

Housing and Food Insecurity Resources

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- Provides groceries through many different sites and programs.
- Self-declaration of need - no income requirements or IDs are required.
- Grocery Pantry Program offers options for curbside pickup, in-person shopping, and home delivery. To schedule an appointment, call or email

Housing Resources

Below, find a list of housing resources in Kalamazoo County. If you would like assistance considering your housing options, **please feel free to contact OutFront's Housing Navigator at (269) 370-5950 or housing@outfrontkzoo.org. Housing navigation at OutFront is a free service.** 🌈

OutFront also offers housing options for youth: [Host Homes](#) (13-18) and [Legacy House](#) (18-24). Find more information on our website. Please note that **these are NOT emergency housing solutions and both involve application processes.** 🌈

Name of Resource & Contact Information	Type of Services	Description of Services	Additional Notes
AffordableHousing.com https://www.affordablehousing.com/	Database	AffordableHousing.com serves the nearly 50% of American rental households who are searching for more Affordable Housing Options. We make it easier for renters to find an affordable home and understand complex eligibility-based housing assistance programs. We created the first universal “common” application for all affordable housing and provide free and knowledgeable customer service to those in need.	

Ark Cottages 1 (800) 323-7740 https://ccdok.org/ark-youth-independent-living	Transitional housing (individuals)	Catholic Charities' Ark Cottages include nine units for older homeless youth, ages 18-24 when entering the program. Youth create a housing plan and receive services to help them be successful in their new home.	Self-described as queer-inclusive. Faith-based organization (Catholic) but has no religious requirements.
Ark Services for Youth 1 (800) 873-8336 https://ccdok.org/ark-youth-independent-living	Emergency housing (individuals)	Catholic Charities' Ark Shelter is physically located in Kalamazoo but serves youth and their families in nine counties across southwest Michigan. The Ark Shelter is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is always available via the crisis line Which is 1-800-873-8336. The Ark works with runaway youth, homeless youth, and youth in crisis, as well as their families. Youth stay for up to 21 days and will receive individual case management, individual counseling, medical care, and family therapy sessions, as well as daily group sessions. Once the youth is admitted into the program, the youth, family members, and staff develop an individualized person-centered plan with specific goals. Staff work with the entire family to make progress on those goals while at The Ark -- and for up to 90 days afterward. If needed, Ark staff make referrals to partner agencies and help youth and families get the help they need to succeed.	Self-described as queer-inclusive. Faith-based organization (Catholic) but has no religious requirements.
Housing Resources, Inc. (HRI) 420 E. Alcott St. M-F 8:30AM-5:00PM https://www.housingresourceinc.org/	Assistance, Prevention, & Emergency Services	Eviction Diversion Program - Legal Aid - Rent Support Housing Stabilization - Financial/household management - Employment referrals - education/training - Transportation - Agency referrals/collaboration - Rent subsidies - individual/family success plans - Permanent housing placement assistance - Follow-up services Permanent Supportive Housing - "Financial assistance and intensive case management for 55 scattered rental units for	

		families where a family member has a disabling condition.” - Rosewood Community - Rickman House	
ISK Housing Recovery Center (269) 364-6945 https://iskzoo.org/our-services/housing/	Assistive Services	The ISK Housing Recovery Center (HRC) functions to assist individuals with finding and maintaining safe, accessible, and affordable housing. The HRC provides a broad array of housing related services focused on individuals with a mental health and/or substance use issue. - Outreach to individuals living in an emergency shelter or places not meant for human habitation - Initial connections and relationship building using a peer support model - Short term “shelter” at the Oakland House - Referrals to mainstream services including mental and physical health services, social services, transportation, expedited application for disability status, and permanent housing assistance - Direct assistance with setting housing goals and seeking and accessing all potential housing resources - Rental assistance payments - Post housing supports	
Kalamazoo Collective Housing (269) 340-0344 http://kalamazoo.coop/	Low-Income permanent housing (individuals)	We offer permanently affordable, democratically controlled rental housing. We are 40 members across ten houses. We operate group cooperatives and single family apartments. We work with residents who earn low incomes. All of our homes are in Kalamazoo’s Vine Neighborhood, a core urban neighborhood adjacent to downtown Kalamazoo, WMU, and Kalamazoo College.	
Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries (269) 345-2974	Emergency housing (individuals & families), Transitional	Emergency shelter is available on a nightly basis at the KGM facilities on Burdick. Facilities are separated by gender.	All shelter guests are required to stay in the facilities matching their gender assigned at birth.

info@kzoogospel.org 448 N. Burdick St. https://www.kzoogospel.org/	housing (individuals & families), Assistive Services	Access to clothing, food, and referrals to community resources are available to all guests. KGM also offers transitional housing services; these services have religious requirements (Christian).	Spiritual components include explicitly queer-phobic messaging.
Keystone Veteran Transitional House (269) 443-2191 keystone4vets@gmail.com 422 E. Stockbridge Ave. https://iskzoo.org/our-services/veteran-services/	Transitional housing (individuals)	ISK-affiliated 12-bed shelter for veterans. Individuals are connected to housing resources with the goal of transitioning into permanent housing as soon as possible. Stays do not typically extend past 90 days.	
Ministry with Community (269) 343-6073 500 N. Edwards St. Kalamazoo, MI 49007 https://ministrywithcommunity.org/	Daytime shelter and resource center	Drop-in services include meals, daytime shelter, laundry, showers, hygiene items, and more. Social work and peer support services offer help with housing, employment, transportation, recovery, clothing, a birth certificate or ID, and more.	Open every day of the year (365 days) from 6:30am – 4:00pm.
Oakland House (269) 532-1270 https://iskzoo.org/oakland-location/	Transitional Housing (individuals)	ISK-affiliated 16-bed shelter that serves primarily single people who may be dealing with mental health or substance abuse issues. Stays typically do not extend past 90 days. It is often close to full, but if there is a need on a given night, room will be made.	Community housing; other guests not guaranteed to be queer-affirming.
Open Doors - Residence Community (269) 343-6064 kosborn@odkzoo.com https://www.opendoorskalamazoo.org/residence-community/	Transitional housing (individuals & families)	The Open Doors Residence Community offers private rooms, studios, and one, two and three-bedroom apartments for low-wage working individuals and families priced out of the housing market. Residents pay a monthly program fee which includes housing, all or most utilities, and personal support and assistance. Residents are expected to earn enough from employment to pay for food, transportation, clothing, childcare, and other basic needs.	

Open Doors - Shelters (269) 345-1431 jprudom@odkzoo.com https://www.opendoorskalamazoo.org/the-next-door/ https://www.opendoorskalamazoo.org/the-open-door/	Transitional housing (individuals)	Open Doors has two shelters, one for individuals identifying as women and one for individuals identifying as men. Both shelters occupy one building located in the Vine neighborhood.	The shelter has one room specifically designated for queer clients, located in the women's shelter.
Rickman House (269) 903-2885 https://medallionmgmt.com/rickman-house/	Low-income supportive housing (individuals)	HRI property located in downtown Kalamazoo. Provides 49 efficiency units for single adults, including many who are living with physical and/or mental illness. 24-hour staff coverage & on-site supportive services. Can be transitional or permanent housing. - 24-hour maintenance help - 24-hour emergency services - Furnished units - Medication prompting - Free continental breakfast - Hot lunch/dinner service (for a fee) - Laundry facilities - monthly/weekly room cleaning (for a fee) - Residential activities	
Rosewood Community (269) 544-7673 https://medallionmgmt.com/rosewood/	Low-income permanent housing (individuals & families)	HRI property that offers 68 one, two and three-bedroom low-income rental units in the City of Kalamazoo, Portage School District.	
S.A.F.E. Place Shelter (888) 664-9832 (24-hr crisis line) info@safeplaceshelter.org http://safeplaceshelter.org/	Emergency Shelter (individual & family), Assistive Services	S.A.F.E. Place is a 54-bed emergency shelter for victims and survivors of domestic violence and sex trafficking located in Battle Creek, MI. Our shelter and crisis line are in operation 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. We provide all services free of charge. Advocates are available to assist with working towards your goals including obtaining safe housing, employment, childcare, income assistance, and any referrals you may	Self-described as queer-inclusive.

		need to connect with available community services. During a shelter stay, we will provide food, bedding, hygiene products and other basic needs. Additional services include: - Counseling - Children's programming - Survivor Advocacy - Legal Advocacy - Prevention Education Services are catered to residents of Calhoun, Barry, and Eaton Counties, but services will be provided to any victim of domestic violence regardless of where they live.	
YWCA Women's Shelter (269) 385-3587 https://www.ywcakalamazoo.org/what-we-do/caring-for-victims-of-abuse/emergency-shelter-housing	Emergency housing (individuals & families)	YWCA Kalamazoo provides free, safe shelter for up to five weeks for victims of domestic violence (intimate partner violence) and their dependent children. Any survivors of domestic violence who identify as women are eligible to stay on-site at our Emergency Shelter. Food, personal needs items, clothing, and emergency transportation are provided to Emergency Shelter residents. Emergency Shelter Residents can enroll in programs offered by YWCA Kalamazoo, such as: free counseling, support groups, legal aid, court accompaniment, community advocacy, parenting classes etc.	The YWCA as an organization is queer-inclusive, but no specific information is available about their shelters. Anyone who identifies as a woman and their dependents may stay at the shelter.
YWCA Transitional Housing https://www.ywcakalamazoo.org/what-we-do/caring-for-victims-of-abuse/emergency-shelter-housing	Transitional housing (individuals & families)	YWCA Kalamazoo provides safe units throughout the city that help survivors move forward from their trauma by providing stable housing and encouraging plans that help to establish and build credit, start savings plans, and form achievable goals. A small amount of rent is collected from these clients. During this 2-year program and at the end of their stay they receive the rent payments back. Some clients have used these funds to put a down payment on a house or to purchase a car.	