

CATHEDRAL GOOD SAMARITAN RESOURCE GUIDE (Revised January 8, 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 North 14th 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 West Chew 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

Incarnation 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.

■ 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@operationaddresssthehomeless.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.

■ 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

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 Ministries

333 West 4th St., Bethlehem

610-691-5602 ext. 204

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

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

RESOURCES for PA HOMEOWNERS

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%

■ **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)

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

610-258-4361

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 West Allen St., Allentown

610-439-8653

9 am - 3 pm Mon. - Thurs.

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

■ **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

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 ppllectric.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