

# Saint Nicholas Beneficial Society Charity Resource Guide

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## ✦ FOOD ASSISTANCE

### **Lehigh County Conference of Churches:**

457 W. Allen St (Dubbs Memorial Community Center), Allentown 610-433-6421

*Mon. - Fri.: Breakfast 8 - 9 a.m.*

*Lunch 11:45 a.m.- 12:45 p.m.*

*Dinner 4 - 4:30 p.m.*

### **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Catholic Social Agency-Catholic Charities):**

Soup Kitchen 179 Chew St., Allentown (2nd and Chew) 610-435-1541

*Fri., Sat., Mon: 12:00-1:00 p.m. Hot Meals for Lunch. (Also provide groceries 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.)*

### **The Salvation Army Food Pantry 144 N. 8th St., Allentown 610-432-0129**

*1st & 3rd Wed. 10 -12; 3rd Wed. also 3:30 - 5:00 (Emergencies in off weeks)*

### **Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank 417 N. 14th St., Allentown 610-821-1332 ID needed**

*Three-day supply of emergency food once per month.*

*Weekdays 9 -12 and Thurs. evening 4 - 6 p.m. to pick up food. Closed on holidays.*

### **Saints Simon and Jude Church Food Pantry**

730 W. Broad St., Bethlehem 610-866-5582

*Pantry open the third Saturday of every month, starting 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.*

### **Pennsylvania Avenue Interfaith Food Pantry 1900 Pennsylvania Ave., Bethlehem 610-865-3603**

*Open 1st & 3rd Wednesday from 6-8 p.m.*

### **Promise Food & Wellness Center (Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley) 13th Street, basement of Hays Elementary School**

610-351-4288 office number 484-719-7020 Talha Castro at the school

[www.orderhead.org](http://www.orderhead.org) —clients can go online on a Sun. at to place an order to be picked up

*Open Wed. through Fri. 4-7 p.m. & 1st and 3rd Sat. 9 am-12pm Make requests online for specific supplies/pick up date.*

### **Second Harvest Food Bank**

1-484-287-4015

*Although not a traditional food bank (they distribute donated food to all local food banks), the folks answering this phone will help the caller find the closest, open food bank in the Lehigh Valley, based on their ZIP code, including the days and hours of operation.*

## **\* FURNITURE**

**Wesley Methodist Church, Allentown & Bethlehem 610-351-1616. Calls taken Tues. & Sat. Will pick up donations.**

## **\* HOUSING RESOURCE for PA HOMEOWNERS**

**Pennsylvania Homeowner Assistance Fund (PAHAF) to assist homeowners impacted financially by the pandemic. PAHAF will begin accepting applications from eligible Pennsylvania homeowners starting February 1, 2022.**

- **The PAHAF program provides eligible Pennsylvania homeowners with up to \$30,000 in much needed assistance to**
- **prevent and/or ease mortgage delinquencies, defaults, foreclosures, displacement, and utility disconnection.**
- **To learn more about the assistance available and review the documents required to apply, visit [pahaf.org](http://pahaf.org) or call 888-987-2423.**

## **\* MEDICATION DISCOUNTS**

- **GoodRX.com**
- **SingleCare.com apply online for discounts up to 80%**

## **\* PHONE & INTERNET**

**Lifeline Assistance Program (referred to as Obama phones)**

- **[obamaphone.com](http://obamaphone.com)**
- **The Federal government provides free cell phones, voice minutes and texting to anyone who qualifies for any federal assistance such as Medicaid, food stamps, SSI, etc.**

**Affordable Connectivity Program**

- **[affordableconnectivity.gov](http://affordableconnectivity.gov)**
- **The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a U.S. government program run by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program to help low-income households pay for internet service and connected devices like a laptop or tablet-apply online.**

## **\* RENT ASSISTANCE**

**LEHIGH COUNTY**

**Community Action Committee Lehigh Valley (CACLV) Emergency Rent Assistance Program (ERAP)**

- **610-691-5620**
- **[communityactionlv.org](http://communityactionlv.org)**

## **NORTHAMPTON COUNTY**

### **Project of Easton**

- 610-258-1100 ext. 13

### **Catholic Charities Case Management Program:**

- Assistance with locating housing and with personal finance 610-435-1541 Jamie at ext. 318
- catholiccharitiesad.org

**New Bethany Ministries** (Bethlehem, Hellertown, Lower Saucon) 610-691-5602 ext. 217 or ext. 208

### **Lehigh County Conference of Churches (Pathways)**

- Provides rental assistance 457 W. Allen St., Allentown
- 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Mon. - Thurs. 610-439-8653

### **Advice from the United Way to be linked to a resource specialist for housing assistance:**

- First call 211
- or, go to [pa211east.org](http://pa211east.org)
- or, text your Zip Code to 898211

**PHFA (Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency) call center: 855-827-3466 and press "0" to reach an operator**

- PHFA provides:
  - Various loan products
  - Pre-closing counseling to those buying a home through PHFA

### **County Housing Authorities:**

- Lehigh County 610-965-4514
- Northampton County 610-759-8488

## **\* EMERGENCY SHELTERS**

### **Allentown YMCA Warming Station (Nov. 1 - April 30 7 p.m. - 7 a.m.)**

- 425 S. 15th St., Allentown 610-351-9622

### **Bethlehem Emergency Warming Station (Nov. 15 - April 15)**

- 75 E. Market St., Bethlehem 484-379-6694

### **New Bethany Ministries**

- 333 West 4th St., Bethlehem 610-691-5602 ext. 204

### **Turning Point**

- 610-797-0530 Must be in immediate danger 610-437-3369 (available 24/7)

### **Catholic Charities**

- Rita Schmoyer 610-435-1541 catholiccharitiesad.org

### **6th Street Shelter, Allentown**

- 219 N. 6th St
- 610-435-1490 One child under 18 years
- **Salvation Army, Allentown**
- 610-432-0128

### **Community Action Committee**

- Anita 610-691-5620

### **Allentown Rescue Mission**

- 355 Hamilton St.
- 610-740-5500

## ✦ SOCIAL SERVICES

**Americorps:** Darnell Scott is serving as a Community Resource Navigator at Lehigh Valley Active Life through an Americorps grant. Can assist with housing resources, resources to improve financial stability, fill out forms online or paper form.

- 1633 West Elm St., Allentown. 610-437-3700 to set up an appointment Mon. - Thurs. 9 am-2 pm.

**Catholic Charities Parenting and Pregnancy Support Service:** bottles, diapers, formula, counseling, and testing 610-435-1541 Jeremy at ext. 310 and Vivian at ext. 319 catholiccharitiesad.org

**Neighborhood Health Center of the Lehigh Valley (NHCLV):** case management, social services, mental health counseling, substance abuse. Dental services are available at Easton location. 484-544-3113. Sliding payment scale according to income. Funded by US Dept. of Health & Human Services

- 160 Hamilton Blvd., Allentown 610-477-0105
- *Monday through Friday*

**New Bethany Ministries:** Case managers assist with schedules, goals, job search assistance, financial planning/ Clothing Bank/Parenting Classes

- 610-691-5602

**Pathways:** Emergency Needs including toiletries. Referral and advocacy services for housing, utilities, jobs 457 Allen St. 610-439-8653

### **Pennsylvania MENTOR:**

- Home- and community-based services provider for youth and adults with intellectual & developmental disabilities and other complex conditions as well as for emotional, behavioral, and medically challenged youth.
- 3450 Highpoint Blvd., Suite 160 Bethlehem
- 610-867-3173

### **The Clearinghouse:**

- Assists PA residents over the age of 18 with medical, prescriptions, food, housing, employment and social and life services. No defined income limit. Sponsored by PACE, PA Dept. of Aging.
- 1-800-955-0989
- *Monday through Friday, 8 am-5 pm. After hours voicemail available.*

## ✦ TRANSPORTATION

### Lanta Bus Passes

- 888-253-8333

### ITN Lehigh Valley

- [itnlehighvalley.org](http://itnlehighvalley.org)
- ITN is a ride-providing organization for seniors and those visually impaired. It requires a membership and a per ride fee. SVDP was a member a few years back but our requests for client rides diminished and we lapsed our membership. However, it is still an option.

## ✦ UTILITIES ASSISTANCE

**PPL Electric:** 800-358-6623. [PPElectric.com](http://PPElectric.com)

ONTRACK-Lower fixed monthly payment plan and debt forgiveness if past-due balance

**Met-Ed:** 800-545-7741 [firstenergycorp/met\\_edison.html](http://firstenergycorp/met_edison.html)

**UGI:** 800-276-2722 [ugi.com](http://ugi.com) 800-844-9274 (Customer Assistance Program)

**LIHEAP:** Low Income Energy Assistance Program. Apply online. Usually November to April. Apply early. [dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/LIHEAP.aspx](http://dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/LIHEAP.aspx)

### Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC)

- [puc.pa.org](http://puc.pa.org)
- 1-800-692-7380
- Before contacting the PUC:
  1. Contact your utility for help
  2. Call LIHEAP
  3. Contact PUC