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DOROTHY DAY HOUSE A NONPROFIT PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION --- Background Information

SUMMARY

Dorothy Day House a NonProfit Public Benefit Corporation, also known as Dorothy Day House's mission is to provide a caring presence, sustenance, and shelter to those in-need among us. Our unique understanding of and relationship with those who are homeless in our area guides us.

The Dorothy Day House's activities cover needs related to shelter, food, and community. We pursue these through five program areas: Dorothy Day House Shelter, Berkeley Community Resource Center, Berkeley Emergency Storm Shelter, the Horizon Transitional Village, and the Safe Horizons RV Park Program.

Formed in 1992 and headquartered at the Veteran's Memorial Building at (1931 Center St) * in Berkeley, CA, Dorothy Day House is a non-profit, tax-exempt 501C (3) corporation. It employs a specialized management team, including an Executive Director, and is further guided by an all-volunteer board of directors with representation from local and regional organization leaders. For more information, please visit dorothydayhouseberkeley.org.

PROGRAMS FULFILLING THE MISSION

Through its four program areas, Dorothy Day House leads efforts to provide service and respite to the unhoused in Berkeley while helping them work their way back onto their feet and living independently.

Recent activities focus on raising funds for operating Dorothy Day House's ongoing community and outreach meal services, navigating through COVID-19 health and safety requirements, and continuing to build safe spaces for the unhoused in our community to find respite.

Details of Dorothy Day House's five programs include:

- Dorothy Day House Shelter: A full-service shelter serving both men and women who are homeless. Guests have access to showers, laundry, breakfasts and nightly dinners. The shelter also has an internship program to assist guests in getting work experience as they get back onto their feet.
- Dorothy Day House's Berkeley Community Resource Center (BCRC): Day time drop-in center that provides our guests and community access to showers, laundry, clothing, PPE, and long-term program-based help to ensure that we help our friends and neighbors get back on their feet – and stay there. Like the Dorothy Day Shelter, we operate the BCRC from our primary location in the Veteran's Building at 1931 Center Street.
- Dorothy Day House's Berkeley Emergency Storm Shelter: Operates from November to April each year and allows unhoused members of the Berkeley Community to stay safe and warm during our colder months, when the temperature is below 40 degrees, or when it rains. BESS is located at 2134 Martin Luther King Way.



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- **Dorothy Day House's Horizon Transitional Village (HTV) Program:** This program began on July 1, 2021. The HTV Program provides a safe space for 50 men and women as Dorothy Day House staff help rebuild their lives. Horizon will provide showers, laundry, meals and 24hr respite. Staff will work closely with participants in advocacy toward self-sufficiency towards housing, health, employment. This program is at 742 Grayson St., Berkeley CA 94710.
- **Dorothy Day House's Safe Horizons RV Park Program:** The Safe Park RV Program extends the HTV Program, and provides safe harbor to 40 RVs parked in the large vacant lot that is at 742 Grayson St., in Berkeley. Dorothy Day House will provide a weekly food pantry from our Outreach initiatives. Each RV will also receive a stipend to help them with road-readiness.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS –

- **SHIELD (Supportive Housing for Independent Employee Living)**
 - We have moved multiple staff members into permanent housing because of this program.
- **Veteran support**
 - We have moved 3 Veterans into permanent housing
- **Safer Ground Referrals**
 - This encompasses motel placements for those most vulnerable because of the COVID-19 crises.
- **Outreach Support**
 - We bring our distribution of free clothing, hygiene kits, and grocery bags directly into the encampments in Berkeley.
- **Parking Lot Pantry**
 - This allows individuals near Center St. to “shop” for grocery items that they need.
- **Host Covid Vaccination/Testing Clinics**
 - Dorothy Day House has facilitated the ongoing administration of vaccines to the homeless population.
- **Samuel Merritt University Clinic**
 - Students operate “Dorothy’s Day Clinic,” which provides health and wellness screenings for our residents and guests who use our drop-in services.

FUNDING

Its growing community of donors, its board members, the City of Berkeley, and a variety of locally based Foundations provide financial support to Dorothy Day House, which allows DDH to operate our programs. An array of Community Partner Organizations and volunteers also supported Dorothy Day House.

- * Other locations include:
 - Berkeley Emergency Storm Shelter - 2134 Martin Luther King Way, Berkeley CA 94704
 - Horizon Transitional Village and Safe Horizons RV Park Program - 742 Grayson St. Berkeley CA 94710



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