

CATHEDRAL GOOD SAMARITAN RESOURCE GUIDE (Revised June 2025)

■ AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR

Thehubgarage.org/repair-shop-partners/

Online resource for Single Moms needing auto repair. Up to \$1800. Currently full and NOT taking cases.

■ CLOTHING

The Perfect Fit (a program of the YWCA) Clothing and professional development for women seeking employment and entering the workforce. By appointment. 609 W. Hamilton St., Allentown 610-871-5060 ywcaallentown.org

■ EMPLOYMENT

PA CareerLink Lehigh Valley: Provides employment support for job search, resumes, training

4 Union Blvd., Allentown

610-437-5627

■ FOOD ASSISTANCE

FOOD PANTRIES

Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank

417 N. 14th St., Allentown

610-821-1332 ID needed

Three-day supply of emergency food once per month.

Weekdays 9 a.m -12 p.m and Thurs. evening 4 - 6 p.m. to pick up food. Closed on holidays

Catholic Charities Choice Pantry

402 W. Chew St., Allentown

Open three days a week. Mon., Weds., Fri. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Catholic Charities Emergency Box

402 W. Chew St., Allentown

Available 8 a.m. to 4 p.m

City Limits Assembly of God Church

302 Ridge Ave., Allentown 18102

610-776-8656

Distributes for Second Harvest Food Bank Thursdays 9-11 pm

Pennsylvania Avenue Interfaith Food Pantry

1900 Pennsylvania Ave., Bethlehem

610-865-3603

Open 1st & 3rd Wednesday from 6-8 p.m.

Promise Food & Wellness Center (Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley)

13th Street, basement of Hays Elementary School

610-351-4288 office number 484-719-7020 aliciag@promiseneighborhoodslv.org

www.orderhead.org —clients can go on line on a Sun. to place an order to be picked up

Open Wed. through Fri. 4-7 p.m. & 1st and 3rd Sat. 9 am-12pm Make requests online for specific supplies/pick up date.

Salvation Army Food Pantry

144 N. 8th St., Allentown

610-432-0129

1st & 3rd Wed. 10 -12; 3rd Wed. also 3:30 - 5:00 (Emergencies in off weeks)

Second Harvest Food Bank

1-484-287-4015

Although not a traditional food bank (they distribute donated food to all local food banks), the folks answering this phone will help the caller find the closest, open food bank in the Lehigh Valley, based on their ZIP code, including the days and hours of operation.

Second Harvest Food Bank PA Senior Food Box Program

Contact 484-821-2404 or shfbseniors@caclv.org

Aged 60 or older. Income limit household of 1 is \$18,954. Household of 2 is \$25,636

Must have verification of date of birth and current address.

Each box contains 8 cans of vegetables, 3 cans of fruit, 1 bottle of juice, 3 protein options, 2 cereals, 2 pounds of pasta or rice, 2 shelf-stable milks, 2 meat items, and 1 block of cheese.

St. Francis Parish Food Pantry

1046 West Cedar St., Allentown
610-433-6102

Food Pantry second Wednesday of each month from 10 am to 3 pm

Sts. Simon and Jude Church Food Pantry

730 W. Broad St., Bethlehem
610-866-5582

Pantry open the third Saturday of every month, starting 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Syrian Arab American Charity Association Food Distribution

608 1/2 North 2nd St., Allentown 18101
610-432-8001

Boxes of food available to all in need

MEALS

Lehigh County Conference of Churches

457 W. Allen St (Dubbs Memorial Community Center), Allentown
610-433-6421 (Administrative Offices) 610-820-5049 (Drop In center)

Mon. - Fri.: Breakfast 8 - 9 a.m.

Lunch 12 p.m.- 1 p.m.

Dinner 4 - 4:30 p.m.

Catholic Social Agency-Catholic Charities

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Soup Kitchen
179 Chew St., Allentown (2nd and Chew)
610-435-1541

Fri., Sat., Mon: 12:00-1:00 p.m. Hot Meals for Lunch.

■ FURNITURE

Lehigh Valley Outreach Depot 610-351-1616 Calls taken Tues. & Sat. Will pick up donations.

Accept used furniture and housewares for people of the Lehigh Valley who have experienced devastating loss through fire, flood, homelessness, domestic violence, etc.

■ HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE

St. Ann's Church

415 South 6th St., Emmaus 610-965-2426

Parish outreach provides holiday meals for the community at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas

City Limits Assembly of God Church

302 Ridge Ave., Allentown 610-776-8656
Distributes trees at Christmas time

■ HOMELESS SUPPORT

Lehigh County Conference of Churches Conference Housing Program

457 W. Allen St., Allentown
610-820-5049

Build a path in which those who are homeless, threatened with homelessness, or re-entering society from jail or prison can find stability in their lives. Offer rental assistance, utility deposits, furniture, and support enabling families and individuals to stay housed.

No appointment is necessary but meet in person to discuss needs. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.

Lehigh County Conference of Churches Drop In Center

457 W. Allen St., Allentown
610-820-5049

Monday - Friday 9am - 4 pm

Provide lockers, showers, clothing, computer access. Caseworkers available.

Ripple Community Inc. - Community Building Center

1335 W. Linden St., Allentown 18102

484-240-1231 info@communityinc.org

The Community Building Center is the only day center in Allentown that is open to the public. While everyone is welcome, primarily serve adults who are experiencing homelessness, who are living with mental illness, who have experienced significant trauma, or have other conditions or experiences that can leave them isolated and alone.

Open Tues., Weds., & Thurs. 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Closed Sun. & Mon.

■ HOUSING/ SHELTER**(Emergency)**

Allentown Warming Station (Nov. 15 - April 15, 2025) Open 7 p.m. - 7 a.m.

Shelter, evening meal, bathroom and showers included. Weekly physical & mental health services available.

River Crossing YMCA 425 S. 15th St., Allentown

610-351-9622

ymcacarivercrossing.org/pathways/allentown-warming-station

Bethlehem Emergency Warming Station (Nov. 1 - April 30, 2025) Open 5 p.m. - 7 a.m.

Dinner 5:30-7:30 p.m., breakfast to go bags distributed as guests leave

75 E. Market St., Bethlehem

484-379-6694

Family Promise of Lehigh Valley: Seeks to provide assistance to homeless children and families by providing safe lodging, meals, and comprehensive support services so that the family can obtain sustainable housing and financial security. They work only with families with children under 18 whose parent/parents are working and are one or two months behind in rent and facing eviction. Online form at fplehighvalley.org with details.

New Bethany Ministries

333 West 4th St., Bethlehem

610-691-5602 ext. 204

Turning Point

610-797-0530 Must be in immediate danger

610-437-3369 (available 24/7)

6th Street Shelter, Allentown

219 N. 6th St

610-435-1490 One child under 18 years

Salvation Army, Allentown

610-432-0128

Community Action Committee

Anita 610-691-5620

Allentown Rescue Mission

355 Hamilton St.

610-740-5500 Emergency Shelter

RESOURCES for PA HOMEOWNERS

Pennsylvania Homeowner Assistance Fund (PAHAF) to assist homeowners impacted financially by the pandemic. PAHAF will begin accepting applications from eligible Pennsylvania homeowners starting February 1, 2022.

The PAHAF program provides eligible Pennsylvania homeowners with up to \$30,000 in much-needed assistance to prevent and/or ease mortgage delinquencies, defaults, foreclosures, displacement, and utility disconnection.

To learn more about the assistance available and review the documents required to apply, visit pahaf.org or call 888-987-2423.

PHFA (Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency) call center: 855-827-3466 and press "0" to reach an operator

PHFA provides:

- various loan products
- pre-closing counseling to those buying a home through PHFA

■ MEDICATION DISCOUNTS

Good RX.com

SingleCare.com apply online for discounts up to 80%

■ PHONE & INTERNET

Lifeline Assistance Program (referred to as Obama phones)

obamaphone.com

Federal government provides free cell phones, voice minutes and texting to anyone who qualifies for any federal assistance such as Medicaid, food stamps, SSI, etc.

Affordable Connectivity Program

affordableconnectivity.gov

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a U.S. government program run by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program to help low-income households pay for internet service and connected devices like a laptop or tablet-apply online.

■ RENT ASSISTANCE

LEHIGH COUNTY

Community Action Committee Lehigh Valley (CACLV) Emergency Rent Assistance Program (ERAP)

610-691-5620

communityactionlv.org

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Project of Easton

610-258-1100 ext. 13

Catholic Charities limited assistance available for persons over 62 and for veterans

610-435-1541 catholiccharitiesad.org

New Bethany Ministries (Bethlehem, Hellertown, Lower Saucon)

610-691-5602 ext. 217 or ext. 208

Lehigh County Conference of Churches (Pathways) provides rental assistance

457 W. Allen St., Allentown

610-439-8653

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.

United Way — Advice from the to be linked to a resource specialist for housing assistance:

- first call 211
- or, go to pa211east.org
- or, text your Zip Code to 898211

County Housing Authorities:

Lehigh County 610-965-4514

Northampton County 610-759-8488

■ SOCIAL SERVICES

Catholic Charities Parenting and Pregnancy Support Service:

Bundle of Joy Program: bottles, diapers, formula, clothing, counseling, and testing

Once a month on Friday morning (next door to CCHS). Pre-registration required.

610-435-1541 catholiccharitiesad.org

Cay Galgon Life House

714 W Broad St, Bethlehem, PA 18018

Specifically help homeless and marginalized mothers with tools and resources to be self-reliant

(610) 867-9546 info@galgonlifehouse.org

Monday - Friday 9am - 5 pm

Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living (LVCIL): supports those families who reside in or are transitioning to permanent housing and have *someone in the household with a disability*. This program provides: case management, social services, mental health counseling and main services include help paying for housing, help paying for utilities, long-term housing, help paying for transit, financial assistance, childcare, navigating the system, one-on-one support

Serving: all disabilities, families, homeless near homeless, low-income young adults, seniors, veterans

713 North 13th St., Allentown 18102 610-770-9781

email info@lvcil.org to get more info Mon. - Fri. 8 am-5 pm

Lehigh County Conference of Churches Drop In Center

457 W. Allen St., Allentown

610-433-6421

Support services provided for money management, job readiness, benefit enrollment, securing ID, apartment hunting

Neighborhood Health Center of the Lehigh Valley (NHCLV)

160 Hamilton Blvd., Allentown

610-477-0105

Case management, social services, mental health counseling, substance abuse, dental services. Sliding payment scale according to income. Funded by US Dept. of Health & Human Services

Mon., Tues., Weds., Fri. 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Thurs. 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Closed Sat.

New Bethany Ministries: Case managers assist with schedules, goals, job search assistance, financial planning/Clothing Bank/Parenting Classes

610-691-5602

On-Line Resource of Community Services: Lists various programs in the Allentown area in the categories of food, housing, goods, health, finance, care, educations, work, legal

Findhelp.org

Pathways: Emergency Needs including toiletries. Referral and advocacy services for housing, utilities, jobs

457 Allen St., Allentown 610-439-8653

Pennsylvania MENTOR: Home- and community-based services provider for youth and adults with intellectual & developmental disabilities and other complex conditions as well as for emotional, behavioral and medically challenged youth.

3450 Highpoint Blvd., Suite 160 Bethlehem

610-867-3173

Ripple Community Inc.

1335 W. Linden St., Allentown 18102

484-240-1231 info@communityinc.org

- *Community-centered affordable housing program.* Partners with Center for Independent Living, CareerLink, Literacy Center and Lehigh County Mental Health Program.
- *The Community Building Center.* Open Tues., Weds., and Thurs. 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., and Fri. and Sat. 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Closed Sun. and Mon.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families TANF

PA program providing temporary financial support for Pennsylvanians with low incomes to pay for everyday expenses.

Applications and renewals use COMPASS website: compass.dhs.pa.gov

General Information: 800-692-7462

State Office: Department of Human Services

SHARE (Shared Housing Resource and Exchange Program) for Homeowners or renters.

Have an extra room? Need help with chores? Could you use some extra money? Need an affordable place to stay?

If you live in **Northampton County** contact Alberto Martinez at 484-894-2961 or alberto@lvactivelife.org

If you live in **Lehigh County** contact Annette Rodriguez at 610-936-0017 or annette@lvactivelife.org

Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging

The Clearinghouse: Assists PA residents over age 18 with medical, prescriptions, food, housing, employment and social and life services. No defined income limit. Sponsored by PACE, PA Dept. of Aging.

1-800-955-0989

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. After hours voicemail available.

■ SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY

Attorney William Sherr: Attorney specializing in Social Security Disability cases for 30 years
610-437-7957 attorney@wgsherr.com

■ TRANSPORTATION

Lanta Bus Passes 888-253-8333

Catholic Charities

402 West Chew St., Allentown 610-435-1541
LANTA bus passes available

ITN Lehigh Valley

itnlehighvalley.org

ITN is a ride-providing organization for seniors and those visually impaired. It requires a membership and a per ride fee. CGSS was a member a few years back but our requests for client rides diminished and we lapsed our membership. However, it is still an option.

■ UTILITY ASSISTANCE

PPL Electric: 800-358-6623 pplelectric.com

Catholic Charities is administering PPL's ONTRACK Program until the end of 2025.
Lower fixed monthly payment plan and debt forgiveness if past-due balance.
610-435-1541 or catholiccharities.org

Met-Ed: 800-545-7741 firstenergycorp/met_edison.html

UGI: 800-276-2722 ugi.com 800-844-9274 (Customer Assistance Program)
Salvation Army is administering UGI Assistance Program

LIHEAP: Low Income Energy Assistance Program. Apply online. Usually November to April. Apply early.
Hotline to request application: 866-857-7095 Online application: compass.state.pa.us

PCAP: Customers eligible for LIHEAP may be eligible for Pa Customer Assistance Program (PCAP)
To apply to visit pabillassist.com or call 888-282-6816

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC)

puc.pa.org 1-800-692-7380

Before contacting the PUC: 1. contact your utility for help 2. call LIHEAP 3. contact PUC

■ VETERANS ASSISTANCE

Lehigh Valley Center For Independant Living (LVCIL)— offer specialized services for veterans

For more information, please contact the Coordinator of Veterans Services at 610-770-9781 ext. 146 or email josephartiaco@lvcil.org

Catholic Charities

402 West Chew St., Allentown 610-435-1541

Veteran support including rent assistance for homeless veterans and those behind in their rent in addition to other support services