

## FREE CLOTHING, FURNITURE AND BASIC NEEDS RESOURCES

*For all resources: It's important to confirm availability, hours and if there are eligibility requirements.*

*For free items: The 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 to all stores.*

*This is a representation of resources compiled by Allegheny County Department of Human Services (AC DHS) Office of Developmental Supports (ODS) – others may be available, and inclusion does not imply endorsement. If you have suggestions regarding this list, please reach Mary Evrard at ODS at [mevrard@alleghenycounty.us](mailto:mevrard@alleghenycounty.us)*

*Also refer to the following ODS documents for links to and information about supports, services and resources:*

*[Community and Service Systems](#) and [Connecting People Across PA to Information and Resources](#)*

### 'Free' Stores and clothing closets – Meals - Assistance Contact or visit webpage / Facebook page for current hours and information

| Location and availability  | Description from webpage or flier  | Contact   |
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| <b>JereCare Closet at the Kingsley Center</b><br>6435 Frankstown Ave<br>Pittsburgh, PA 15206 | ...an incredible community resource available to all families. Located inside the entrance of our location at The Kingsley Center, the JereCare Closet offers essential items for children and families in need - absolutely free. | <a href="https://jeremiahsplace.org/free-pittsburgh-closet/#">https://jeremiahsplace.org/free-pittsburgh-closet/#</a> |
| <b>New Vision Community Church</b><br>1620 Randolph Lane<br>Verona, PA 15147                 | Kid's Closet – Free clothing and clothing exchange ministry.   | 412-241-6160  |

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| <p><b>The Free Store at Propel Northside Community Wellness Center</b><br/>1805 Buena Vista St., Pittsburgh, PA, 15212</p>                  | <p>Shopper can choose up to five items (men, women, and children clothing as well as personal care items) per person.</p>                       | <p><a href="http://www.facebook.com/PropelNorthsideWellness/?tn-str=k*F">www.facebook.com/PropelNorthsideWellness/?tn-str=k*F</a><br/><br/>412-325-7305 Ext. 1510</p> |
| <p><b>East Liberty Presbyterian Church (ELPC) Chapel Market</b><br/>116 S. Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206</p>                        | <p>The Chapel Market, which provides gently worn, donated clothing to those who need it for free...</p>   | <p><a href="http://cathedralofhope.org/">http://cathedralofhope.org/</a><br/>412-441-3800</p>   |
| <p><b>Holy Cross Evangelical-Lutheran Chapel</b><br/>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><a href="http://www.holycrosspgh.info/">www.holycrosspgh.info/</a><br/><br/>412-521-0844</p>   |
| <p><b>Hot Metal Bridge Faith Community Care Closet</b><br/>2700 Jane Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203 (South Side)<br/>Bus routes 48 and 75</p> | <p>Also, The Table...a free community meal twice a week</p>   | <p><a href="http://www.hotmetalbridge.com/">www.hotmetalbridge.com/</a><br/><br/>412-481-4010</p>   |
| <p><b>Free Store Wilksburg</b><br/>619 Penn Avenue. Wilksburg, 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><a href="http://www.freestorewilksburg.org/">www.freestorewilksburg.org/</a><br/><br/>412-436-9836</p>   |
| <p><b>Free Store 15104</b><br/>420 Braddock Ave., Braddock, Penna. 15104</p>  | <p>We receive surplus and donated goods and redistribute them to neighbors in need.</p>   | <p><a href="http://www.freestore15104.org/">www.freestore15104.org/</a><br/><br/>1-201-532-1722</p>   |

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| <b>South Hills Interfaith Ministries (SHIM) Community Closet</b> , Bethel Park               | Includes a food pantry, clothes, utility assistance and other help.   | <a href="http://shimcares.org/programs/basic-needs/">http://shimcares.org/programs/basic-needs/</a><br><br>412-854-9120 ext. 108   |
| <b>Mt. Hope Community Church Clothes Line</b><br>12106 Frankstown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235 | The clothes line  | <a href="http://www.mthopepcusa.org/youth-ministries">www.mthopepcusa.org/youth-ministries</a><br><br>412-793-0227   |
| <b>A Second Chance Inc. Kinship Closet</b><br>8350 Frankstown Road, Pittsburgh PA 15221      | The ASCI Kinship Closet has new and gently used clothing and is open to all clients, as well as the community.                                | <a href="http://www.asecondchance-kinship.com/programs-services/pittsburgh/support-services/kinship-closet/">www.asecondchance-kinship.com/programs-services/pittsburgh/support-services/kinship-closet/</a><br><br>412-342-0674 |
| <b>Dress for Success Pittsburgh</b>  | "...volunteers will work with you to help you choose an interview outfit and will...provide guidance and support for the upcoming interview." | <a href="https://pittsburgh.dressforsuccess.org/">https://pittsburgh.dressforsuccess.org/</a><br><br>412-201-4204  |
| <b>Lifeline of Southwest PA</b>  | "Our Mother's Room provides diapers, wipes, baby clothes (Newborn to 2T). (Maternity clothes when available.)"                                | <a href="http://www.lifelineofsouthwestpa.org/services.html">www.lifelineofsouthwestpa.org/services.html</a>   |

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| <p><b>Society of St. Vincent de Paul</b><br/>Vouchers to stores are given to eligible people. Search “st vincent de paul stores allegheny county” for locations or visit:</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><a href="http://svdppitt.org/">http://svdppitt.org/</a><br/><a href="http://svdppitt.org/stores/store-locations-directions/">http://svdppitt.org/stores/store-locations-directions/</a><br/><br/>412-321-1071 (main number)<br/>or call local store</p> |
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### Additional Resources ...including clothing, food assistance, housing, financial and human services

*Thrift / secondhand stores can be a good option for low-cost clothing and household items.*

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| <p><b>Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS) Housing and Shelter</b></p> | <p><a href="http://www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Programs-Services/Basic-Needs/Housing-and-Homeless.aspx">www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Programs-Services/Basic-Needs/Housing-and-Homeless.aspx</a></p> |
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| <p>The PA Department of Human Services offers an <b>Emergency Shelter Allowance, ESA</b>, 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.<br/><br/><a href="http://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/Emergency-Shelter-Allowance.aspx">www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/Emergency-Shelter-Allowance.aspx</a></p> |
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| <p><b>Blessing Board</b><br/>Can provide donated household furnishings to those in need at no cost.<br/><br/>Also, on the first and third Saturday of every month, between the hours of 10 am and noon, they distribute home medical equipment through their Vintage Market. Equipment may include canes, walkers, wheelchairs, shower chairs, transfer benches, crutches, bed rails and incontinence supplies.</p> | <p>412-426-9107 (appointment coordinator)<br/><br/><a href="http://www.blessingboard.org/">www.blessingboard.org/</a></p> |
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| <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSei3DwxrST82R0hI250MfGpgdsEGPW99D1SThVKcdCg69JIEA/closedform">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSei3DwxrST82R0hI250MfGpgdsEGPW99D1SThVKcdCg69JIEA/closedform</a>  |   |
| <b>Off the Floor Pittsburgh</b><br>The blessing board is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization existing to provide donated household furnishings to those in need at no cost...  | <a href="http://offthefloorpgh.org/">http://offthefloorpgh.org/</a>   |
| <b>Genesis Center</b><br>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<br><br><a href="http://www.genesispgh.org/">www.genesispgh.org/</a>  |
| <b>The Self Determination Housing of PA</b><br>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 opportunities for individuals with disabilities throughout the Commonwealth. | <a href="http://www.sdhp.org/">www.sdhp.org/</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Housing Coordinator Program</li> <li>• PA Accessible Housing Program (PAHP)</li> <li>• Staff</li> <li>• SDHP Newsletters</li> <li>• SDHP Calendar</li> </ul> |
| <b>Food Assistance Options for Low-income Families</b><br><a href="http://www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Programs-Services/Basic-Needs/Food-Assistance.aspx">www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Programs-Services/Basic-Needs/Food-Assistance.aspx</a>   |   |
| <b>WIC</b> 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 <a href="http://www.achd.net/wic">www.achd.net/wic</a> |   |
| <b>Pet Food Resources / Pantry’s</b>   |   |

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[www.pghdogs.com/help-for-pet-owners/pet-food-pantries](http://www.pghdogs.com/help-for-pet-owners/pet-food-pantries)

**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](http://www.puc.pa.gov/Telecom/pdf/Lifeline/Lifeline_Brochure-StayConnected.pdf)
- **Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)** Formerly Emergency Broadband Benefit A benefit program that helps households afford internet service through a discount of up to \$30 per month. Eligible households can receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop,

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desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute between \$11 and \$50 toward the purchase price.

<https://www.fcc.gov/acp>

For questions about your eligibility or application status, call the ACP Support Center at (877) 384-2575 or email: [ACPSupport@usac.org](mailto:ACPSupport@usac.org).

Administrative Company (USAC) using an [online](#) or mail in application.

You can learn more about the benefit, including eligibility and enrollment information, by visiting [www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](http://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit), or by calling 833-511-0311

- **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/>

“**Habitat Pittsburgh** offers both homeownership opportunities and home repair services. [www.habitatpittsburgh.org/our-services](http://www.habitatpittsburgh.org/our-services)

ACTION-Housing <https://actionhousing.org/> Weatherization, MyPlace Youth Program, The MyPlace Youth Program, Mortgage Assistance Program, Affordable Home Repair, Housing Connector (assists adults who have disabilities to navigate through housing options in their community)