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COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY OF DELAWARE COUNTY, INC.

# Community Action NEWS

John P. DiEnna, Jr., President — Edward T. Coleman, Chief Executive Officer

## MAJOR RENOVATIONS COMING TO AGENCY'S FAMILY SHELTERS

Over the next year, Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. (CAADC) will begin major renovation projects for its two shelters serving homeless families in Delaware County. Renovations will be made possible through two grants that were submitted on our behalf by the Delaware County Industrial Development Authority for Local Share Account Funding (Gaming Funds) through the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). The Wesley House Homeless Shelter will receive a grant of \$800,000. The Family Management Center will receive a grant of \$500,000. Both shelters are a vital part of the County's Continuum of Care for homeless residents. These projects will provide capital improvements that will allow the shelters to remain operational and increase the safety, accessibility and efficiency of the shelter facilities.

Edward T. Coleman, Chief Executive Officer of CAADC, stated "We truly appreciate the Delaware County Industrial Development Authority, its Board, the Delaware County Office of Housing and Community Development and Delaware County Council for their support. These renovations will allow us to continue to provide safe and healthy emergency housing to our most vulnerable residents."



The Wesley House Homeless Shelter (left) serves homeless families and single women.

The Family Management Center (right) serves families involved with Children and Youth Services.



## DID YOU KNOW?



CAADC operates 25 different programs aimed at increasing self-sufficiency for Delaware County families.



CAADC has established over 200 partnerships in the community with local governments, corporations, social service agencies, schools, etc.



Our Board of Directors is equally represented by the public, private and client sectors.



Community Action Agencies were created by the 1964 Economic Opportunity Act to fight poverty.



Our Lead Hazard Abatement Program has made over 100 homes safer.

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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. Has Many Employment Opportunities

### **“CAADC is a Great Place to Work!”**

While the ultimate mission of Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. is to help low-income families reach self-sufficiency, we also strive to foster a work environment that is rewarding, uplifting, engaging and supportive. For eight years CAADC was selected as one of “The Top Workplaces” for the Philadelphia Region by Philly.com based on their survey of current employees.

**Join our team of passionate, talented people who want to make an impact on lives!**

CAADC currently has the following positions open:

Case Manager Generalists (FT and PT)	Rapid Re-Housing Case Managers (FT)
Rapid Re-Housing Lead Case Manager (FT)	Housing Locator (FT)
Senior Maintenance Coordinator (FT)	Property Manager (FT)
Maintenance Mechanic (FT)	House Monitors (PT)
LSW Counselors (FT)	Housing Stability Case Manager (FT)
Paralegal (FT)	Work Ready Case Manager (FT)
Work Ready Employment Developer (FT)	Peer Support (FT)
Shelter Administrator (FT)	Mental Health Case Manager (FT)

**Please contact our helpful Human Resources Department  
if you are interested or have questions!**

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## Recent Development Activity

CAADC has been fortunate to receive the following private contributions from the community during the last quarter: **Overbrook Presbyterian Church** donated \$1,200 to the Life Center.

CAADC received \$1,600 from the **Walmart Community Grant Program** to support our homeless services. **Villanova University** donated \$800 for upkeep for our shelter playgrounds.

**Caesars/Harrah's Chester** provided \$868 to support the Agency. The **Give Lively Foundation, Inc.** donated \$500 to support CAADC. **The Foundation for Delaware County** provided a grant of \$5,000 for our Food Assistance Programs. **WSFS Bank** donated \$20,000 to improve the Boothwyn Office as a one-stop-shop for services and for safety upgrades.

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

# Free Tax Assistance Provided Countywide to Low-Income Families

For the 17th straight year, Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. (CAADC) provided Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites. CAADC has now provided free tax assistance to low-income households over 12,000 times during that span. CAADC was once again fortunate to be able to partner with the Internal Revenue Service for our VITA sites. The VITA sites aim to serve families who qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC) with free tax preparation services. This year CAADC provided sites in Chester, Boothwyn, Darby and Upper Darby.

## THANK YOU TO OUR DEDICATED AND AMAZING VOLUNTEERS THAT MADE THE PROGRAM POSSIBLE!!!

In 2023, CAADC had the following results:

Returns Prepared: 1,017

Earned Income Tax Credits: 937      Amount of EITC: \$357,797

Child Tax Credits: 111      Amount of CTC: \$130,485

Total Amount of Refunds: \$1,184,622

Total Volunteer Hours: 1,780 Hours



Pictured (above): Pennsylvania State Representative Carol Kazeem's office donated Girl Scout Cookies to the Wesley House Shelter.



Pictured (above): The Second Baptist Church of Media donated food to support the homeless families at the Wesley House Shelter.



Pictured (left): Generations Barber School in Upper Darby came out to the Life Center to provide haircuts and beard trimmings. Owner Tyson Combs has extended the free haircuts to any Life Center clients that come into his shop.

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## In May We Celebrate National Community Action Month

Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. is proud to provide low-income Delaware County residents with assistance to move toward self-sufficiency and economic stability. During May we celebrate National Community Action Month. This is a chance to promote Community Action programs and services that help families succeed.

CAADC is proud to join over 1,000 Community Action Agencies nationwide celebrating our efforts for our local neighbors. Community Action Agencies have been supporting their local communities for over 58 years changing people's lives, embodying the spirit of hope, improving communities and making America a better place to live.



Edward T. Coleman, CAADC CEO, stated "We look forward to continuing to be there for our most vulnerable residents including low-income families, the homeless, senior citizens, and Veterans.

### Service Profile January 1 - March 31, 2023

Program	Number Served
Utility Assistance Programs	2
Helping Hand Program	48
Weatherization	41
Crisis Program	114
Rental Assistance Program	77
Rapid Re-Housing Program	51
Finally Home Program	29
Veterans Housing Program	41
Housing Navigator	24
Temporary Emergency Shelter	67
Emergency Shelter Program	96
Permanent Rental Housing	243
Lead Hazard Control/Abatement Project	1
Coordinated Entry Program	639
Information and Referral	8,766
Community Based Care Management	15
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance	735
Transportation Assistance	85
Life Center Meal Program	2,880
Food Support	1,165
SNAP Outreach Project	107
Workforce Ready Program	118
Clinical Medical Assistance Program	15
After School/Summer Extension	13
Recreational Therapy Assessments	25
<b>Total Units of Service</b>	<b>15,397</b>