

# SVDP RESOURCE GUIDE Revised Draft

February 9, 2023

## 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.*

### 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.*

## SOCIAL SERVICES

**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

## FURNITURE

**Lehigh Valley Outreach Depot** 619 E. Allen St., Allentown 610-351-1616 lvoutreachdepot.org  
Calls taken Tues. & Sat. Will pick up donations.

## MEDICATION DISCOUNTS

**Good RX.com**

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

## **RENT ASSISTANCE**

### *LEHIGH COUNTY*

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

610-691-5620

communityactionlv.org

### *NORTHAMPTON COUNTY*

#### **Project of Easton**

610-258-1100 ext. 13

#### **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

## **SHELTER**

#### **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

#### **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 Emergency Shelter

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **Lanta Bus Passes**

#### **ITN Lehigh Valley**

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.

## 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.

## PHONE & INTERNET

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

[obamaphone.com](http://obamaphone.com)

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.

## UTILITY ASSISTANCE

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

**LIHWAP:** Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program

The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is a temporary emergency program to help low-income families pay overdue water bills. LIHWAP is a grant. You do not have to repay it. LIHWAP crisis grants may be available if you have an emergency situation and are in jeopardy of losing your water service. You can receive one crisis grant for your drinking water service and one crisis grant for your wastewater service, up to \$2,500 each. Crisis situations include:

- Past-due water bills
- Termination of utility service
- Danger of having utility service terminated (received notice that service will be shut off within next 60 days).

Apply online: [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us)

## CAR REPAIRS

**JB Auto:** 722 N. 18th St 610-434-4772

## LEHIGH VALLEY SVDP PARISHES

### Notre Dame, Bethlehem

484-226-7047(current?) 610-866-4371 parish #

Food and Financial Assistance for Emergency Situations

### St Theresa of the Child Jesus, Hellertown

610-509-5863 (current?) 610-838-7045 parish #

Food and Financial Assistance

### St. Simon and Jude, Bethlehem

610-866-6552 parish #

Food pantry

### St. Jane Frances de Chantal SVDP

610-253-3553

Food pantry

### Sacred Heart Church, Palmerton

610-826-9756

Helping Hands Food Pantry

### St. Pauls Church, Allentown

(610) 797-9733

*didn't see SVDP on their website*