CATHEDRAL GOOD SAMARITAN RESOURCE GUIDE (Revised August 18, 2026)

■ AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR

J & B Automotive
722 North 18th St., Allentown
610-434-4772

Thehubgarage.org/repair-shop-partners/
Online resource for Single Moms needing auto repair. Up to $1800. Currently full and NOT taking cases.

■ CITY OF ALLENTOWN

Health Dept. 610-437-7760

Rental Unit Inspections 610-437-7591

■ CLOTHING

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

■ EMPLOYMENT

PA CareerLink Lehigh Valley: Provides employment support for job search, resumes, training
555 Union Blvd., Allentown
610-437-5627

■ FOOD ASSISTANCE

Food Pantries

Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank
417 North14th St., Allentown
610-821-1332
ID needed. *Three-day supply of emergency food once per month.*
Weekdays 9 am -12 pm and Thurs. evening 4 - 6 pm to pick up food. Closed on holidays

Casa Guadalupe Center
218 North 2nd St., Allentown 18102
610-435-9902

Catholic Charities
402 West Chew St., Allentown
610-435-1541
Mon. - Fri. 8 am to 4 pm. By appointment

Catholic Charities Choice Pantry
402 WestChew St., Allentown
Open three days a week. Mon., Wed., Fri. 8 am to 4 pm

Catholic Charities Emergency Box
402 West Chew St., Allentown
Available 8 am to 4 pm

City Limits Assembly of God Church
302 Ridge Ave., Allentown 18102
610-776-8656
Distributes for Second Harvest Food Bank Thursdays 9 -11 pm

Incarnarnation of Our Lord Church
617 Pierce St., Bethlehem 18015
610-866-3391 iparish@ptd.net
2nd & 4th Saturday, 10 am -12 pm

Pennsylvania Avenue Interfaith Food Pantry
1900 Pennsylvania Ave., Bethlehem
610-865-3603
Open 1st & 3rd Wed. from 6-8 pm

Promise Food & Wellness Center (Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley)
1346 Hamilton St., Allentown
610-351-1368 orderahead.org/pantries/80
Pick up at basement of Hays Elementary, 1227-1243 W. Gordon St.,
Open Wed. through Fri. 4-7 pm & 1st and 3rd Sat. 9 am-12pm Make requests online for specific supplies/pick up date.

Salvation Army Food Pantry
144 North 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 Wed. of each month from 10 am to 3 pm

Sts. Simon and Jude Church Food Pantry
730 West Broad St., Bethlehem
610-866-5582
Pantry open the third Sat. of every month, starting 8:00 - 11:00 am

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

The Caring Place
931 Hamilton St., Allentown 18101
610-433-5683

Meals

Lehigh County Conference of Churches
457 West Allen St (Dubbs Memorial Community Center), Allentown
610-433-6421 (Administrative Offices) 610-820-5049 (Drop In center)
Mon. - Fri.: Breakfast 8 - 9 am
Lunch 12 p.m.- 1 pm
Dinner 4 - 4:30 pm

Catholic Social Agency-Catholic Charities
Catholic Charities Community Cafe Kitchen
Immaculate Conception Church (basement)
501 Ridge Ave., Allentown
610-435-1541 catholiccharitiesad.org/services
Fri., Sat., Mon: 12:00-1:00 p.m. Hot Meals for Lunch. Free groceries.

Nutrition Programs

Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)
1-800-468-2433 pa.gov/agencies/pds/food/food-assistance/farmers-market-nutrition-programs

WIC FMNP — for women, infants and children up to 5 years old in addition to regular WIC benefits
fns.usda.gov/fmnp/wic-farmers-market-nutrition-program

Senior FMNP — for low income seniors fns.usda.gov/sfmnp/senior-farmers-market-nutrition-program

■ FURNITURE

Habitat for Humanity ReStore
1053 Grape St., Allentown
610-776-7499 habitatlv.org/restore-home
Tues. 10 am - 4 pm Weds. - Sat. 10 am - 6 pm

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 turkeys and meal fixings at Thanksgiving and trees at Christmas time.

■ HOMELESS SUPPORT

Lehigh County Conference of Churches Conference – Housing Program
457 West 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 am to 3 pm. Mon. - Thurs.

Lehigh County Conference of Churches – Drop In Center
457 West Allen St., Allentown
610-820-5049
Mon.- Fri. 9 am - 4 pm
Provide lockers, showers, clothing, computer access. Caseworkers available.

Loads of Blessings (formerly Laundry on Linden Ministry)
Family Wash Day Laundromat 911 West Linden St., Allentown
Note: Eligibility requires participants to be currently supported by a social service agency and have a completed form submitted by an official representative.

This non-profit organization provides free laundry services, spiritual conversation, prayer, and connects individuals with medical and social services to the homeless and underserved in Allentown, PA.

Services are offered on Tuesdays, from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm, with client check-in no later than 5:30 pm.

Operation Address the Homeless (OATH)
221 North 7th St., Allentown 18102
610-351-0760 info@operationaddressthehomeless.org
Mission: to strengthen and support our communities by providing meals, showers, haircuts, clothing, and job opportunities to the homeless, and to advocate for collaborative locally driven means to end and prevent homelessness helping improve the quality of life. *Open Sun., Mon., Weds., Fri. and Sun. 4-7 p.m. Closed Tues. & Sat.*

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., Wed., & Thurs. 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Fri. & Sat. 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Closed Sun. & Mon.

S.T.A.R - Serving to Aid & Restore
75 E. Market St., Bethlehem 18018
info@starbethlehempa.org www.starbethlehempa.org
Mission is to reach out to those in the community who are homeless or in need by providing necessities, information and other resources.

■ HOUSING/ SHELTER

(Emergency)

Allentown Warming Station Sept. 29 - April 30, 2026) Open 7 pm - 7 am (intake 7-9 pm)
Shelter, evening meal, bathroom and showers included. Weekly physical & mental health services available.
River Crossing YMCA 425 South 15th St., Allentown
610-351-9622
ymcacarivercrossing.org/pathways/allentown-warming-station

Allentown Rescue Mission (Men 18 yrs old & over)
Emergency Shelter open seven days a week from 4:30 pm to 8:00 am. It is closed from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.
Open all day in inclement weather.
355 Hamilton St., Allentown 18101
610-740-5500 allentownrescuemission.org Emergency Shelter

Bethlehem Emergency Warming Station (Nov. 1 - April 30, 2026) Open 5 pm - 7 am
Dinner 5:30-7:30 p.m., breakfast to go bags distributed as guests leave
75 East Market St., Bethlehem
484-379-6694

Community Action Committee Lehigh Valley (CACLV)
409 East 4th St., Bethlehem 18015
610-691-5620 caclv.org

Family Promise of Lehigh Valley (Women & Families)
1346 W. Hamilton St., Allentown 18102
(610) 351-1368
Provides 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
333 West 4th St., Bethlehem
610-691-5602 ext. 204

Ripple Community Inc. - RCI Village Housing Program
1335 W. Linden St., Allentown 18102
484-240-1231 info@communityinc.org

Salvation Army, Allentown (Women & Families)
344 North 7th St., Allentown
610-432-0128

Sixth Street Shelter, Allentown (Women & Families)
219 North 6th St, Allentown
610-435-1490 One child under 18 years
tenty five apartment units, some long-term
Must make contact by calling 211.

Turning Point
610-797-0530 Must be in immediate danger
610-437-3369 (available 24/7)

(Affordable Hotels)

Howard Johnson Hotel & Suites
3220 Hamilton Blvd., Allentown, PA 18103
484-268-2124

Knights Inn & Suites Allentown
1880 Steelstown Rd., Allentown, PA 18109
866-238-4218

Red Roof Inn
2650 Moravian Ave., I-78 Exit 57 /Lehigh St., Allentown, PA 18103
877-843-7663

Scottish Inn & Suites (pet friendly)
1701 Catasauqua Rd., Allentown, PA 18109
610-264-7531

Staybridge Suites
Allentown Bethlehem Airport, an IHG Hotel
1787a Airport Rd., Allentown, PA 18109
800-443-5000

Super 8
1033 Airport Rd., Allentown, PA 18109
800-454-3213

WoodSpring Suites
5518 Oakview Drive, Allentown, PA 18106
484-664-1810

■ JOB SEARCH ASSISTANCE

Joseph's People supporting underemployed or unemployed with job search in Berks & Lehigh County. Never a fee. Provide motivation and resources.
610-873-7117 josephspeople.org

PA CareerLink provides employment support & training, connecting employers and job opportunities with qualified job seekers
555 Union Blvd., Allentown 18109
610-437-5627
careerlinklehighvalley.org

■ MEDICATION DISCOUNTS

Good RX.com free faith-based
SingleCare.com apply online for discounts up to 80%

■ PETS

Animal Food Bank of LV
860 Broad St., Suite 115, Emmaus
610-421-8014 www.afblv.com

Humane Pennsylvania's PetNet
petnet.org
This program provides temporary housing in shelters or foster homes and can assist with food, supplies, and basic medical care. It was originally for domestic violence victims but has expanded to help with other emergencies.

■ PHONE & INTERNET

Lifeline Assistance Program (referred to as Obama phones)
assurancewireless.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

United Way — helps with rent assistance primarily by connecting you to local services.
- call 211
- text your Zip Code to 898-211

County Housing Authorities:
Lehigh County 610-965-4514
Northampton County 610-759-8488

LEHIGH COUNTY

Community Action Committee Lehigh Valley (CACLV) Emergency Rent Assistance Program (ERAP)
610-691-5620
communityactionlv.org

Casa Guadalupe l
218 N. 2nd St., Allentown
610-435-9902

Catholic Charities limited assistance available for persons over 62 and for veterans
610-435-1541 catholiccharitiesad.org

Family Promise
1346 Hamilton St., Allentown

Lehigh County Conference of Churches (Pathways) provides rental assistance
457 West Allen St., Allentown
610-439-8653
9 am - 3 pm Mon. - Thurs.
610-351-1368

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Project of Easton
610-258-4361

New Bethany Ministries (Bethlehem, Hellertown, Lower Saucon)
610-691-5602 ext. 217 or ext. 208

■ 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 West 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
Mon. - Fri. 9 am - 5 pm

Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living (LVCIL)
713 North 13th St., Allentown 18102 610-770-9781
email info@lvcil.org to get more info *Mon. - Fri. 8 am-5 pm*
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

Lehigh County Conference of Churches Drop In Center
457 West 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)
610-841-8400 nhclv.org (lists services and locations)
Allentown Health Services: 160 Hamilton St., Allentown
Dental services at Easton location: 484-544-3113
Sliding payment scale according to income. Funded by US Dept. of Health & Human Services

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

PA Caregiver Support Program
The Pennsylvania Caregiver Support Program (CSP), managed by local Area Agencies on Aging, offers financial reimbursement (up to $600/month), respite care, and resources to reduce stress for individuals caring for older relatives or adults with disabilities. It includes benefits for caregivers, such as home modifications, supplies, and caregiving training.
pa.gov – search for Caregiver Support Program

Ripple Community Inc.
1335 West 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., Wed., and Thurs. 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm, and Fri. and Sat. 11:00 am to 3:00 pm Closed Sun. and Mon.*

SVDP Contact your community Catholic church and ask if they have a Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Search the internet for "Society of St. Vincent de Paul" and the name of your city/town.

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

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

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 am-5 pm. 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
610-419-1645
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
Lower fixed monthly payment plan and debt forgiveness if past-due balance.
610-433-6421. pplelectric.com/ontrack to obtain form. Fill out and apply in person with shutoff notice to Lehigh Conference of Churches, 457 West Allent St., Allentown
They are administering PPL's ONTRACK Program until the end of 2026.

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