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FREE CHURCH crashes

For almost three years youth passing through Berkeley have turned to the Free Church and Berkeley Switchboard for "crash pads"--places to spend a night for free. In the last year alone, Free Church has housed more than 7000 transient people.

Here is how the crash pad program works: people needing housing for the night sign up at Free Church at 8 PM. A switchboard worker phones hosts--people who have volunteered to take guests one or more nights per week--to make arrangements. The crasher is then informed of any conditions imposed by the host (like when he or she will have to leave the house the next morning) and sent to the pad. Each crasher carries a form identifying himself or herself as the person sent by the Free Church.

No one is sent to a pad without telephone consent of the host. Housing is done with the understanding that the crasher will spend only the one night. We house people for two nights only as the demand is great and the service is offered essentially to kids just passing through.



The crash pad program is a vital service to an ever-growing national youth community that looks to Berkeley for sanctuary. The service is performed by an aware Berkeley community that sees radical hospitality as a natural part of revolutionary life-style.

Wouldn't you like to be a part of the Berkeley Liberated Zone? We currently are barely able to house everyone who comes to us. With summer coming, the program must be greatly expanded to realistically deal with the great numbers of people expected in Berkeley with no place to sleep.

If you are interested in helping out, please send in the form opposite or give the Free Church and Berkeley Switchboard a call. We are dedicated to helping you help the homeless brothers and sisters in any way you wish!

Other Free Church and Berkeley Switchboard services to the People--Free food * Rides * Mail service * Drug crisis intervention * "Win with Love"--a Directory of Liberated Churches * Personal notices and messages * Runaway counselling * Celebration * Draft counselling * Demonstration information * Riot hospital * Love

Detach and send to:

Free Church and Berkeley Switchboard
2389 Oregon St.
Berkeley, Ca. 94704

Or call us at (415) 549-0649

Dear Free Church,

I would like to offer myself as a host to transient youth in Berkeley. These are the conditions I would like observed in my participation in the "crash pad" program:

I would like to be called between ____ PM and ____ PM
(we usually call between 3PM and 10PM).

I would like to house ____ people per night; I would prefer to house ____ (males, females, opia)

I am willing to serve as a host on the following evenings each week: _____.

My accommodations are as follows (bed, couch, floors, back yard, etc.): _____.

I would normally like my guests to leave at ____ AM the next morning.

I can/cannot help with transportation to my pad.

Directions to my pad from Free Church:

Signed, _____ Phone _____

Address _____