CAADC Selected as Top Workplace 2018

Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. was selected as one of “The Top Workplaces 2018” for the Philadelphia Region. This is the eighth year that CAADC has appeared on the list. CAADC was chosen by Philly.com based on their survey of current employees. The goal was to uncover the best employers in the Philadelphia region from the workers’ point of view. Over 36,000 employees were surveyed by Energage of Exton to compile this list. Employees completed an anonymous survey rating organizational health factors that measure how well employees are working toward a common cause. The employee survey covered seven areas including Alignment, Effectiveness, Connection, My Manager, Employee Engagement, Leader and The Basics.

CAADC was selected as a winner in the Small Companies category and was recognized in a special section on Philly.com. Edward T. Coleman, CEO of CAADC, stated “While our ultimate mission is to help low-income families reach self-sufficiency, we also strive to foster a work environment that is rewarding, uplifting, engaging and supportive. This award is gratifying to receive as we have succeeded with reaching the objective of being a top local place to work. It is great to see our employees acknowledge our efforts.” The full listing can be found at: www.philly.com/philly/business/workplaces.

Way to Go毗邻! 1414 Meetinghouse Rd. Boothwyn, PA 19061. You may also visit the CAADC County, Inc. and mail to Save Our Shelters (S.O.S.) Campaign, c/o CAADC, 1414 Meetinghouse Road, Boothwyn, PA 19061. You may also visit the CAADC website at www.caadc.org and click on the Donate button.

6th Annual Top Shelter Chef Contest Raises Over $13,000 for CAADC Shelters

The 6th Annual Top Shelter Chef Contest raised over $13,000 for Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. as part of our Save Our Shelters (S.O.S.) Campaign. This unique and fun event was held on April 28th at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Upper Darby. Four groups from the community that serve dinners to homeless individual through the Life Center Feeding Program provided samples to all attendees and voted to be named the Top Shelter Chef 2018.

The shelters that will benefit include the Wesley House, Family Management Center and the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County. The four contestants included Ahmaduya Muslim Community, Reformation Lutheran Church in Media, St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church and Temple Lutheran Church in Havertown. In a very close vote by the attendees, Temple Lutheran Church was declared the winner. The Top Shelter Chef Contest has now raised over $91,000 for the S.O.S. Campaign.

If you would like to support the homeless families and individuals in Delaware County, please make checks payable to Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. and mail to Save Our Shelters (S.O.S.) Campaign, c/o CAADC, 1414 Meetinghouse Road, Boothwyn, PA 19061. You may also visit the CAADC website at www.caadc.org and click on the Donate button.

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CAADC Moves to Boothwyn

This is an exciting time for Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. as it is consolidating many of its services in one location. CAADC’s Administrative Offices recently joined its Social Service Programs at 1414 Meetinghouse Road in Boothwyn, PA 19061. CAADC is creating a One Stop-Shop of available social services for low-income families in Delaware County.

CAADC renovated a former elementary school to create 36,000 square feet of office space. Renovations included installing a geothermal HVAC system to make the site more energy efficient. Services offered out of the location include rental assistance, utility assistance, transitional housing programs, youth programs, workforce development programs, free tax preparation, Veteran services and a variety of other assistance to help Delaware County families achieve self-sufficiency. In addition, CAADC serves as the county’s lead coordinated-entry agency for homeless services in Delaware County. The Agency also operates its Property Management Department for its 259 properties from this location. CAADC will soon be moving its Weatherization Program to the location as well.

CEO Edward T. Coleman stated, “We look forward to providing our critical services to families and senior citizens more efficiently and effectively with our recent move.”

Residents in need of assistance can call (610) 874-8451 to reach CAADC’s Social Service Programs. The Administrative Office can now be reached at (610) 833-4442. CAADC’s website is www.caadc.org.

Helping Hand Program

Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. (CAADC) has partnered with Aqua Pennsylvania (Aqua) for their Helping Hand program since 1995. Helping Hand is Aqua’s low-income assistance program designed to enable low-income customers to make manageable monthly payments on their water account.

Customers who make timely payments through Helping Hand receive a monthly credit to their accounts. The program also shows you how you can use less water with water conservation kits. The kit includes leak-detection tablets and tips on detecting and fixing leaks, low-flow shower heads and kitchen swivel aerators and more.

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Aqua uses the following requirements to determine eligibility:

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Recent Development Activity

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Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Completes 882 Returns

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$1,254,215 in Federal & State Refunds & Rebates

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- 906 State Tax Refunds
- 22 Taxpayers qualified for Education Credits for a total of $24,931
- 241 Taxpayers qualified for the Earned Income Tax Credit for a total of $401,008
- Over $132,300 saved in tax preparation fees (an average of $150 per return)
- 23 ITIN (Individual Taxpayer Identification Number) applications completed allowing undocumented workers to file a tax return
- 123 Rent/Property Tax Rebates prepared
- 32 Taxpayers qualified for the Child Tax Credit for a total of $48,909
- 30 volunteers donated 435 hours to the VITA program

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