



# Community Action NEWS

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## Thank You to the Delaware County Community For All of Your Support



Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. (CAADC) appreciates all of the support we receive from the community in Delaware County throughout the year. This includes support we receive from residents, local governments, faith-based groups, schools, businesses, etc.

This is never more true than during the holidays. Support from the community is incredible and helps to make the holidays special for families going through tough times. Please see Page 2 for amazing examples.

We wish we could list every person, group, school, church and/or business that helped our Agency but that would make this newsletter too big to mail. Just please know that we truly appreciate everyone that supports CAADC and our clients; and that your efforts contribute to us being able to help thousands of residents each year. We could not do it without you!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

*CAADC Board of Directors*

*CEO Edward T. Coleman and Staff*

### CAADC Hosts Youth Event

CAADC hosted a successful event for youth who are interested in home energy professional occupations. CAADC partnered with the Clean Energy Center of the Pennsylvania College of Technology (a Penn State affiliate) to make a presentation to students from the Chester County Technical High School. CAADC provides the Weatherization Assistance Program in 5 counties including Delaware County, Lancaster County, Lebanon County, Chester County and Montgomery County. The Clean Energy Center helps to train people for occupations to help reduce the energy burden in local communities. The Chester County Technical High School is a public school specializing in career and technical education for students in grades 10-12.

On Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 30 students from the Technical High School attended the event at CAADC's Boothwyn Office as part of Penn College's Next Door Program. The Next Door Program is Penn College's specialized workforce development initiative designed to integrate high-level energy efficiency training into existing Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. The event included a presentation on the Weatherization Assistance Program and related home energy professional occupations. In addition, there were lab walk-throughs where the students learned more about the real world processes and were able to speak with actual professionals from the field.

Overall, the youth were very engaged and hopefully this event leads to successful careers for some of the participating youth.



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# Holiday Toy Drive Update

OVER 450 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 examples of how the community helped make it happen!



Pennsylvania Department of Corrections



Unitarian Universalist Church in Media



Middletown Township



County Savings Bank



Worrall Elementary



Bountiful Blessings Foundation



Upper Chichester Democratic Committee



Coffee Station - Morton



Boeing



Haley Purdy



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Lansdowne YMCA



Charles Holt

# Community Action Agency has Many Employment Opportunities

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

CAADC currently has the following positions open:

Case Manager Generalist	Housing Locator (Veterans)
Case Manager (Veterans)	Case Manager (RRH)
Social Service Director	Case Manager (Work Ready)
Support Service Aid (FMC Shelter)	Case Manager (FMC Shelter)
Shelter Recreational Aid (FMC)	House Monitor (Life Center)
Administrative Assist. (Life Center)	Maintenance Mechanic II

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

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The Propell Kids Foundation supported the Wesley House Shelter with a grant through its Hope for Children Fund (in collaboration with The Community's Foundation).

The generous \$3,000 grant will be used to provide client supplies to the homeless families at the Wesley House Shelter.

*Picture: Sheilletta Corporal, Shelter Director, accepts the check from Ryan Conte from the Propell Credit Union.*

## Recent Development Activity

CAADC has been fortunate to receive the following private contributions from the community during the last quarter: CAADC received \$500 from **Marple Presbyterian Church** for Agency support. We received \$1,434 from **SCI Chester/PA Department of Corrections** from their candy fundraiser. **The Foundation for Delaware County and The Community's Foundation** provided a grant of \$5,000 from their Rapid Response Fund. **The W.W. Smith Charitable Trust** provided a grant of \$20,000 for Furniture Assistance. **Vanguard Charitable** supported the Agency with a \$5,000 donation. **The Bank of Princeton** supported the Agency with a \$1,500 donation. CAADC received \$1,000 from both the **Ripper Fund** and the **CBR Fund** for the Wesley House Shelter. **The John J. and Ruth K. Kramer Charitable Trust** supported the Wesley House Shelter with a \$2,000 grant. CAADC received \$3,500 from **WSFS Bank** for Agency support. CAADC received a \$2,000 grant from the **Delaware County Medical Society Public Health Fund** for Agency support. CAADC received a donation of \$700 from the **First Presbyterian Church of Springfield** for the Life Center. **The Delco Greater Good Fund** donated \$500 to the Agency.

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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. The VITA program, *powered by Volunteers*, aims to serve families that qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit. CAADC has provided free tax assistance for the last 20 years including helping over 1,100 households last year. All volunteer preparers complete an IRS certification. CAADC will be providing assistance in Boothwyn, Darby, and Chester through mid-April.

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



**Service Profile  
Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, 2025**

Program	Number Served
Utility Assistance Programs	14
Helping Hand Program	15
Weatherization	59
Crisis Program	0
Rental Assistance Program	33
Rapid Re-Housing Program	61
Finally Home Program	15
Veterans Housing Program	88
Housing Navigator	19
Homeless Shelter Programs	135
Permanent Rental Housing	254
Lead Hazard Control/Abatement	0
Coordinated Entry Program	515
Information and Referral	4,043
Community Based Care Management	30
Life Skills and Financial Education	25
Transportation	109
Life Center Meal Program	3,700
Food Support	1,575
Food Stamp/SNAP Outreach Project	69
Work Ready Program	63
Clinical Medical Assistance Program	20
<b>Total Units of Service</b>	<b>10,842</b>