



# Actions You Can Take: Homelessness

- **Find and write your Representatives:** <https://www.commoncause.org/find-your-representative/>
- **Attend local and Congressional Town Halls and make your voice heard**
- **Buy a copy of *Real Change*:** <https://www.realchangenews.org/>
  - The award-winning *Real Change* paper is distributed weekly and produced by a team of professional journalists with 60 years of combined experience. New issues are available every Wednesday morning in print and online. Download the app to pay using Venmo when you don't have cash on-hand to support low income and homeless newspaper authorized vendors.
- **Donate goods to people in need in our community through WeCount:** <https://www.wecount.org/>
  - WeCount is an online network where people can make anonymous requests for things that they need — a sleeping bag, socks, coats, personal hygiene items and other essentials — and someone else can fill that need by dropping off the items at approximately 30 sites around the city. Locations include emergency shelters, housing units, community service offices, and churches and other religious facilities.
- **Dine at a Fare Start restaurant or café, or use their catering services** <https://www.farestart.org/>
  - Through their restaurants, cafés, and catering, Fare Start provides meals to social services, shelters, and schools in the Seattle area. FareStart began as a business that delivered meals to homeless shelters, and now trains clients to help prepare the food, giving them the job skills they need to find employment and stable housing.
- **Advocate with Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness:** <http://homelessinfo.org/>
  - The Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness advocates, educates, organizes, and takes action, working tirelessly to advance reasonable solutions and solid program models; to protect and strengthen the civil rights and dignity of people who are homeless and poor; and to accomplish legislative victories that promote housing, human services, and the public good at the local, state and federal levels.
- **Become informed by All Home King County:** <http://allhomekc.org/>
  - All Home brings together local governments, religious institutions, non-profits, philanthropic organizations, shelter and housing providers, the private sector and engaged citizens in a coordinated effort that both responds to the immediate crisis of homeless individuals and addresses the root causes of the problem in our region.
- **Support other local agencies that work with and provide direct services to individuals experiencing homelessness, and advocate for policy change. Volunteer with, make donations, and refer those who need services to:**
  - **Bread of Life Mission:** <https://www.breadoflifemission.org/>
  - **Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services:** <https://ccsw.org/>
  - **City of Seattle Homelessness Response Resources:** <https://www.seattle.gov/homelessness/resources>
  - **City of Seattle Health and Human Resources:** <http://www.seattle.gov/services-and-information/housing-health-and-human-services>
  - **Compass Housing Alliance:** <https://www.compasshousingalliance.org/>
  - **Downtown Emergency Service Center:** <https://www.desc.org/>
  - **Facing Homelessness:** <https://www.facinghomelessness.org/>
  - **Mary's Place:** <https://www.marysplaceseattle.org/>
  - **Muslim Housing Services:** <http://www.muslim-housing.org/>
  - **Seattle's Union Gospel Mission:** <https://www.ugm.org/>
  - **YMCA Greater Seattle:** <https://www.seattleyymca.org/>
  - **YouthCare:** <https://youthcare.org/>