers.  <u>How to Donate:</u> Contact to schedule a pick-up or drop-off time.</p>
<p>MA Coalition for the Homeless Furniture Bank provides basic home essentials to very low-income individuals and families moving out of homelessness to ensure they have a solid foundation as they rebuild their homes and their lives.</p>	

### Medical & Supplies

<p><b>Boston Healthcare for the Homeless</b>  780 Albany St.  Boston, MA 02118  (857)654-1000  bhchp.org</p>	<p><u>Accepts:</u> Crutches, Canes and Wheelchairs  <u>How to Donate:</u> Contact BHCHP to arrange a drop off time.</p>
<p>BHCHP is committed to a single, powerful mission-to provide or assure access to the highest quality health care for all homeless men, women and children in the Greater Boston Area.</p>	
<p><b>Cambridge Council On Aging</b>  806 Mass Ave.  Cambridge, MA 02139  (617)349-6220</p>	<p><u>Accepts:</u> Crutches, Canes, Walkers and Wheelchairs.  <u>How to Donate:</u> Contact Council to arrange a drop off time.</p>
<p>The Cambridge Council on Aging aims to improve and enhance the quality of life of older persons in Cambridge.</p>	
<p><b>Etrusco</b>  1 Common St.  Scituate, MA 02066  (781)545-4411  Mon-Fri: 10am-2pm  Sat: 10am-12pm  Scituateetrusco.com</p>	<p><u>Accepts:</u> Walkers, Canes, Commodes, Crutches, Wheel Chairs, Occupational Therapy Equipment, Home Medical Care, Bandaging Supplies, Bathing Supplies and Slings &amp; Braces. See website for a detailed list of what can and cannot be accepted.  <u>How to Donate:</u> Clean items in good to new condition may be dropped off during hours of operation.</p>

Scituate Etrusco Associates loans a wide range of medical and nursing equipment for home use to residents of the South Shore who cannot afford to purchase the items they need.

### Musical Instruments & Gear

<p><b>Girls Rock Campaign Boston</b>  donate@girlsrockboston.org  girlsrockboston.org</p>	<p><u>Accepts:</u> PA Systems, Electric Guitars &amp; Basses, Guitar &amp; Bass Amps, Full Drum Kits, Keyboards etc. For a full list of acceptable items see website or contact Girls Rock Camp Boston.  <u>How to Donate:</u> To arrange a donation contact GRCB.</p>
<p>Girls Rock Campaign Boston (GRCB) empowers girls to believe in themselves by providing a supportive community that fosters self-expression, confidence, and collaboration through musical education and performance. GRCB offers a volunteer run summer program for girls.</p>	

### Sporting Goods

<p><b>Boston Scholar Athletes</b>  65 Allerton St.  Boston, MA 02119  (617)517-4218  Rebekah Splaine Salwasser  RSplaine  @bostonscholarathlete.org  bostonscholarathlete.org</p>	<p><u>Accepts:</u> Slightly used athletic apparel and equipment for sports including: soccer, football, volleyball, baseball, softball, cheerleading, basketball, track and swimming.  <u>How to Donate:</u> Contact Boston Scholar Athletes to arrange a drop-off time.</p>
<p>Boston Scholar Athletes mission is to improve academic achievement through athletics in the Boston Public High Schools. BSA provides mentoring, tutoring, summer job placement assistance, a College Readiness Initiative, athletic skills training and equipment and uniforms.</p>	

### Out of Season Clothing, Small Furniture, Sporting Goods, Office Supplies & Other Misc. Items

<p><b>Boomerangs Thrift Store</b>  563 Mass. Ave.  Cambridge, MA 02139  (617)758-6128  Mon-Sat: 12pm-7pm</p>	<p><u>Accepts:</u> Clothing, Small Furniture, Sporting Goods, Office Supplies, Housewares and Decorative Items (including vases &amp; baskets).  <u>Cannot Accept:</u> Mattresses, Futons, Sleeper Sofas.  <u>How to Donate:</u> Donations may be made during hours of operation. Google search "boomerangs furniture pickup" to be directed to furniture pickup request form.</p>
<p>Boomerangs is AIDS Action Committee's family of thrift stores, providing critical funding for AAC's work to prevent new HIV infections and improve the lives of people already living with HIV/AIDS in Massachusetts.</p>	

### Arts & Crafts Supplies, Office Supplies & Greeting Cards

<p><b>Women's Lunch Place</b>  67 Newbury St.  Boston, MA 02116  (617)267-1722  Mon-Sat: 8:30am-11am  1pm-2pm</p>	<p><u>Accepts:</u> Creative Expressions: Yarn, Knitting &amp; Crochet Needles, Watercolor Paper, Canvas, Sketch Books, Acrylic &amp; Watercolor Paint &amp; Paint Brushes. Resource Center: Copy Paper, Pens, Manila Envelopes, Notebooks, Folders, Flash Drives, General Office Supplies (Paper Clips, Whiteout etc.) and Greeting Cards.</p>
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womenslunchplace.org	<u>How to Donate:</u> Items may be dropped off during hours listed.
<p>The Women's Lunch Place provides a safe, comfortable daytime shelter, nutritious food, and services for women who are homeless or poor. The Creative Expressions Program provides opportunities for women to express themselves through art both freely and in facilitated groups and classes. The Resource Center is a self-advocacy center where women can check their email, look for housing and jobs, work on resumes &amp; cover letters, send and receive mail &amp; faxes and coordinate medical care and other needs.</p>	