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COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY OF DELAWARE COUNTY, INC.

# Community Action NEWS

John P. DiEnna, Jr., President — Edward T. Coleman, Chief Executive Officer

## LandCare Landscaping Company Supports Community Action Agency

LandCare is a national commercial landscaping company that provides services coast-to-coast. As part of their annual CommunityCare initiative, the Philadelphia Metro LandCare team, based in Aston, dedicated their time in October to volunteer and make a positive impact in the local community.

Brian Donnan, Branch Manager for LandCare, contacted Edward T. Coleman, CAADC Chief Executive Officer, and offered their services. CAADC's main Direct Service Office is located at 1414 Meetinghouse Road in Boothwyn and sees thousands of residents in need each year. The building is also part of the area designated by the Boothwyn Town Center Vision Plan.

On Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup>, Donnan and his team showed up to improve the landscaping for CAADC's Boothwyn Office. As stated on their website, LandCare takes "special pride in creating meaningful environments that positively impact" their local communities. Eight (8) LandCare team members spent the day providing a landscape makeover for the front of the building including installing new plants, pruning existing shrubs and perennials, providing basic clean-up and sprucing up a monument area dedicated to Veterans. LandCare donated all of the materials for the project as well.



"We're honored to be able to assist local organizations, like CAADC," said Donnan. "Volunteering our time to enhance the community where we live and work is deeply rewarding for every LandCare team member. Our annual CommunityCare initiative is one of the many ways we strive to make a meaningful difference," added Donnan.

*Picture - Edward T. Coleman, CAADC CEO, with some of the LandCare Team that provided help.*

## National Weatherization Month

October was National Energy Awareness Month and included National Weatherization Day on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Weatherization provides a cost-effective permanent solution for reducing the heavy energy burden on low-income Americans. Weatherization helps low-income families save an average of \$372 per year. CAADC provides Weatherization services in **Delaware, Lebanon, Chester, Montgomery and Lancaster Counties**.

All services are free of charge. Funding for this program is provided by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development. Income guidelines do apply. To apply for the Weatherization Program or for additional information, residents may contact CAADC at (610) 521-8770 or go to <https://caadc.org/services>.

*CAADC held numerous events throughout Delaware County and the surrounding Counties to commemorate National Weatherization Day! Pictured below are Tom Heckman, Weatherization Manager, and Jamie Graham, Senior Project Manager, speaking at the Chester Senior Center. City of Chester Mayor Stefan Roots, a CAADC Board Member, also attended the event.*

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## COUNTY SAVINGS BANK HELPS WITH BACK TO SCHOOL

County Savings Bank distributed over 50 new backpacks filled with school supplies for children from our shelters and transitional housing programs. The Back to School items were generously donated by their customers and staff.

*Pictured (left to right) are Bob Kaelin, Omar Tanane and Vonnice Kearney (plus Peanut) from County Savings Bank.*

## Celebrating Halloween at our Shelters



Children at our Wesley House Shelter and Family Management Center celebrated Halloween with parties, parades, food and FUN! Thanks to the Brookhaven GIANT Food Store, Penn State Extension and Felicia Feleno for supporting the children.



## Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. Has Many Employment Opportunities

### **“CAADC is a Great Place to Work!”**

While the ultimate mission of Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc. is to help low-income families reach self-sufficiency, we also strive to foster a work environment that is rewarding, uplifting, engaging and supportive.

**Join our team of passionate, talented people who want to make an impact on lives!**

CAADC currently has the following positions available:

Case Manager Generalists (FT and PT)

Case Manager - FMC Shelter

Case Manager - Work Ready

Case Manager - Rapid Re-Housing Program

Data Entry Specialist - Weatherization

Home Energy Inspectors - Weatherization

Bi-Lingual Intake Specialist - Weatherization

Comm. Outreach Coordinator - Weatherization

**Please contact our Human Resources Department if interested or with questions!**

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## Fall Fitness and Wellness Event

CAADC's Recreational Therapy Department held a Fall Fitness and Wellness Festival on Saturday November 2nd at our Boothwyn Office. All families residing in our homeless shelters and part of our Rapid Re-Housing Programs were invited to attend. The event included food, games and a lot of fun for the participants. There were also many giveaways including clothes and school supplies.



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Wallingford provided "Spa in a Jar" that had comfort items for Wesley House residents. Pictured are Chloe Christianson, Sara Christianson, Renae Suder (Wesley House) and Marie Shafer.



CAADC participated in the Upper Chichester National Night Out which was held at the Chichester Middle School on August 13th. CAADC provided program and service information to residents of Upper Chichester, where our main office is located.

## Recent Development Activity

CAADC has been fortunate to receive the following private contributions from the community during the last quarter: **The M&T Charitable Foundation** donated \$7,500 to support our Financial Literacy Programs. **Office Basics** donated \$2,053 to support our programs. The **First Presbyterian Church of Springfield** donated \$500 to the Life Center Shelter. The **WSFS Cares Foundation** supported CAADC with a donation of \$3,500. The **Armenian Martyrs' Congregational Church** provided a donation of \$250. The **Charities Aid Foundation of America** donated \$600 to the Agency to support our programs. CAADC would like to thank **County Savings Bank** for donating \$3,000 and **Iron Workers Bank** for donating \$2,400 annually to support the Agency's programs.

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## Help Us Help Hundreds of Children This Holiday Season

For many economically disadvantaged children, December 25th is just another day on the calendar. With many needy children in CAADC's emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities, the need for your help this year is greater than ever, especially during these difficult economic times. But you can help bring a smile to a child's face by taking a new, unwrapped toy or a gift card to our Boothwyn Office or by sponsoring a family.



### How You Can Help

*If you would like to "adopt" a child or make a donation, please contact Danita Miller at 610.874.8451 or by email [DMiller@caadc.org](mailto:DMiller@caadc.org).*

*Donations can be dropped off at our  
Boothwyn Office  
1414 Meetinghouse Road  
Boothwyn, PA 19061*

*Please Call First Before Arriving!!!*

### Service Profile July 1 - Sept. 30, 2024

Program	Number Served
Utility Assistance Programs	115
Helping Hand Program	27
Weatherization	85
Crisis Program	6
Rental Assistance Program	137
Rapid Re-Housing Program	63
Finally Home Program	33
Veterans Housing Program	46
Housing Navigator	74
Emergency Shelter	104
Permanent Rental Housing	254
Lead Hazard Control/Abatement	1
Coordinated Entry Program	1,183
Information and Referral	10,083
Community Based Care Management	105
Transportation Assistance	118
Life Center Meal Program (Meals)	3,680
Food Support (Assistance Provided)	827
Food Stamp/SNAP Outreach Project	90
Workforce Ready Program	75
Clinical Medical Assistance Program	20
After School/Summer Extension	11
Recreational Therapy Assessments	18
<b>Total Units of Service</b>	<b>17,155</b>