

FREE CLOTHING, FURNITURE AND BASIC NEEDS RESOURCES

Resources added as a response to the COVID-19 crisis

- ✚ A map of free food distribution sites in Allegheny County updated in real time:
<https://alcogis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=abaca148492b47a7ad0d5a71f5d2c5e8>

- ✚ Pet Food Resources / Pantry's
<https://www.pghdogs.com/help-for-pet-owners/pet-food-pantries>
 - Animal Friends Chow Wagon- 412-847-7000
 - Ellie's Pet Pantry- 412-345-7300 x290
 - Squirrel Hill Community Food Pantry 412-421-2708

- ✚ [Office of Unemployment Compensation Website](https://www.uc.pa.gov/Pages/covid19.aspx) information for Pennsylvania employees impacted by COVID-19
<https://www.uc.pa.gov/Pages/covid19.aspx>

- ✚ Employment
 - Partner4Work, <https://www.partner4work.org/>
 - JFCS Career Development Center, <https://www.jfcspgh.org/services/career-development-center-2/>
 - Mon Valley Initiative, <https://monvalleyinitiative.com/>

- ✚ Free & Low-Cost Internet Plans <https://www.digitalinclusion.org/free-low-cost-internet-plans/>

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It's important to confirm availability, hours and if there are eligibility requirements before going to a location.

Number of items per person may be limited.

Some clothing focused locations also have other items like household or personal care goods.

If you can, bring your own bags.

This is a representation of resources – others may be available and inclusion does not imply special endorsement.

'Free' Stores

Location and availability	Description from webpage or flier	Contact
<p>The Free Store at Propel Northside Community Wellness Center 1805 Buena Vista St., Pittsburgh, PA, 15212 Brighton Road entrance</p> <p>Saturdays 10AM-1PM Visit Facebook page or call to confirm before visit</p>	<p>Shopper can choose up to five items (men, women, and children clothing as well as personal care items) per person.</p>	<p>https://www.facebook.com/PropelNorthsideWellness/?tn-str=k*F</p> <p>412-325-7305 Ext. 1510</p>
<p>East Liberty Presbyterian Church (ELPC) Chapel Market 116 S. Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206</p> <p>Mondays 10AM-12PM and First Thursday 5PM-7:30PM</p>	<p>The Chapel Market, which provides gently worn, donated clothing to those who need it for free...</p>	<p>http://cathedralofhope.org/</p> <p>412-441-3800</p> <p>info@coh.net</p>

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<p>St. Paul's Lutheran Church Clothed in Love 5319 Second Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa 15207 (Hazelwood)</p> <p>Usually Saturdays, call or visit website for availability</p>	<p>We have nice, gently used clothing and shoes for men, women, and children.</p>	<p>www.stpaulshazelwood.org/free-clothing/</p> <p>412-521-0844</p>
<p>Hot Metal Bridge Faith Community Care Closet 2700 Jane Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203 (South Side) Bus routes 48 and 75</p> <p>Tuesday through Thursday 5PM-7PM Sundays Noon-1:30</p>	<p>At HMBFC, everyone is invited to the table. You don't have to jump through hoops or tick off a checklist... The Table...a free community meal every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-6:30pm...</p>	<p>www.hotmetalbridge.com/</p> <p>412-481-4010</p>
<p>Free Store Wilkinsburg 619 Penn Avenue. Wilkinsburg, Pa 15221</p> <p>Saturday 11AM-2PM</p>	<p>Mission is to redistribute new and lightly used goods at no cost to community members to bridge times of financial stress and emergency.</p>	<p>www.freestorewilkinsburg.org/</p> <p>412-436-9836</p>
<p>Free Store 15104 (a decommissioned shipping container) 420 Braddock Ave., Braddock, Penna. 15104</p> <p>Tuesdays 11:00AM- 1:00PM Thursdays 11:00AM - 1:00PM Saturdays 10:00AM- 12:00PM</p>	<p>We receive surplus and donated goods and redistribute them to neighbors in need.</p>	<p>www.freestore15104.org/</p> <p>email at freestore15104@gmail.com</p>

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<p>South Hills Interfaith Ministries (SHIM) Community Closet, Bethel Park</p> <p>Monday 10AM-1PM Tuesday 1PM- 4PM</p>	<p>...open to everyone in the community. Families and individuals are welcome to “shop” at no charge for seasonally appropriate clothing and other necessary items.</p>	<p>http://shimcares.org/programs/basic-needs/</p> <p>412-854-9120 ext. 108</p>
<p>Mt. Hope Community Church Clothes Line</p> <p>12106 Frankstown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235</p> <p>Thursday 10AM-Noon</p>	<p>...reaching out to the Penn Hills and surrounding communities to provide...gently used and new clothing...</p>	<p>www.mthopepcusa.org/youth-ministries</p> <p>412-793-0227</p>
<p>A Second Chance Inc. Kinship Closet</p> <p>8350 Frankstown Road, Pittsburgh PA 15221</p> <p>Call for availability</p>		<p>412-342-0674</p>
<p>Dress for Success Pittsburgh</p>	<p>“...volunteers will work with you to help you choose an interview outfit and will...provide guidance and support for the upcoming interview.”</p>	<p>https://pittsburgh.dressforsuccess.org/</p> <p>412-201-4204</p>
<p>Lifeline of Southwest PA</p>	<p>“Our Mother’s Room provides diapers, wipes, baby clothes (Newborn to 2T). (Maternity clothes when available.)”</p>	<p>www.lifelineofsouthwestpa.org/services.html</p>
<p>New Vision Community Church - Kid's Closet</p> <p>Verona</p>	<p>Free clothing</p>	<p>https://www.facebook.com/NVCCPennHills/</p> <p>412-241-6160</p>

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Every second Saturday of the month 10AM-2PM		
Sonshine Community Ministries 908 Evans Avenue, McKeesport, PA 15134	“Hot meal served by our churches, businesses and volunteers that support Sonshine. Our clothing bank is open at this time also.”	www.sonshinecm.org/ministries/mondays/
Mondays 4:15PM-5:30PM		412-672-6711
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Store hours (vouchers to stores are given to eligible people) Search “st vincent de paul stores allegheny county” for locations or visit: http://svdppitt.org/stores/store-locations-directions/	“Every year, the Society provides over 500 clothing vouchers...Our clients are able to shop for their clothes based on their individual style and sizes free of charge.”	http://svdppitt.org/ 412-321-1071 (main number) or call local store

Thrift / second hand stores can be a good option for low cost clothing and household items.

Additional Resources

...including clothing, food assistance, housing, financial and human services

Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Community Services (OCS) is committed to reducing housing insecurity in Allegheny County. The OCS Housing Navigator Unit works with area landlords and service providers to increase the number of affordable units occupied by persons receiving services through DHS and others in need of supported housing.	www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Programs-Services/Basic-Needs/Housing-and-Homeless.aspx
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<p>Allegheny County DHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publications and Resource Guides • Brochures and Booklets <p>Those that do not have the internet can access the information by calling the Allegheny Link (1- 866-730-2368) or United Way 2-1-1</p>	<p>www.alleghenycounty.us/dhs/publications.aspx</p> <p>www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Resources/Publications/Resource-Guides.aspx</p> <p>www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Resources/Publications/Brochures-and-Booklets.aspx</p>
<p>Allegheny County Department of Human Services <i>Here to Help, Available resources in your time of need brochure</i></p>	<p>www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Resources/Publications/Brochures-and-Booklets.aspx</p>
<p>Allegheny County DHS Basic Needs</p>	<p>www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Programs-Services/Basic-Needs.aspx</p>
<p>Allegheny Link Provides information and resources for older adults and people with disabilities. Will assist in connecting caller to resources that include DHS offices, human services, community and other systems.</p>	<p>1-866-730-2368</p> <p>www.alleghenylink.org</p> <p>email allylink@dhs.county.allegheny.pa.us</p>
<p>United Way 2-1-1 Can provide information and referrals...24 hours a day/7 day a week. Includes access to many language translators. Email inquiries are accepted at info@pa211sw.org</p>	<p>dial 2-1-1</p> <p>http://pa211sw.org/</p>
<p>Aunt Bertha Connecting People and Programs</p>	<p>www.auntbertha.com/</p>

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Search for free or reduced cost services like medical care, food, job training, and more.	
BigBurgh Social Service Listings	www.Bigburgh.com
The PA Department of Human Services offers an Emergency Shelter Allowance, ESA , to help a homeless or near homeless family/individual to ~Stop eviction from your home/apartment or foreclosure of your house ~Find a long-term place to live ~Find a short-term place to stay	Contact your CAO and ask what you need to do to apply for an Emergency Shelter Allowance. www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/Emergency-Shelter-Allowance.aspx
Blessing Board Can provide donated household furnishings to those in need at no cost.	412-426-9107 (appointment coordinator) www.blessingboard.org/
Off the Floor Pittsburgh Can provide basic used furniture. Off the Floor Pittsburgh does not accept direct requests for assistance from individuals in need. A Member Agency Referral Partner page is available on their website, please reach out to that organization directly. If you are a person in need of furniture, and do not get support from one of our partner agencies, please call the United Way 2-1-1.	http://offthefloorpgh.org/
Lions District 14B Serving Communities in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County Service example: By conducting vision screenings, equipping hospitals and clinics, distributing medicine and raising awareness of eye disease, Lions work toward their mission of providing vision for all.	www.e-district.org/sites/14b/
Genesis Center Community outreach center that provide programs and services to women in need. They offer free pregnancy testing, maternity and infant clothing, distribution of baby equipment and essentials including diapers and formula.	412-766-5212 www.genesispgh.org/

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The **Self Determination Housing Project of PA**, Inc. is a statewide non-profit organization that works to expand housing options for people with disabilities in Pennsylvania. Includes home modification information.

www.sdhp.org/

Summer food programs offered annually for children and youth and persons with disabilities up to age 21. Check for lists on the Pittsburgh, Community Food Bank (www.pittsburghfoodbank.org/what-we-do/resources-to-people/summer-food/), and Allegheny County Department of Human Services (www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Programs-Services/Basic-Needs/Food-Assistance.aspx) websites beginning in May/June.

WIC Beneficiaries and benefits include qualified pregnant women, children/caregivers of children up to 5 years of age receiving nutrition support, Farmer's Market vouchers and referrals to health care and community resources. 412-350-5801
www.achd.net/wic

Diaper bank through Life's Work monthly free diapers for children and seniors to low-income families in need.
<https://www.lifesworkwpa.org/our-programs/community-services/>

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Utilities and phone – more information about these programs from Allegheny Link (1- 866-730-2368) or United Way 2-1-1.

- LIHEAP may provide help paying heating bills or in a heating emergency
- H2O Help to Others Pa American Water. Includes grant programs, discount programs and water-saving devices and education.

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- 3Rivers Proud ALCOSAB Clean Water Assistance Fund (AC Sanitary Authority)
- Anyone seeking assistance with their PWSA (Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority) bill can call Dollar Energy Fund at 1-866-762-2348. PWSA has three major income-based assistance programs:
 - a bill discount program that cuts 75% off the minimum charge for low-income residential customers,
 - the hardship cash assistance program, which helps pay off arrears and,
 - a winter moratorium on shutoffs.Also, learn about lead line replacement assistance.
- **Internet Essentials** from Comcast: Affordable Internet at Home for Eligible Households, low cost computers and a learning center (a hub for free on line tutorials and in person classes) <https://internetessentials.com/>

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“At **Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh**, we believe everyone deserves to live in a safe and healthy home. That is why we provide low-income homeowners with **critical home repairs, accessibility modifications, and energy-efficient upgrades**. Eligible candidates for our services are: •The homeowner of record for an Allegheny County property in which they have resided for three or more years •Current on property taxes, or on a qualified repayment plan •Living in a low-income household, families that are typically between 200% - 150% less than Federal Poverty Guidelines •At least 60 years of age, a military veteran, or a person with a documented disability” From www.rtpittsburgh.org/apply

Grants for Single Mothers in PA, This directory offers grants for rent, utility bills, child care, education, medication, housing, medical bills, mortgages and more. <https://singlemothersgrants.org/grants-for-single-mothers-in-pennsylvania/>

Housing Grants for Single Fathers in PA.

For more information visit: <http://www.startgrants.com/housing-grants-for-single-fathers.php>

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Pittsburgh Neighborhood Projects

The goal of North Side Partnership Project is to leverage the strengths of our families and neighborhoods to accomplish the following:

- Build economically stable, strong and sustainable neighborhoods
- Create a safe and productive environment for families
- Substantially increase academic performance and cultural awareness

We are a North Side-based partnership of groups and organizations. We are committed to empowering families and neighborhoods by providing coordinated and comprehensive services while developing community structures for operation.

<http://nppittsburgh.org/>

412-969-2661

Vision To Learn, Pittsburgh Public School (PPS) Students

In June 2018, Vision To Learn launched a program...PPS students in need. Through this initiative, PPS nurses provide vision screenings to students; and Vision To Learn provides eye exams and glasses, free of charge, to PPS students.

<https://visiontolearn.org/where-we-work/pennsylvania/>

COMPUTER REACH makes technology available to people most in need through refurbished equipment, computer literacy, training, and support. 412-444-8816, <https://www.computerreach.org/who-we-are/about-us/>

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