



COMMUNITY RESOURCE LIST

Phoenixville, 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. **United Way of Southern Chester County**
 - **Website:** [United Way of Southern Chester County](#)
 - **Contact:** (610) 444-4357 or dial 211
 - **Description:** Connects individuals with various community resources including rental assistance and emergency financial aid in southern Chester County.
2. **Chester County Department of Community Development**
 - **Website:** [Chester County Department of Community Development](#)
 - **Contact:** (610) 344-6900
 - **Description:** Offers various housing assistance programs, including emergency rental assistance for Chester County residents.
3. **Phoenixville Area Community Services (PACS)**
 - **Website:** [PACS](#)
 - **Contact:** (610) 933-9305
 - **Description:** Offers emergency rental assistance, utility assistance, and other support services to individuals and families in the Phoenixville area.
4. **Housing Authority of Chester County**
 - **Website:** [Housing Authority of Chester County](#)
 - **Contact:** (610) 436-9200

- **Description:** Offers rental assistance programs including Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) and public housing options.
5. **United Way of Chester County**
- **Website:** [United Way of Chester County](#)
 - **Contact:** (610) 429-9400 or dial 211
 - **Description:** Connects individuals with community resources, including rental assistance and emergency financial aid.

State and Federal Programs

6. **Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA)**
- **Website:** [PHFA](#)
 - **Contact:** (717) 780-3800
 - **Description:** Administers rental assistance and affordable housing programs across Pennsylvania, including Lancaster County.
7. **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
8. **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
9. **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

10. **The Salvation Army of Chester County** - (610) 925-7691
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. **Good Works, Inc.** - (610) 469-5877
14. **Family Service of Chester County** - (610) 696-4900
15. **West Chester Friends Meeting** - (610) 696-0554
16. **Saint Peter’s Lutheran Church** - (610) 933-3593
17. **First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville** - (610) 933-8816
18. **Saint Mary’s Episcopal Church** - (610) 933-2526

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
- **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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