

Welcome!

My Brother's Keeper is a 501(c)(3) non-profit Christian ministry in Easton, MA that delivers furniture and food to families in need throughout Southeastern Massachusetts. Anyone living in our service area is eligible to receive our help, regardless of religion. All services are provided free of charge.

Then and Now. My Brother's Keeper was founded in 1988 by a husband and wife serving families in need from the basement of their home. Today, our work is carried out by 2,000+ volunteers and 6 full-time employees working from a modern 15,000 square foot operations center. Together we complete 7,000 deliveries each year.

Unique. We are the only charity in our area providing furniture free of charge as a core program. All services are delivered — vitally important to those without transportation or the physical means to move heavy items.

Faithful to our Mission. We offer a crucifix or some reminder of Christ as a gift at each delivery conveying the assistance comes from God through us.

Excellence. Because we serve in Christ's name, every item we deliver is new or in like-new condition, providing people with renewed hope and a sense of value.

Respect. We do not judge. We serve with dignity. No one seeking assistance is required to justify their need. Our delivery vehicles are unmarked to protect the privacy of those receiving our help.

Source of Funding. We depend solely on private donations from individuals, families, businesses, and foundations in our community.

Use of Funding. We work hard to be outstanding stewards. Volunteer services and in-kind donations enable more than 90% of all support to go directly to program services.

Capacity Building. We are growing tremendously! Since 2007, total deliveries have increased 50%, including 127% growth in Furniture Assistance in keeping with our strategic plan.



Our mission:
"To bring the love and
hope of Jesus Christ to
those we serve."

As a gift at each furniture delivery, we offer a crucifix with the message, "We're just the delivery people...this is the man who sent you the furniture."



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We carry furniture and food.
We deliver Hope.



"Whatever you do for the most humble of my people, you do for me."
— Matthew 25:40



What we do...

Furniture Assistance. My Brother's Keeper serves many families in crisis...parents and children eating and sleeping on the floor. We can respond with everything needed to furnish a bare apartment: beds, dressers, refrigerators, kitchen and living room sets. Since 2007, furniture deliveries have increased 127% but there are still 50 families on our waiting list at any given time.

Food Assistance. My Brother's Keeper made 3,500 emergency food deliveries in 2010. All deliveries include non-perishables, fresh produce, milk, juice, eggs, butter, meat, cheese, bread, and personal hygiene products. Average retail value of each delivery: \$110. Our average cost: only \$11.50, with no charge to those we serve.

Christmas Assistance. Each Christmas, My Brother's Keeper brings joy to kids and removes stress from parents who would otherwise watch their children go without. In December 2010 we delivered personally-selected gifts to 2,417 families in 72 communities from Woburn to Boston to Cape Cod.

Other Programs. Our close personal relationship with those we serve gives us special insights into their additional needs. My Brother's Keeper also provides heating assistance in winter and runs Credentials for Credibility, a program helping homeless adults obtain a driver's license, one of the strongest predictors of self-sufficiency.

The Privilege of Service

A Ministry of Volunteers. At My Brother's Keeper, we view service as a privilege and a joy, not an obligation. More than 2,000 volunteers come to My Brother's Keeper each year expecting to give. What they receive in return is life-changing: a profound appreciation for the blessings they have and a sense of fulfillment that comes from helping others in need.

A Ministry of Education. Several hundred students volunteer with us each year and they are often shocked by the poverty they witness. Students come to know people we serve as individuals in need of a loving, helping hand rather than a faceless group called "the poor." These students — tomorrow's leaders — become more aware, more involved citizens committed to building a better world. Educational partners include Stonehill College, Bridgewater State College, Providence College, and the University of Notre Dame as well as many area high schools including B.C. High, Xaverian, Cardinal Spellman, Catholic Memorial, and Ursuline.

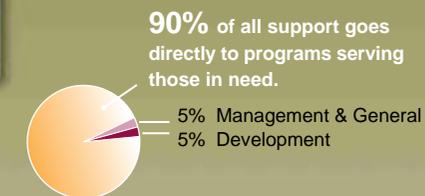
Family-friendly. Many parents and grandparents use service at My Brother's Keeper as a "hands-on" way to teach the values of love and compassion to children and grandchildren. We also host family-friendly events like our Family Walk in June, Gratitude Mass in November, and Christmas program in December.

"Thank you for bringing me a bed, dresser, kitchen ware and towels. So many beautiful items! I am still in shock over having a bed to lie on after so many weeks of trying to be comfortable on the floor. I pray each and every person you touch goes out into the world, in some way, and blesses others." -- Natalie, Weymouth

"The reviews are in - volunteering at My Brother's Keeper was 'AWESOME' for my daughter. As a parent, the lessons you teach of faith and service to the poor are awesome to me. Just a few days at My Brother's Keeper and you can transform people and many lives."
-- Joe Harrington, Hanover



When you experience the joy of giving to your children, please remember the agony of those who must watch their children go without.



Get Involved! We need your help.

Make a Financial Donation. As a 100% privately-funded 501(c)(3) non-profit, your contribution is tax-deductible and will directly help struggling families in our community. We accept credit card donations online at www.MyBrothersKeeper.org. Checks can be sent to: My Brother's Keeper, P.O. Box 338, Easton, MA 02356.

Volunteer. Give yourself, your children, or grandchildren an opportunity to serve others and enrich your life in the process. All are welcome — we are committed to utilizing each volunteer's special gifts and talents. You can...

- Sign up for our newsletter
- Volunteer as an individual or a family
- Offer your professional services
- Participate in our events
- Help your kids organize a neighborhood food drive
- Collect linens and household items through your church
- Donate personal hygiene products
- Sponsor a family at Christmas
- Request donations to My Brother's Keeper in lieu of flowers or birthday and anniversary gifts
- Tell others about our work
- Pray for the success of My Brother's Keeper

Corporate Support. Approximately 40% of our operating budget comes from small businesses, large corporations, and charitable foundations. Many employers match charitable contributions and give employees the opportunity to submit grant requests payable through their corporate foundation.

Estate Giving. Include My Brother's Keeper in your will or estate plan to support our mission which impacts thousands of lives — both those we serve and those who serve with us. Contact Vince Shea, Mission Advancement Director, at 508-238-7512.

Make a Residential Furniture Donation. We pick up essential furniture in very good condition from 30 communities in Southeastern Massachusetts. At the time of pick-up, items are accepted or declined based upon condition. (No drop-offs at our facility.) Examples of items we accept:

- Twin / Full / Queen mattresses and box springs
- Dressers and night stands
- Couches and loveseats (no pullouts, less than 10-12 years)
- Coffee tables, end tables, and lamps
- Kitchen tables and chairs
- Refrigerators (less than 10-12 years)

Make a Commercial In-Kind Donation. We have resources readily available to accommodate large in-kind donations of food, furniture, personal hygiene products, and items appropriate as Christmas gifts.

"In my current work, I interact with many high-profile international organizations like Unicef and Save the Children. I still feel very strongly My Brothers Keeper, pound-for-pound, does the most good of any organization I've been affiliated with." -- Paul Kellner, Program Manager, Child Protection Network (University of Notre Dame Summer Intern, 2005)

To volunteer, make a donation, or schedule a tour of our facility, please contact us at:

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