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COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY OF DELAWARE COUNTY, INC.

# Community Action NEWS

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## CAADC Hosts Legislative Representatives

Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. (CAADC) hosted representatives from the United States Congress, Pennsylvania Senate and House of Representatives and Delaware County Council on December 17th at the Springfield Country Club. The goal of the event was to provide attendees with information on the programs and services offered by CAADC for low- and moderate- income families so that they can better link their constituents that are in need of assistance.

In addition, CAADC and the attendees discussed ways that the Agency can partner with the legislative offices in the future to better serve vulnerable residents.

Staff from 11 of the County's 15 State Senate and House of Representatives offices attended the event.



## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS



Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. is seeking volunteers for its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites.

VITA provides free tax preparation services for low-income Delaware County residents including those eligible for Child Tax Credits and Earned Income Tax Credits.

Hours are Flexible: Daytime, Evening and Weekends.

IRS Training is provided.

Sites are located in Upper Darby, Darby, Media, Chester and Boothwyn.

To Volunteer or for more information: Eileen Kemske (484) 383-8126

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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.





## Holiday Toy Drive Update

HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN  
PROVIDED WITH GIFTS

# THANK YOU!

This was another challenging year due to the Pandemic. However, the community and staff came through once again to make sure the holidays was still a special time for the children. Please see some examples of the groups and businesses that helped.



The Coffee Shop -  
Boothwyn and Morton



RE/MAX HOMETOWN -  
John McFadden



County Savings Bank



Riviera at Concord



Delaware Valley Children's Charity



Boeing Aerospace



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church



## MLK Day Food Drive

A no-contact food drive was held the morning of Monday, January 17th, 2022 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Haverford Township teamed up with the Haverford Education Foundation to collect items at the Haverford Middle School. A portion of the items collected were donated to CAADC.

A big Thank You to Haverford Township and all those who volunteered for this event.



Pictured Above: Crozer Health made a generous donation of \$2,500 to the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County. The Life Center provides homeless adults with safe, decent and healthy housing.

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## Recent Development Activity

CAADC has been fortunate to receive the following private contributions from the community during the last quarter:

CAADC received \$1,000 from **Villanova University** for our shelter playgrounds. **Marple Presbyterian Church** donated \$500 to the Agency. **PECO** supported our utility programs with a donation of \$1,555. **Delaware County Medical Society** provided a grant of \$1,250. **The W.W. Smith Charitable Trust** provided a grant of \$10,000 to support our clients with furniture assistance. **The Magnolia Fund** supported the Agency with a donation of \$2,500. **Reformation Lutheran Church** in Media donated \$750. **Congregation Ohev Shalom** supported the After School Program with a donation of \$595. Wesley House Shelter received a donation of \$915 from the **Black Alumni Chapter of West Chester University**. **Crozer Health** supported the Life Center with a donation of \$2,500.



Pictured Above: The Black Alumni Chapter of West Chester University presented a donation of \$915 as well as gift cards and personal care items to the Wesley House Shelter and its residents

## Weatherization CRISIS Report Mid-Winter Update

CAADC administers the LIHEAP Crisis Program in Delaware County as well as Chester, Montgomery, Lebanon and Lancaster Counties.

The Crisis Program assists households that need to repair their heater or have it replaced. See below for a mid-winter update:

### Number of Repairs Completed

220 Repairs

### Number of Heaters Replaced

46 Heaters

### Number of Heaters Cleaned and Tuned

70 Heaters

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Tax Preparation locations are in  
Boothwyn, Chester, Darby, Media and Upper Darby

### **Service Profile Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, 2021**

Program	Number Served
Utility Assistance Programs	3
Weatherization	45
Helping Hand Program	70
Rental Assistance	51
Transitional/Rapid Re-Housing	79
Temporary Emergency Shelter	50
Emergency Shelter	97
Housing Locator	29
Permanent Rental Housing	260
Life Center Meal Program	2,882
Workforce Development	47
Clinical Medical Assistance Program	15
Finally Home Program	16
Play Group Participants	111
After School Program	7
Recreational Therapy Assessments	30
Transportation	121
Information & Referral	7,176
Food Stamp Participation Project	133
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance	308
Veterans Housing Program	30

**Total Units of Service 11,560**