

FREE CLOTHING, FURNITURE AND BASIC NEEDS RESOURCES

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 compiled by Allegheny County Department of Human Services Office of Developmental Supports – others may be available and inclusion does not imply special endorsement.

'Free' Stores – Meals - Assistance

Contact or visit webpage / Facebook page for available hours

Location and availability	Description from webpage or flier	Contact
The Free Store at Propel Northside Community Wellness Center 1805 Buena Vista St., Pittsburgh, PA, 15212	Shopper can choose up to five items (men, women, and children clothing as well as personal care items) per person.	https://www.facebook.com/PropelNorthsideWellness/?tn-str=k*F 412-325-7305 Ext. 1510
East Liberty Presbyterian Church (ELPC) Chapel Market 116 S. Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206	The Chapel Market, which provides gently worn, donated clothing to those who need it for free...	http://cathedralofhope.org/ 412-441-3800 info@coh.net

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<p>Holy Cross Evangelical-Lutheran Chapel 5319 Second Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa 15207 (Hazelwood)</p>	<p>The Holy Cross Food and Clothing Distribution serves the community with free food and clothing for any who may need it.</p>	<p>www.holycrosspgh.info/ 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>The Table...a free community meal twice a week</p>	<p>www.hotmetalbridge.com/ 412-481-4010</p>
<p>Free Store Wilkinsburg 619 Penn Avenue. Wilkinsburg, Pa 15221</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/ 412-436-9836</p>
<p>Free Store 15104 (a decommissioned shipping container) 420 Braddock Ave., Braddock, Penna. 15104</p>	<p>We receive surplus and donated goods and redistribute them to neighbors in need.</p>	<p>www.freestore15104.org/ email at freestore15104@gmail.com</p>
<p>South Hills Interfaith Ministries (SHIM) Community Closet, Bethel Park</p>	<p>Includes a food pantry, clothes, utility assistance and other help.</p>	<p>http://shimcares.org/programs/basic-needs/ 412-854-9120 ext. 108</p>

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<p>Mt. Hope Community Church Clothes Line 12106 Frankstown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235</p>	<p>The clothes line</p>	<p>www.mthopepcusa.org/youth-ministries 412-793-0227</p>
<p>A Second Chance Inc. Kinship Closet 8350 Frankstown Road, Pittsburgh PA 15221</p>	<p>The ASCI Kinship Closet has new and gently used clothing and is open to all clients, as well as the community.</p>	<p>https://www.asecondchance-kinship.com/programs-services/pittsburgh/support-services/kinship-closet/ 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/ 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>Society of St. Vincent de Paul Store hours (vouchers to stores are given to eligible people)</p>	<p>“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.”</p>	<p>http://svdppitt.org/ 412-321-1071 (main number) or call local store</p>

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Search “st vincent de paul stores allegheny county” for locations or visit:
<http://svdppitt.org/stores/store-locations-directions/>

Thrift / secondhand 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)
Housing and Homelessness**

www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Programs-Services/Basic-Needs/Housing-and-Homeless.aspx

Allegheny County DHS

- **Publications and Resource Guides**
- **Brochures and Booklets**

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

www.alleghenycounty.us/dhs/publications.aspx

www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Resources/Publications/Resource-Guides.aspx

www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Resources/Publications/Brochures-and-Booklets.aspx

Allegheny County Department of Human Services
Brochures and Booklets for Persons in Need

<https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Resources/Publications/Brochures-Booklets/For-Persons-in-Need.aspx>

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<p>Allegheny County DHS Meeting Your 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 www.alleghenylink.org 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 http://pa211sw.org/</p>
<p>Aunt Bertha Find food assistance, help paying bills, and other free or reduced cost programs, including new programs for the COVID-19 pandemic:</p>	<p>www.auntbertha.com/</p>
<p>BigBurgh Social Service Listings</p>	<p>www.Bigburgh.com</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>

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<p>Blessing Board Can provide donated household furnishings to those in need at no cost.</p>	<p>412-426-9107 (appointment coordinator) www.blessingboard.org/</p>
<p>Off the Floor Pittsburgh The blessing board is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization existing to provide donated household furnishings to those in need at no cost...</p>	<p>http://offthefloorpgh.org/</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>www.e-district.org/sites/14b/</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>412-766-5212 www.genesispg.org/</p>
<p>The Self Determination Housing of PA SDHP is a statewide organization, recently having merged with Inglis as a program of their Community Services. SDHP advocates for accessible, affordable, and integrated housing</p>	<p>www.sdhp.org/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Housing Coordinator Program • PA Accessible Housing Program (PAHP) • Staff

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opportunities for individuals with disabilities throughout the Commonwealth.

- SDHP Newsletters
- SDHP Calendar

Food Assistance Options for Low-income Families

<https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Programs-Services/Basic-Needs/Food-Assistance.aspx>

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/>

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

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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.
- 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/>
- **Lifeline** is a federal government benefit that provides eligible low-income consumers a monthly discount on their phone or internet bill. The benefit can be used for voice (telephone), Broadband Internet Access Service (or BIAS, usually called internet service), or a combined telephone/internet service product from a landline or wireless provider. http://www.puc.pa.gov/Telecom/pdf/Lifeline/Lifeline_Brochure-StayConnected.pdf

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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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