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COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY OF DELAWARE COUNTY, INC.

Community Action NEWS

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CAADC's 42nd Annual Meeting

The Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. (CAADC) hosted the Agency's 42nd Annual Meeting on October 28th at the Ballrooms at Boothwyn.

The luncheon was hosted by the CAADC Board of Directors with many of our supporters attending the event. Staff presentations highlighted the Agency's accomplishments and successes from the past year.



Above - CAADC CEO Edward T. Coleman speaks at the event.

Right - CAADC Board of Directors



Please see Page 2 for a message from our Board President and Chief Executive Officer.

DID YOU KNOW?



Through the LIHEAP Crisis Heating Program CAADC helped 387 houses last year with heater repairs or replacement.



Our Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program has helped 419 Veteran families stabilize their housing situation.



CAADC will help hundreds of children with gifts during the holidays.



CAADC manages over 250 rental units providing safe and affordable housing options.



CAADC was able to provide over 450 households with shelter last year.

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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 interest and support.



Message from the Board President and Chief Executive Officer

From CAADC's 2021 Annual Report

As we recognize our Agency's 42nd year anniversary and reflect on the accomplishments and challenges of 2021, we would like to acknowledge the dedication and hard work exhibited by our staff during these challenging times.

We also sincerely appreciate Delaware County Council and the various County Departments as well as local municipalities, our State and Federal funders and other private sector partners that support our mission.

As our Board of Directors continues to assess community needs and determine what role CAADC should have in addressing those needs. We encourage new partners to join us in supporting the residents of Delaware County.

CAADC remains committed to our Mission of assisting County residents to move toward economic self-sufficiency and to strengthen the community through innovative approaches to programs including: housing, workforce development, energy conservation, social services and community and economic development. Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. strives to prudently but creatively utilize all available resources and to develop community collaborations to reach our goals.

John P. DiEnna, Jr., President Board of Directors

Edward T. Coleman, Chief Executive Officer

National Weatherization Month!

October was National Weatherization Month. Weatherization provides a cost-effective permanent solution for reducing the heavy energy burden on low-income Americans. As the cold weather approaches, most families across the country are turning up their thermostats to combat dropping temperatures. For low-income families, however, cranking up the heat is not always an option. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, these families pay 16.3% or more of their annual incomes for energy compared to 3.5% for others. However, Weatherization can help low-income families save an average of 20—30% per year. The Weatherization Program is available to help make low-income households more energy efficient.

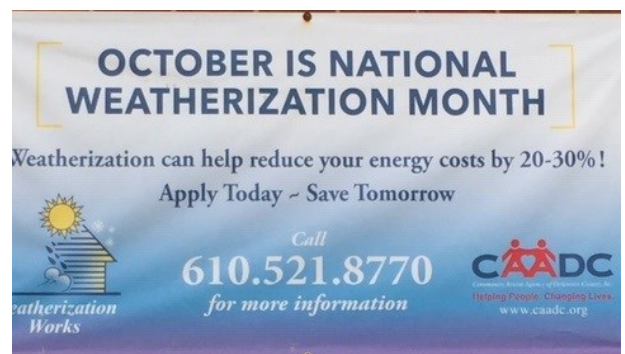
The Weatherization Assistance Program in Delaware County is administered by the Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. (CAADC). The program provides quality energy education and home conservation modifications. CAADC also provides Weatherization services in Lebanon, Chester, Montgomery and Lancaster Counties. All services are free of charge.

Funding for this program is provided by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development. Income guidelines do apply. To apply for the Weatherization Program or for additional information, residents can contact CAADC at (610) 521-8770.



Pictured Left: CAADC CEO Edward T. Coleman (left) with Tom Heckman, Weatherization Manager, at a Weatherization community outreach presentation.

Pictured Right: CAADC placed a banner outside our Boothwyn Office Building to celebrate National Weatherization Month.



CAADC Making Homes Safer with Lead Paint Hazard Control Program

Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. (CAADC) is now accepting applications for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program. In this program, qualifying families who have a child age 5 or under may qualify for new windows and other repairs to help remediate lead paint hazards.

Income eligibility guidelines do apply.

Household Size Maximum Income (Annual)

One Person	\$52,950
Two Persons	\$60,500
Three Person	\$68,050
Four Persons	\$75,600
Five Persons	\$81,650
Six Persons	\$87,700



Services can include a lead audit, replacing doors and windows, installing new drywall, replacing trim and moldings, educational resources and a final report. All of the services are free if the family is determined eligible.

Edward T. Coleman, CAADC's CEO, urges, "This program can make your home safer and keep your children healthy."

For more information or to receive an application call (610) 833-4442.

This program is funded by the Delaware County Office of Housing and Community Development and Lawrence County Community Action Partnership.

Help Us Help Hundreds of Children This Holiday Season

For many economically disadvantaged children, December 25th is just another day on the calendar. With many needy children in CAADC's emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities, the need for your help this year is greater than ever, especially during these difficult times due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. But you can help bring a smile to a child's face by taking a new, unwrapped toy or a gift card to our Boothwyn Office or by sponsoring a particular child/family.



How You Can Help

If you would like to "adopt" a child or make a donation, please contact Danita Miller at 610.874.8451 or by email DMiller@caadc.org.

Donations can be dropped off at our Boothwyn Office
1414 Meetinghouse
Boothwyn, PA 19061

Please Call First Before Arriving!!!

Recent Development Activity

CAADC has been fortunate to receive the following private contributions from the community during the last quarter: CAADC received \$995 from **America's Charities** for Agency support. **WSFS Bank** provided a grant of \$3,500 to support our efforts to help families reach self-sufficiency. CAADC received a grant of \$7,500 from the **M&T Charitable Foundation** to support our financial literacy and free tax preparation services initiatives. The **United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey** provided a grant of \$30,000 for our Rental Assistance program. CAADC would like to thank **County Savings Bank** for a donation of \$3,000 and **Iron Workers Bank** for a donation of \$2,400 annually to support the Agency's programs. CAADC can be supported by designating Agency Code #06194 on the **UW of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey** forms.



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Volunteers Needed for Tax Assistance Program

Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. (CAADC) will once again be providing Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites in Delaware County. VITA sites aim to serve families who qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit with free tax preparation.

This will be another challenging tax season due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. CAADC is preparing for this by planning to do in-person and drop-off tax preparation to help keep the community and staff safe. CAADC will also utilize PPE equipment at all of its sites as well.



CAADC needs many volunteers as during these difficult times we are looking to help families more than ever. Due to the Pandemic, CAADC expects that it will be one of only a few organizations that continues to provide this necessary assistance.

Positions include tax preparers, volunteer schedulers, screeners, greeters and quality reviewers. No experience is necessary as training, IRS-certification and resources will be provided.

If you are interested in helping or want to learn more please contact CAADC at (484) 583-5260 or krobinson@caadc.org.

Service Profile July 1 - Sept. 30, 2021

Program	Number Served
Utility Assistance Programs	13
Weatherization	52
Helping Hand Program	35
Rental Assistance	34
Transitional/Rapid Re-Housing	62
Temporary Emergency Shelter	100
Emergency Shelter	94
Housing Locator	26
Permanent Rental Housing	259
Life Center Meal Program	2,760
Workforce Development	32
Clinical Medical Assistance Program	15
Finally Home Program	11
Employment Bound	3
Play Group Participants	57
After School Program	8
Recreational Therapy Assessments	23
Transportation	104
Information & Referral	6,040
Food Stamp Participation Project	122
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance	308
Veterans Housing Program	43
Total Units of Service	10,201