MLK Day—”Hoops from the Heart” and County Council Delivers Donations to Wesley House Shelter

Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. (CAADC) participated in a variety of events commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. This year marked the 25th anniversary of the day of service that celebrates the Civil Rights leader’s life and legacy. Two of these events are detailed below.

19th Annual “Hoops from the Heart”

Basketball players from across the County raised funds and food donations for CAADC’s homeless shelters on MLK Day. The goal of “Hoops from the Heart” is to involve young athletes in a day of service to help Delaware County residents in need. Four basketball clinics were held at Cabrini University in Radnor, Haverford College in Haverford, Neumann University in Aston and Widener University in Chester. The men’s and women’s basketball teams at each school conducted the clinics which were open to local boys and girls. The event raised over $7,500 for CAADC’s homeless shelters. Participants were asked to bring non-perishable food items for clients residing in CAADC’s homeless shelters as well.

County Council Donates Toiletries to the Wesley House - Thousand of toiletry items were collected from County employees and residents for those in need. On MLK Day, County Council delivered these items to CAADC’s Wesley House Shelter. The Wesley House provides emergency housing to homeless families and single women. Council Chairman Brian Zidek, Vice Chair Dr. Monica Taylor, and Council Members Christine Reuther, Elaine Paul Schaefer and Kevin Madden were all on hand to help deliver the items along with Tim Boyce, Director of Emergency Services, and several Chester firefighters.

Did You Know?

CAADC maintains over 250 rental units providing safe, decent and affordable housing as well as three commercial properties.

On average CAADC secured employment for one person every working day of the year.

Our Safe & Healthy Homes Program has completed 218 assessments to reduce illness and injury incurred by home health hazards.

CAADC started a new program this year to assist Veterans that are having problems with their mortgage.

CAADC’s Housing Locator position helps families find decent available and affordable housing.

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How You Can Help

Please consider supporting CAADC by making a contribution through the United Way. Simply designate CAADC and include our number (#06194) on your United Way Donor Choice form for the United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey.

On behalf of those we serve, thank you for your support.
Community Action Agency of Delaware County Inc.

Holiday Toy Drive Update

WOW - 1,190 CHILDREN

Thank you!

CAADC was able to help 1,190 children during the holidays this year thanks to the residents, businesses, schools and faith-based groups of Delaware County. Edward T. Coleman, CAADC CEO stated, “The holidays are an incredible tough time for children in families with housing issues. However, so many people in Delaware County each year come together to make the holidays still special for them. We really thank you!”
New Housing Program Supports Families Affected by the Opioid Crisis

Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. (CAADC) has partnered with the Delaware County Office of Behavioral Health for the Finally Home Program. The Finally Home Program provides housing and support services for families and individuals in Delaware County affected by the opioid crisis. The opioid epidemic in the United States has widespread implications as federal data shows that 11.4 million people have misused prescription opioids and an average of 130 people die every day from opioid-related drug overdoses.

CAADC’s Finally Home Program provides assistance to those families affected so that they can once again have stable housing in the community. CAADC’s new project has already helped 11 families to secure stable and safe housing and assisted 5 clients with securing employment. Funding for this initiative is through the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services.

Recent Development Activity

CAADC has been fortunate to receive the following private contributions from the community during the last quarter:
- **M&T Bank** supported our Financial Literacy Programs with a grant of $7,500.
- **Bike and Build, Inc.** supported our Affordable Housing Initiatives with a donation of $500. The Life Center received a grant of $1,732 from Fox & Roach/Trident Charities.
- **Delaware County Medical Society Public Health Fund** provided a grant of $1,250 to support the agency.
- **St. Mark’s United Methodist Church’s Women’s Group** donated $400 to support the Wesley House and the Life Center.
- **The St. Alban’s Episcopal Church Thrift Shop** supported the Life Center with a donation of $500.

CAADC can be supported by designating Agency Code #06194 on United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey forms.

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Villanova University Supports the Wesley House

Thank You to the 19 students from Villanova University that volunteered at the Wesley House shelter doing yard work, mulching and weeding. Villanova University also provided a $2,000 donation which was used to purchase the mulch and students also provided bags of toiletries for the shelter residents.

Burlington Coat Factory Supports the Life Center

The Burlington Coat Factory on 69th Street in Upper Darby is donating coats to the Life Center each week. This generous donation will help to keep the residents warm and healthy during the winter.

*Picture: Gina Ruggieri, Life Center Shelter Director (right), picks up the coats from the store’s manager.*

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