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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

For the 18th Year in a Row CAADC Provides Free Tax Assistance

Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. will again be providing free tax assistance to eligible Delaware County residents through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites. VITA sites aim to serve families that qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit. CAADC has provided free tax assistance for the last 18 years including helping 952 households last year. All volunteer preparers complete an IRS certification. CAADC will be providing assistance in Boothwyn, Darby, Chester and Upper Darby through mid-April.

CAADC received a grant from the **Delaware County Interactive Gaming Revenue Authority** and **Delaware County Council** to support the VITA sites. Thank You for your Support!

FREE TAX PREPARATION AVAILABLE NOW!

Money doesn't grow on trees...
So stop paying tax preparation fees!



Assistance is provided by
Appointment Only!
Call (610) 833-4443 to make an appointment!
Times and Days vary by location.



VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

Recently Edward T. Coleman, CAADC Chief Executive Officer, hosted our VITA Volunteers for a kick-off event (pictured left).

Additional Volunteers are still needed.

If you are interested please e-mail:

wfoth@caadc.org.

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Rose Tree Elementary



Boeing



Trinity Lutheran Church - Wallingford



St. Paul's Episcopal Church



Little Smiles Philadelphia

Community Action Agency of Delaware County Inc.

Holiday Toy Drive Update

HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN
PROVIDED WITH GIFTS

THANK YOU!

Thanks to our many community partners and supporters, CAADC was once again able to make sure the holidays were a special time for children in our shelters and housing programs. Please see some examples of the groups and businesses that helped.



YMCA Lansdowne



Benepath, Inc.



Every Child Counts, Inc.

CAADC is a Great Place to Work!

Consider joining our team of passionate, talented people who want to make an impact on lives! CAADC currently has the following openings:

Social Worker (MSW) Job Developer

Healthcare Navigator (Veterans)

Stability Case Manager (Veterans)

Front Desk Receptionist Case Manager

Intake Specialist (Weatherization)

Please contact our Human Resources Department if interested or with questions!

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Sheilletta Corporal, Wesley House Director, was recently honored for 35 Years of Service!

AMAZING YOUTH

Isebell Hyde made and sold crafts to raise money for the Life Center. She raised \$140!!! Isebell is a student at St. Anastasia School in Newtown Square. She also helped St. Anastasia Roman Catholic Church to collect 74 turkeys for the shelter and other homeless families at Thanksgiving.

Thank You Isebell!!!



SHELTER STAFF COMPLETE CPR TRAINING

The staff of the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County recently completed CPR/First Aid Certifications. Staff are now prepared to help residents at the homeless shelter should an emergency arise.



Recent Development Activity

CAADC has been fortunate to receive the following private contributions from the community during the last quarter: **Quest for the Best** supported the Wesley House Shelter with a donation of \$1,000. The **Justamere Foundation** supported our After School Program with a grant of \$50,000. **Delaware County Medical Society Public Health Fund** donated \$1,250 to the Agency for our support of low-income families. **Charities Aid Foundation of America** donated \$437 to CAADC. The **Delaware County Interactive Gaming Revenue Authority** provided a grant of \$25,228 for our tax assistance sites. The **City of Chester Giving Circle** provided donations of \$9,000 for Rental Assistance and \$3,000 for the Wesley House Shelter. **Congregation Ohev Shalom** supported shelter children with a donation of \$1,050. **Boeing Employees/Match** donated \$2,506 to CAADC.

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Shelter Children Supported on MLK, Jr. Day

The Congregants of Congregation Ohev Shalom in Wallingford came together on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to support children in CAADC's shelters as part of a Day of Service. Congregants volunteered their time to put together Cozy Kits for Kids that are staying at the Wesley House Shelter and the Family Management Center. The kits included gloves, socks, hats, toothbrush/toothpaste and coloring books/crayons.

They were amazingly able to put together 67 Cozy Kits!!!

Edward T. Coleman, Chief Executive Officer of CAADC, stated "Congregation Ohev Shalom is an incredible caring Synagogue that supports its community in so many ways. We really appreciate all of your efforts on behalf of our shelter residents."



Service Profile Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, 2023

Program	Number Served
Utility Assistance Programs	26
Helping Hand Program	53
Weatherization	46
Crisis Program	18
Rental Assistance Program	147
Rapid Re-Housing Program	35
Finally Home Program	32
Veterans Housing Program	56
Housing Navigator	38
Homeless Shelter Programs	87
Temporary Emergency Shelter	59
Permanent Rental Housing	254
Lead Hazard Control/Abatement	1
Coordinated Entry Program	609
Information and Referral	7,244
Community Based Care Management	16
Transportation	115
Life Center Meal Program	3,066
Food Support	2,311
Food Stamp/SNAP Outreach Project	61
Work Ready Program	87
Clinical Medical Assistance Program	20
After School/Summer Extension	19
Recreational Therapy Assessments	21
Total Units of Service	14,421