



## COMMUNITY RESOURCE LIST

### Bensalem, PA

There are many government agencies, nonprofit organizations and faith-based organizations that provide assistance to families in our community. The list below is by no means exhaustive.

There are a couple of important things to know when seeking assistance:

- ❖ Not every program is for every person. Be patient if the first few places you contact are not the right fit for you.
- ❖ The list includes organizations that do case management. Case management is a process that social workers use to help clients access services. A case manager (or social worker) may connect you and your family with services like rent and utility assistance, SNAP benefits and low or no-cost health insurance.
- ❖ Faith-based organizations like Catholic Charities, Jewish Family Service, Lutheran Services and the Salvation Army will assist people of any or no religion.

### Local Organizations and Agencies

1. **Bucks County Housing Authority**
  - **Website:** [Bucks County Housing Authority](#)
  - **Contact:** (215) 781-4000
  - **Description:** Provides rental assistance programs including Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) and emergency rental assistance for Bucks County residents.
2. **Bucks County Opportunity Council**
  - **Website:** [Bucks County Opportunity Council](#)
  - **Contact:** (215) 345-8175
  - **Description:** Offers emergency rental assistance, utility assistance, and other support services for low-income individuals and families in Bucks County.
3. **The Salvation Army of Bucks County**
  - **Website:** [The Salvation Army Bucks County](#)
  - **Contact:** (215) 345-9008
  - **Description:** Provides emergency financial assistance for rent and utilities, along with other community support services.
4. **United Way of Bucks County**
  - **Website:** [United Way of Bucks County](#)
  - **Contact:** (215) 949-1660

- **Description:** Connects residents with community resources, including rental assistance, through its programs and referrals.
5. **Family Service Association of Bucks County**
- **Website:** [Family Service Association](#)
  - **Contact:** (215) 757-6916
  - **Description:** Provides emergency financial assistance, including rental support, along with a range of social services and counseling.
6. **Bucks County Department of Housing and Community Development**
- **Website:** [Bucks County Department of Housing and Community Development](#)
  - **Contact:** (215) 345-3400
  - **Description:** Provides various housing assistance programs including emergency rental assistance, affordable housing, and support services for Bucks County residents.

### **State and Federal Programs**

7. **Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA)**
- **Website:** [PHFA](#)
  - **Contact:** (717) 780-3800
  - **Description:** Administers rental assistance and affordable housing programs across Pennsylvania, including Lancaster County.
8. **PA 211 Housing Assistance**
- **Website:** <https://www.pa211.org/get-help/housing-shelter/rent-payment-assistance/>
  - **Description:** Referral to rent and housing assistance programs throughout PA
9. **Pennsylvania Department of Human Services - Diversion Cash Assistance**
- **Website:** <https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dhs.html>
  - **Contact:** 717-299-7411
  - **Description:** Information on how to apply for cash assistance from the Commonwealth
10. **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**
- **Website:** [PA LIHEAP](#)
  - **Contact:** (866) 857-7095
  - **Description:** Offers assistance with utility bills and may provide information or referrals for rental assistance.

### **Local Community Centers and Faith-Based Organizations**

11. **Catholic Social Services Helpline** – [267-331-2490](tel:267-331-2490)
12. **Jewish Family and Children’s Services** - <https://jfcsphilly.org/request-service/>
13. **Bensalem United Methodist Church** - (215) 245-0608
14. **St. Ephrem Catholic Church** - (215) 639-5327
15. **Bensalem Baptist Church** - (215) 633-2122

## **Financial Support for People Living with Cancer**

- **Living Beyond Breast Cancer** - <https://www.lbbc.org/financial-assistance#:~:text=The%20Pink%20Fund%20gives%20short,car%20payments%2C%20and%20car%20insurance.>
- **Take a Break from Cancer** - [https://takeabreakfromcancer.org/?gad\\_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAjwqMO0BhA8EiwAFTLglGZcvgEiFHR4rrqpCuezhFJ-xo-WTnMj\\_hsOP9Y42BbYhCjVY4WyTxoCXoYQAvD\\_BwE](https://takeabreakfromcancer.org/?gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAjwqMO0BhA8EiwAFTLglGZcvgEiFHR4rrqpCuezhFJ-xo-WTnMj_hsOP9Y42BbYhCjVY4WyTxoCXoYQAvD_BwE)
- **Family Reach** - <https://familyreach.org/gethelp/>
- **Cancer Care** - <https://www.cancercare.org/helpinghand>
- **American Life Fund** - <https://www.americanlifefund.com/qualify-now/>

## **About hope+door**



Our mission is to make a transformative impact by providing rental assistance to families who are facing homelessness due to an unforeseen life event beyond their control. We envision a bright, prosperous and stable future for families with school-age children that eliminates the worry of housing insecurity, moving children out of their schools, or other difficult choices. By mitigating these issues, we hope to provide stability and set families on a trajectory for success beyond their current circumstance.

hope+door helps families avoid homelessness by providing grants for up to 2 months of rent for qualified families. Rent grants are available to families in all 50 states.

You can help hope+door by becoming a hope+door ambassador today! Share information about hope+door in your community, host a Day of Hope and support hope+door with charitable contributions.

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