

WHATCOM COUNTY RESOURCE GUIDE

Intended for use by member congregations of Interfaith Coalition as a quick reference guide to community resources. Not a complete listing. Please refer to the Community Resource Directory at www.opcco.org

UTILITIES

Water-Bellingham Finance Dept., 676-6900; discounts available to people who are 62 or older or on social security disability
Opportunity Council - 255-2192 energy assistance, M-Th 9am-12pm, 1pm-4pm
Salvation Army-2912 Northwest Ave., 733-1410; M/T/Th/F, 9:30-11:30 am, 1:30-4 pm, by appointment. PSE assistance

TRANSPORTATION / BUS COUPONS

DSHS Transportation Services-738-4554: transportation for Medicaid clients to medical appointments
WTA Specialized Transportation-733-1144: for seniors and disabled persons of any age who are unable to use public transit system
Assumption Catholic Church (in Hope House, behind church) 671-8702 2116 Cornwall Ave; M, T, Th 9am-11:30pm, F 1-5:30pm, (4 ride coupons per person per month)
Church on the Street, 901 Holly St. M, W, F 5-6:30pm bus coupons
Opportunity Council, 1111 Cornwall Ave. Suite C; Mon. – Fri. 8am-5pm, (2 ride coupons per person per month)

GAS VOUCHERS / GENERAL ASSISTANCE - BELLINGHAM

Assumption Catholic Church (in Hope House, behind church) 671-8702 2116 Cornwall Ave., Monday & Thursday 9-11:30am, Friday 1-4pm
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2117 Walnut (corner of Eldridge and Walnut) Tuesdays 9:00am
First Baptist Church, 110 Flora, Wednesdays 9:00am
St. Vincent de Paul / Sacred Heart Church, 734-2850, ext. 8: Call Tues. at 2:30pm, Wed. or Thurs. at 3pm, leave a message, and call will be returned. Serves people living south of Holly St.

NORTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICES

The Community Assistance Program-392-8484 message line; Serves Birch Bay, Blaine, Custer; Pt. Roberts - emergency assistance for utilities, food, transportation, and prescription assistance.
Project Hope-205 South B.C. St., Lynden, 354-4673; M/W/F, 9:30am-3 pm; serves North-county residents (north of Smith Rd.). Emergency assistance relating to shelter, utilities, food, clothing, and other needs.

MULTIPLE SERVICES

Community Resource Center at Opportunity Council-1111 Cornwall Ave., 734-5121 ext. 370; M-F, 12-4pm. Connects people with community resources to meet basic needs such as food, shelter, housing, rental assistance, child care, community voice mail, and landlord/tenant information.
Salvation Army-2912 Northwest Ave., 733-1410; M/T/Th/F, 9:30-11:30 am, 1:30-4 pm Food, clothing, household items, eviction prevention, limited motel vouchers, holiday programs, summer camps, Puget Sound Energy assistance when funding available
Love Inc., 671-6201 M-F 9am-1pm; various services offered through coordinated volunteer efforts of community churches, including budget counseling.
Northwest Regional Council-600 Lakeway Dr., 676-6749; info. and assistance for seniors and adults with disabilities who need long term care.

FOOD BANKS

Bellingham Food Bank-1824 Ellis St. (off Ohio, behind Bellingham High School) 676-0392; M/W/F, 12:30-3pm and W 5-7pm
Blaine Food Bank-500 C. St., 332-6350; T/F, 9am-12pm, W, 5pm-7pm
Birch Bay Food Pantry-4672 Loft Lane (off Alderson Rd.) 303-9850 First and Third Monday, 10am-12pm
Ferndale Food Bank-1671 Main Street.; 384-1506; M/W/S, 9-11am
Foothills Food Bank-St. Peter's Catholic Church, 6206 Mt. Baker Highway, Deming Tues. 9-11:30am
Lummi Food Bank-2830 Kwina Rd 384-2366 Fri. 12:30pm (not open 1st Friday of month) For Lummi Reservation and Tribal members
Lynden Project Hope Food Bank-205 S BC Ave., 354-4673; M,W,F 9:30am-3pm
Everson Nooksack Valley Food Bank-Everson Presbyterian Church, 204 N Washington 966-4833; Thurs. 10am-2pm
Sumas Food Bank-415 Cherry St. -Valley Community Church Thurs. 12-3pm
Nooksack Tribal Food Bank-4971 Deming Rd., 592-0135, 3rd Friday of each month 1am-11:30pm
Christ the King Food Bank-5373 (in Cascade Business Park), 733-1337; Tues. 1-3pm
Southside Food Bank-1414 Larrabee; First and Third Thurs. 10 am-12pm
Lord's Table-River of Life Church, 4037 Valley Highway, VanZandt, 592-2279; Second and Fourth Sat. 11am-1pm
Hope House-Emergency Food Pantry-207 Kentucky St., 671-8702 M,T, Th 9-11:30am, F 1-5:30
Salvation Army-2912 Northwest Ave., 733-1410; M/T/Th/F, 9:30am-3pm, Wed. 9:30-11:30am
St. Joseph Outreach-5781 Hendrickson, Ferndale, 384-3077, Th, 10-11am

PREPARED MEALS

Whatcom Food Hotline – 788-7EAT (788-7328) The hotline announces daily where to get a free meal or free groceries.
Maple Alley Inn-2750 McLeod Rd. (Faith Lutheran Church) 739-7335; W, Th, 11:30am-1:30pm (and YMCA shower passes)
Maple Alley Café-2117 Walnut St. (St Paul's Episcopal Church Old Parish Hall) Tues. 9:30-10:30am, breakfast
Lighthouse Mission-910 W. Holly St, 733-5120, three meals daily, 6:15-6:30am, 12-12:30pm, M-F: 4:30-5pm Sat, Sun: 5:30pm
Community Meal Program- Assumption Catholic Church, 2116 Cornwall Ave. 733-1380; community meal served one Sunday per month

Community Meal Program- United Church of Christ in Ferndale, 2034 Washington St. 384-1422; community meal served one Sat. per month
Salt on the Street, Ministry of Cornwall Church, State St. Louis Auto Glass Parking Lot. Provides clothing 303-6650; Sat. 7-8:30pm
Church on the Street-901 W. Holly St. W, F 5-6:30 Provides hygiene items, socks, blankets
C.A.S.T. (Faith Lutheran) – 220 Unity, Interfaith Health Clinic 733-3970; M,T,W,Th 6:30pm
Seeds of Hope- 625 Cherry St. Sumas Th. 6-7pm
Saturday Sun Rise- Railroad Ave. behind Public Market Sat. 8:30-10:30am
Food Not Bombs, Railroad and Holly St; Sunday 4-5pm
Nooksack Food Bank, 204 N. Washington, Everson; Thursday, Lunch at noon
Loaves and Fishes Hot Meal- First Baptist Church 110 Flora St. 671-8426; Tuesdays at 5:30-6:30
Little Cheerful Café, 133 E. Holly St. November – March on Mondays 6-7pm

SHOWER / LAUNDRY

Opportunity Council-1111 Cornwall Ave., 734-5121. YMCA shower passes
Rainbow Center-209 W. Holly, 752-2577; M-F 8am-3:45pm; drop-in center for people with mental illness. Laundry vouchers for member only
Hope House – 207 Kentucky St 671-8702 M,T,Th 9am-11:30pm, F 1-5:30pm, YMCA shower passes

SHELTER / TRANSITIONAL / PERMANENT HOUSING

Opportunity Council- 734-5121 X370 Short term and transitional housing program for families with children.
Dorothy Place (Opportunity Council) 2 year transitional housing program for women w/ or w/out children who survive domestic violence
Agape House- operated by Lighthouse Mission 733-3796. Emergency shelter for women, with or without children, no boys over 11
Lighthouse Mission-910 W. Holly St., 733-5120; Emergency shelter for single men and women
YWCA- 1026 N. Forest St., 734-4820; Short term and transitional housing up to 18 months for women without children
WomenCare Shelter-734-3438 (24-hour line). For women with or without children in need of confidential domestic violence shelter
New Way Ministries- Transitional housing for women with children (no boys over 12). In Lynden 354-9930
Northwest Youth Services 1020 N. State St. 734-9862 Transitional housing program for ages 18-25 w/ or w/out without children.
Lydia Place-671-7663 6 month transitional housing program for women with children, no boys over 12
Lydia Place Supported Services- 671-7663, 2 yr. transitional housing program for families with children and single men and women
Interfaith Family Housing-Families screened through Opportunity Council and Lydia Place (see above listings)
Whatcom Homeless Service Center- 255-2091; Services to prevent homelessness with focus on permanent housing opportunities

CLOTHING

Hope House-207 Kentucky St., (behind Assumption Catholic Church) 671-8702; M/T/Th, 9-11:30am, F 1-5:30pm
We Care of Whatcom County-3550 Meridian, Suite #4, 647-5415; W/Th/F/Sat, 10am-3pm, F, 10am-5:30pm food, clothing, furniture, appliances
Seventh-Day Adventist Church-910 N. Forest St; 733-7056; clothing bank; Tues. 9:30-11:30am; use limited to once per month
Salvation Army-2912 Northwest Ave., 733-1410, M/T/Th/F, 9:30-11:30am, 1:30-4pm; by appointment
Back-to-Work Boutique-1026 N. Forest St. (YWCA), 734-4820; free work-interview clothing for women; by appointment

HEALTH CARE/ DENTAL CARE

Interfaith Community Health Center-220 Unity St., 676-6177 (Bellingham site), 752-7410 (Ferndale site); medical, dental, mental-health care on a sliding-fee scale
SeaMar Clinic-4455 Cordata; medical and dental 671-3225; mental-health counseling 734-5458; WIC/maternal, 788-7155. English/Spanish
Lions Club-call Opportunity Council 734-5121 ext. 370; application assistance for vision exam and glasses.
Fred Haskell Lions Eye Clinic 1013 West Holly (Lighthouse Mission Drop In Center) Thurs. 1:30-4:30 by appointment only 756-6128
Whatcom Alliance for Healthcare Access-788-6594; information and assistance on available medical, dental and behavioral health care

MENTAL-HEALTH CARE

Care Crisis-1-800-584-3578 (24-hour hotline). Mental health professionals on staff 24 hours.
Behavioral Health Triage Center-2030 Division St., 676-2205; 24 hours, detox, crisis intervention, mental health assessment and referral
Whatcom Counseling and Psychiatric Clinic- 676-2220
Rainbow Activity Center-209 W. Holly St., 752-2577; M-F 8am-3:45pm, drop-in center, various services for people with mental illnesses
Interfaith Community Health Center-220 Unity St., 676-6177.
Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services-715-1563 (24 hours); services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault

VETERANS BENEFITS

Whatcom Co. Veterans Program Office- 509 Girard Street, Lower Level, 676-6724 ext. #50700; M/W/F 12:30-5pm; information for all available services for veterans, VA claims, family benefits, rent, utilities, food, medical, dental.
Transportation to Seattle VA Medical Center- 223-2200; monthly, must have appointment. Call 72 hrs. in advance
The Vet Center-3800 Byron #124, 733-9226; claims assistance, mental-health counseling for combat vets

TRIBAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

Lummi Tribal Office-2616 Kwina Rd., 384-1489; referrals to Lummi tribal services such as DSHS, Vocational Rehab, Children Services, etc.
Nooksack Indian Tribe Social Service Division-592-0135 or 592-8100; provides information on Nooksack tribal community resources.