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COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY OF DELAWARE COUNTY, INC.

Community Action NEWS

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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.

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.

CAADC held a special event at its Boothwyn Office on October 28th to commemorate the recognition of National Weatherization Month. CAADC invited the community and local dignitaries to learn more about this vital program.



Pictured Standing (Left to Right): Edward Coleman, CAADC CEO, speaks with U.S. Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon and Delaware County Councilwoman Christine R. Reuther.

DID YOU KNOW?



There are more than 1,000 Community Action Agencies across the Country.



Our Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program has helped 446 Veteran families stabilize their housing situation.



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



Transportation Assistance is provided to over 400 households annually helping them secure housing and jobs.



CAADC speaks to various groups throughout the year educating them on poverty and how to help.

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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.



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 economic times. 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 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!!!

CAADC Opens New Office in Upper Darby!

Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. (CAADC) has opened an additional Direct Service Office in Upper Darby. CAADC felt there was a need to provide a readily accessible service site in eastern Delaware County due to all the low- and moderate-income households that have suffered negative economic impacts from the COVID-19 Pandemic. Services provided will include referrals to County shelters and temporary emergency shelter as well as rental, utility and food assistance.

A grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony occurred on Wednesday September 14th. Funding for the site is a COVID-19 ARPA Pandemic Response Grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

Office Location and Hours

7408 West Chester Pike

Upper Darby, PA 19082

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Residents seeking assistance can
call 215-382-6753.

*Pictured: State Senator
Tim Kearney (far left)
officially opens the office
with CAADC CEO
Edward T. Coleman,
CAADC Board Members
and other attendees.*



Program Spotlight: SNAP/Food Stamp Outreach Project

There are many families in Delaware County that cannot afford to sufficiently provide a healthy and nutritious diet for their children. There are also many seniors that cannot make ends meet anymore during difficult financial times and need some extra help.

Residents may be eligible for Food Stamps, also now known as Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP). CAADC helps these families through the SNAP/Food Stamp Outreach Project. Last year the Project helped over 500 families register for assistance. Over the years it has helped over 10,000 households to receive assistance.

The Project is an outreach program to assist low-income individuals and families in understanding and applying for participation in the SNAP/Food Stamp Program. Eligible applicants no longer need to apply at the County Assistance Office but can do so directly through our Program.

For a confidential screening to find out if you qualify, please call Marie Pearson at (610) 874-8451.



County Savings Bank distributed 77 new backpacks filled with supplies for children from our shelters and transitional housing programs. Pictured are Mark Schreiber, President, and Vonnice Kearney, Executive Assistant, from County Savings Bank. Mr. Schreiber is also the Vice President of the Board of Directors for Community Action Agency of Delaware County.

Recent Development Activity

CAADC has been fortunate to receive the following private contributions from the community during the last quarter: CAADC would like to thank **County Savings Bank** (\$3,000) and **Iron Workers Bank** (\$2,400) for annually supporting the Agency's programs. **National Energy Controls Corporation** donated \$600 to the Wesley House Shelter. **Congregation Ohev Shalom** supported the Recreational Therapy Program with a donation of \$2,000. **M&T Bank Charitable Foundation** supported our Financial Literacy Programs with a grant of \$7,500.

CAADC received a grant of \$37,500 from the **United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey** for our Rental and Utility Programs. **Centric Business Systems** supported the Agency with a donation of \$1,000.

Drexel Hill United Methodist Church donated \$770 to the Life Center. **Elsevier/RELX** supported the Agency with a donation of \$3,975. CAADC can also be supported by designating Agency Code #06194 on **United Way 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.

CAADC will be doing in-person preparation at a variety of sites in Delaware County.

CAADC will also utilize PPE equipment as necessary at all of its sites.

CAADC needs many volunteers as during these difficult times we are looking to help families more than ever. Last year CAADC was able to help almost 1,000 households and expects to exceed that number this year. After the Pandemic, CAADC is one of the few organizations that continue 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 (610) 833-4442 or info@caadc.org.



Service Profile July 1 - Sept. 30, 2022

Program	Number Served
Utility Assistance Programs	32
Weatherization	73
Helping Hand Program	65
Rental Assistance	34
Transitional/Rapid Re-Housing	52
Temporary Emergency Shelter	77
Emergency Shelter	97
Housing Locator	24
Permanent Rental Housing	255
Life Center Meal Program	2,944
Workforce Development	29
Clinical Medical Assistance Program	15
Finally Home Program	29
Play Group Participants	59
Recreational Therapy Assessments	22
After School Program	14
Transportation	118
Information and Referral	9,660
Food Stamps/SNAP Outreach Project	84
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance	860
Veterans Housing Program	31

Total Units of Service **14,574**