



Community Action NEWS

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CAADC's Weatherization Program Expands its Regional Footprint

Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. (CAADC) has been providing the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) in **Delaware County** for over twenty (20) years. Weatherization provides a cost-effective permanent solution for reducing the heavy energy burden on low-income Americans while also ensuring their health and safety. Energy audits are conducted to assess conditions in homes and to identify the most cost-effective energy saving measures to be installed. Through Weatherization improvements and upgrades, families save an average of 18% to 30% in heating costs annually.

Over the last few years, due to our program's success at providing effective and efficient services, CAADC has expanded into additional counties including **Lebanon, Chester, Montgomery and Lancaster Counties**.

CAADC is expanding into two additional Pennsylvania Counties. CAADC now provides services in **Cumberland and Dauphin Counties** as well.

Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. is proud to extend its reach regionally in the State to serve more eligible Pennsylvania residents.

Funding for this program is provided through the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

DID YOU KNOW?



Last year CAADC received over 20,000 requests for information and referral from County residents.



Transportation Assistance is provided to hundreds of residents annually helping them with attending trainings, job search, housing search, making medical appointments and getting to work.



The Community Action network nationally serves 15.3 million people annually.



CAADC provides food assistance through a variety of programs.



CAADC has a Facebook Page that shares information about our programs, events and success stories.

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Delaware, Chester, Lancaster,
Lebanon, Montgomery,
Dauphin, Cumberland
& Philadelphia Counties*

VSP Eyes of Hope Supports the Life Center and the Local community

VSP Eyes of Hope held an amazing event at the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County. The Life Center provides shelter to homeless individuals from Delaware County. On June 4th and 5th, VSP Eyes of Hope came to the Life Center and offered free eye exams and free eyeglasses to our shelter clients and to the community. This is part of VSP Vision's effort to support increased access to vision care for adults and children in need. They examined 120 people over the two days. We are extremely grateful for providing this caring service to our community.

Pictured are the VSP Eyes of Hope Team along with Life Center of Eastern Delaware County staff.



Church Donates to the Wesley House Shelter

The First Pentecostal Holy Church, located in Chester, donated household items for the residents of the Wesley House Shelter. These donations will support the shelter as it serves homeless families and single women from Delaware County.



“CAADC is a Great Place to Work!”

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

Youth Program Coordinator

Maintenance Mechanic II

Social Services Director

Evening Shelter Case Manager

Case Manager - Veterans Program (Philadelphia)

Housing Case Manager—Rapid Re-Housing Program

SOAR Case Manager

Life Skills Instructor

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

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Partnership with Widener University

CAADC has partnered with Widener University to provide valuable learning opportunities for students and to help develop a strong pipeline of qualified candidates for the Agency.

For instance, Jaden Hill completed his internship at the Wesley House Shelter and was hired in May as a new Case Manager at the Family Management Center. Another student, Holly, is completing her internship at the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County.

These are great examples of how university and community partnerships can help strengthen our Agency and lead to beneficial outcomes for all the partners involved.

WaWa Hoagiefest Supports CAADC Shelter Residents

In July the WaWa in Boothwyn donated hoagies to our Family Management Center and Wesley House Shelters as part of Hoagiefest. The homeless families enjoyed a great meal from WaWa.



CAADC Out in the Community

CAADC staff were at the 2026 Chichester's Night Out on August 11th at the Chichester Middle School. It was a fun night connecting with the community and meeting new people.



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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 \$5,000 from **Vanguard Charitable** to support our programs helping low-income families. **Congregation Ohev Shalom** donated a total of \$1,600 to support the shelter children with summer activities and food. **The Independence Foundation** donated \$5,000 to support our housing programs. **Project W** through **The Community's Foundation** provided a grant of \$17,000 for the Wesley House Shelter. CAADC received \$520 through the **Delco Gives** Fundraising Event. The Agency received a Partners in Giving Grant (**Foundation for Delaware County and The Community's Foundation**) for \$4,250 via the **City of Chester Giving Circle** for the Wesley House Shelter. CAADC also received a Partners in Giving Grant (**Foundation for Delaware County and The Community's Foundation**) for \$1,250 via the **City of Chester Giving Circle** for our Food Assistance Programs.

CAADC Partners with Boscov's

CAADC is participating once again in the Friends Helping Friends event at the Boscov's at the Promenade at Granite Run on Wednesday, October 21st. Shopping Passes are available for \$5 (all of which benefits the Agency). Each Shopping Pass gives you 25% off your entire purchase (some items are only 10-15% and some are excluded). It is a great way to get an early start on holiday shopping.

Please contact Daniel Nesbitt at (610) 833-4454 or dnesbitt@caadc.org if you would like to purchase a ticket.

You need to get your ticket in advance in order to support Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc..

Sorority Supports the Life Center Shelter



The Alpha Delta Mu Omega chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. hosted an event at Casey's in Drexel Hill to collect supplies for residents of the Life Center Shelter.

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Wesley House Shelter Receives a Grant from Project W

On Wednesday June 10th, the Wesley House Shelter was fortunate to receive a grant from Project W. Project W, a program of The Community's Foundation, is a women's giving circle that helps women and families in Delaware County to thrive. They create a lasting impact by providing a grant each year in their Health, Education, Family and Small Grants categories.

The Wesley House Shelter was granted \$17,000 in the Family category at Project W's Award Celebration held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Delaware County. It was an amazing evening hosted by the caring women of Project W. Wesley House Shelter will use the grant to continue to provide safe and healthy housing to homeless families and single women from Delaware County.

Pictured (from left to right) are Karen Rogers, Co-Chair of the Project W Family Committee, Sheiletta Corporal, Wesley House Shelter Coordinator, Daniel Nesbitt, Development Manager, and Jeannette Barr, Co-Chair of the Project W Family Committee.



Service Profile April 1 - June 30, 2026

Utility Assistance Programs	17
Helping Hand Program	21
Weatherization	59
Crisis Program	44
Rental Assistance Program	78
Rapid Re-Housing Program	59
Finally Home Program	16
Veterans Housing Program	137
Housing Navigator	56
Emergency Shelter Program	134
Permanent Rental Housing	254
Lead Hazard Control/Abatement Project	1
Coordinated Entry Program	795
Information and Referral	5,635
Community Based Care Management	29
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance	1,179
Life Skills/Financial Training	25
Transportation Assistance	83
Life Center Meal Program	4,550
Food Support	1,284
SNAP Outreach Project	53
Workforce Ready Program	92
Clinical Medical Assistance Program	20

Total Units of Service 14,621