



## Volunteering Opportunities

Somerville Homeless Coalition (SHC) is a progressive organization that has been working tirelessly to fight hunger, homelessness and eviction since 1985.

Our mission simply is **'finding everyone a home'**. We care for homeless and nearly homeless individuals and families and tailor our services and resources and solutions to fit them. The ultimate goal is for our clients to achieve and maintain affordable housing.

With over **7,300** clients in our books, each client has their own story. We look to journey with them and help navigate the many crises that are faced by each and every person, we are in it for the long-haul, we never give up!

In the past two years, we have distributed **61,206 bags of groceries**, prevented **129 evictions** and have **193** individuals/households currently in supportive, **permanent housing**.

### Year-Round

- **Volunteer at our Food Pantry:** Opportunities will include unpacking food deliveries, stocking shelves, packing grocery bags, home deliveries for clients and more. To learn more and sign-up, please contact Chris at [critter@shcinc.org](mailto:critter@shcinc.org). Location: 165 Broadway, East Somerville
- **Cook a Monday Night Community Meal:** Ideal for a group of friends, a church group, or a business looking to get their employees involved locally. We serve about 50 people each Monday. The meal is grab-and-go, with 50 individually packaged meals prepared ahead of time. Contact Chris at [critter@shcinc.org](mailto:critter@shcinc.org). Location: First Church, 89 College Ave, Somerville (near Davis Square)
- **Cook a Meal for the Adult Shelter:** Home-cooked meals are always welcome at our 16 bed shelter. Please contact Niedra at [nstevens@shcinc.org](mailto:nstevens@shcinc.org) to coordinate drop-off. Location: 14 Chapel Street, Somerville (near Davis Square)
- **Host a Food or Toiletries Drive:** We distribute over 60,000 bags of groceries each year through our food pantry which takes a lot of food! Hosting a food drive is a great way to get involved and give back to the community! Please check out our current needs [here](#) for clients who live outside and for our food pantry clients. Please contact Chris at [critter@shcinc.org](mailto:critter@shcinc.org). Location: 165 Broadway, East Somerville



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### Seasonal

- **Host a Holiday Gift Drive:** Individuals and families are hit the hardest. Every year we work with community supporters to sponsor a gift for each and every client in our programs. Last year, with the help of wonderful donors, we were able to give gifts to over 250 clients. This program requires support from early November onwards. Contact Felicity at [fbeal@shcinc.org](mailto:fbeal@shcinc.org). Location: Gift drop-off at 1 Davis Square, Somerville
- **Deliver a Turkey:** During the 2nd and 3rd Saturday in November, we have the pleasure of distributing traditional and Hispanic groceries including turkey to over 650 food pantry clients. This is an ideal experience for a group of co-workers or friends. Please contact Chris at [critter@shcinc.org](mailto:critter@shcinc.org). Location: 165 Broadway, East Somerville
- **Deliver a Christmas Tree:** During early December, we have a number of real Christmas trees donated to our clients but we need help to distribute them! This is an ideal experience for a group of co-workers or friends. Contact Felicity at [fbeal@shcinc.org](mailto:fbeal@shcinc.org); Location: Pick up on Somerville/Cambridge (Porter Square) border and delivered in Somerville and Arlington

### Events & Employee Engagement

- **Attend, sponsor or volunteer at Annual Events:** We host a number of annual fundraising events, such as our spring event, Road Race and Sleep In Sleep Out. Each event provides a unique opportunity to support our clients and your community. Check out our [Events Page](#) which is updated regularly. Contact Felicity at [fbeal@shcinc.org](mailto:fbeal@shcinc.org)
- **Employee Giving Program:** Contributing to your employer's giving program is a great way to regularly sustain our work. Often organizations offer matches during the holiday season which helps make gifts go that extra mile! Please contact your local HR department or Felicity at [fbeal@shcinc.org](mailto:fbeal@shcinc.org)
- **Host an Event or Office Party:** Whatever the occasion, hosting a local party or event and asking your attendees to make a contribution to us is a wonderful way to give back while having fun! Got an idea? Contact Felicity at [fbeal@shcinc.org](mailto:fbeal@shcinc.org)
- **Shop on Amazon Smile:** If you shop online at Amazon.com, you can donate a portion of each purchase to SHC just by changing your bookmark! Simply log in with your normal Amazon account to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile) and choose Somerville Homeless Coalition as your charity. That's it, it's easy!
- **Social Media:** Check us out and engage in the work we do including responding to emerging clients needs. Like us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!