

LIFE CENTER OF EASTERN DELAWARE COUNTY SURPASSES 30 YEARS!!!

The Life Center of Eastern Delaware County has now been helping homeless individuals from Delaware County for over 30 years. The Life Center was established to address the issue of homeless individuals living at the 69th Street Terminal and on the streets. The shelter, located in Upper Darby, provides assistance to single men and women including 6 beds for physically disabled individuals. It opened at the end of 1995 and was fully operational in 1996. The Life Center is a vital part of the Continuum of Care for Delaware County helping over 200 persons annually. Not only does it provide safe and decent housing, residents are also provided with intensive case management and additional support services leading to stable housing and independent living.

A hallmark of the Life Center from the start has been its Daily Meal Program. The Life Center partners with the Community Outreach Project to provide a hot and nutritious dinner each night. The Community Outreach Project is a completely volunteer effort that is unique in that it includes churches, synagogues, mosques and community groups. Over the years this amazing effort has served **over 2 million meals**.

Pictured are the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County (right) and its kitchen (below) that has fed so many hungry Delaware County residents.



DID YOU KNOW?



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



Our Supportive Services for Veteran Families program has helped over 600 families to stabilize their housing situations.



Our Workplace Safety Committee helps keep our staff and clients safe.



Community Action Agencies provide service in 99% of the Counties in the United States.

2029

In 2029 CAADC will celebrate 50 years helping the community.

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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

Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. Has Many Employment Opportunities

“CAADC is a Great Place to Work!”

**Join our team of passionate, talented people
who want to make a real impact on the lives of others!**

CAADC currently has the following positions open:

Case Manager - Generalist (FT)

Case Manager - Veterans Program (FT)

Employment Consultant - Work Ready (FT)

Case Manager - Work Ready (FT)

Shelter Case Manager - FMC (FT)

Housing Monitor - Life Center (PT)

Recreational Aide - FMC (PT)

Maintenance Mechanic II (FT - two openings)

Please contact our 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: CAADC received \$3,400 from the **MLK Day Hoops from the Heart Event** for Agency Support. The **Springfield Ministerium** donated \$500 to support the Life Center Shelter. The **Marshall Reynolds Foundation** provided a grant of \$20,000 to provide furniture assistance for homeless clients establishing stable housing. CAADC received \$2,000 from **Vanguard Charitable** to support our programs helping low-income families. **Overbrook Presbyterian Church** donated \$500 for the Life Center Shelter. **WSFS Bank** made a contribution of \$25,000 as part of the Neighborhood Assistance Program. **Swarthmore Friends Meeting** donated \$400 for client supplies at the Life Center Shelter. CAADC received \$900 from **Swarthmore Presbyterian Church** to support the Agency. The **First Presbyterian Church of Springfield** donated \$395 for the Life Center Shelter.

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



The Zakat Foundation partnered with the Life Center to distribute hygiene packages to the community including to the shelter residents.



SAP America Inc. in Newtown Square set up collection boxes for the Life Center Shelter for items such as bedding, personal hygiene products, etc.



Murphy Asbury AME Church provided each resident at the Wesley House Shelter with a bag of food, toiletries, paper towels and tissues.

NEARLY 1,200 RESIDENTS PROVIDED WITH FREE TAX ASSISTANCE

For the 20th consecutive year, Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. (CAADC) provided Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) throughout the community. CAADC was able to assist 1,179 households this year. CAADC has now provided free tax assistance for over 16,000 tax returns since 2007. The program's success is credited to the amazing 44 volunteers that came faithfully to help their neighbors. All services were provided by IRS-certified volunteers. The VITA sites also focus on serving families who qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC) with free tax preparation services.

This project is funded by a grant from the Internal Revenue Service.

In 2026, CAADC had the following results:

Returns Prepared: 1,179

Earned Income Tax Credits: 182 Amount of EITC: \$323,822

Child Tax Credits: 99 Amount of CTC: \$137,142

Total Amount of Refunds: \$1,310,840

Total # of Volunteers: 44



Pictured are City of Chester Mayor Stefan Roots, also a CAADC Board Member, along with CAADC CEO Edward T. Coleman and many of our VITA Volunteers and Agency staff. They are attending the Volunteer Recognition Lunch held at the end of the tax season.

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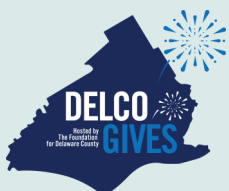
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May 6th 7:00 p.m.—May 7th 7:00 p.m.
 (donations accepted on-line until May 13th)

Delco Gives Day is a local effort to encourage giving to Delaware County non-profits.

Please remember to donate to CAADC!!!

<https://www.delcogives.org/organizations/community-action-agency-of-delaware-county-inc>



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May is National Community Action Month!!!

During May, Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. (CAADC) celebrates National Community Action Month.

CAADC is proud to provide economically disadvantaged Delaware County residents with assistance to move towards self-sufficiency and economic stability. Community Action Agency programs and services help families to succeed.



The Promise of Community Action

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live.

CAADC is proud to join over 1,000 Community Action Agencies nationwide celebrating our efforts to assist our local neighbors. Community Action Agencies have been supporting their local communities for 60 years. Last year CAADC locally helped over 8,000 residents with assistance while nationally Community Action Agencies helped over 15 million Americans.

Service Profile January 1 - March 31, 2026

Program	Number Served
Utility Assistance Programs	0
Helping Hand Program	14
Weatherization	37
Crisis Program	214
Rental Assistance Program	77
Rapid Re-Housing Program	50
Finally Home Program	12
Veterans Housing Program	115
Housing Navigator	0
Emergency Shelter Program	127
Permanent Rental Housing	254
Lead Hazard Control/Abatement Project	1
Coordinated Entry Program	610
Information and Referral	4,323
Community Based Care Management	26
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance	1,179
Life Skills/Financial Training	0
Transportation Assistance	106
Life Center Meal Program	4,500
Food Support	1,142
SNAP Outreach Project	73
Workforce Ready Program	57
Clinical Medical Assistance Program	20
Total Units of Service	12,937