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Emergency Assistance

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5.1 Clothing, Food, Shelter and Utility Assistance

Aiken/Barnwell/Lexington Community Action Commission, Inc.

650 Knox Abbott Drive Cayce SC 29033

Tel: 803-794-6778

Website: www.govoepp.state.sc.us

This Community Action Agency's local office provides emergency assistance with home utility costs, clothing, housing, rent, food and medical expenses to income eligible individuals and families. They also have a job-training program and a computer-training center. Their mission is to reduce the causes and conditions of poverty in a geographical area. Their goal is to provide a nurturing environment in which low-income families can seek assistance that helps them to become less dependent upon government assistance.

Alston Wilkes Veterans Home

3519 Medical Drive Columbia SC 29203

Tel: 803-799-2490

Website: www.alstonwilkessociety.org

This program assists offenders, former offenders and other high-risk populations in rebuilding their lives as productive, self-sufficient and law-abiding members of the community. From all walks of life, the people served have one thing in common - they are in crisis. Searching for a helping hand, a listening ear, encouragement, mentorship and coordination of services, clients and their families find hope for a brighter future through the Alston Wilkes Society.

Carolina Community Action, INC.

402 South Congress Street Winnsboro SC 29180

Tel: 803-635-3606

Website: www.carolinacommunityactions.org

General Emergency Assistance Program (GEAP) The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) also provides assistance eligible households in meeting emergency needs. Assistance is given during a crisis in the areas of providing utility bills, food, temporary shelter, medical services, etc.

Catholic Charities of the Midlands

1427 Pickens Street Columbia SC 29202

Tel: 1-855-377-1357

Catholic Charities helps individuals in the lower coastal region of South Carolina who are in need. An emphasis is placed on lower income and homeless persons. Staff or volunteers provide direct services and advocacy or they are purchased in the community. Services are provided according to funds and resources available to the Charity at the time a request is made.

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Cooperative Ministry

3821 W. Beltline Blvd. Columbia SC 29204

Tel: 803-799-3853

Email: info@coopmin.org website: www.coopmin.org

Clothing items are provided to individuals and families in crisis. Furniture is provided to individuals and families who are in transition from homelessness to a permanent residence.

Family Shelter

2411 Two Notch Road Columbia SC 29202

Tel: 803-771-7040

Email: office@familysheltersc.org website: www.familysheltersc.org

The Mission of the Family Shelter is to provide emergency shelter in a stable living environment for homeless children and their parents and help our residents build life skills needed to regain independence.

Gleamns (LIHEP)

833 Main Street Newberry SC 29108

Tel: 803-276-2110 ext-6

The agency receives funding from federal, state and some local governments for twelve major programs: Head Start, Early Head Start, Workforce Development, Child Development, Child Care Food Program, Community Services Block Grant, Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program, East Coast Migrant Head Start Program, Legacy, Department of Juvenile Justice, Magic Johnson Community Empowerment Center and Weatherization.

God's Helping Hands

919 Holland Avenue Cayce SC 29033

Tel: 791-4167

Assist individuals with food, clothing, and financial assistance with utility bills, rent.

God's Store House

1731 Risley Road Columbia SC 29223

Tel: 803-691-1622

Website: www.godsstorehousesc.org

Assist with food, clothing, household supplies to families in crisis

Hannah House

1726 Sumter Street Columbia SC 29201

Tel: 803-771-4357

Email: hannahhouse@ccmins.com Website: www.hannahhousesc.org

Hannah House provides transitional shelter and necessities to women, with or without children, who are seeking independence and self-sufficiency. The focus is on rebuilding families, job placement, childcare, and affordable housing.

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Harvest Hope Food Bank (2) Locations

Richland County Emergency Food Pantry

2220 Shop Road Columbia SC 29201

Tel: 803-254-4432

Lexington County Emergency Food Pantry

1775 12th Street Ext Cayce SC 29033

Tel: 803-794-1627

Website: www.harvesthope.org

The mission of Harvest Hope Food Bank is to provide for the needs of hungry people by gathering and sharing quality food with dignity, compassion and education.

Interfaith Community Services of South Carolina, Inc.

PO Box 8177 Columbia SC 29202

Tel: 803-252-8390 or 803-321-2155 ext. 155

The Child and Adult Care Food Program

This program seeks to enhance the nutrition and learning of pre-school children in 23 counties across South Carolina. CACFP works on child nutrition and school readiness by supporting the work of Family Child Care with training, technical assistance, program monitoring, fire and safety inspections, and a reimbursement program to reward child care providers for serving nutritious meals to the children in care. For more information, contact

lsemino@interfaithcommunityservices.org

Family Child Care Expansion Initiative

This program seeks to expand the number of Family Child Care Homes and providers as well as the number of children placed in appropriate care. Family Child Care provides a smaller setting so that children may receive more individualized attention and it is more cost effective for parents. Interfaith works through local churches to expand this child care option. For more information, contact lsemino@interfaithcommunityservices.org

Killingsworth

1831 Pendleton Street Columbia SC 29201

Tel: 803-771-6359

Website: www.killinsworth.org

Within the eight-bedroom home, women recovering from alcohol and/or drug abuse, incarceration, mental and emotional problems, violence and assault, or family crisis situations can find shelter and support. The residential program includes room, board, guidance and support for a nominal fee. Financial and vocational assistance to the residents is often available from partner agencies in the community.

LICS (Lexington Interfaith Community Service)

216 Harmon Street Lexington SC 29072

Tel: 803-957-6656 ext.: 247

Website: www.licssc.org

LICS serves Lexington County residents in crisis situations, with food, clothing and stabilization.

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Salvation Army of the Midlands (4) Locations

2025 Main Street Columbia SC 29202
Tel: 803-765-0260

3024 Farrow Road Columbia SC 29203
Tel: 803-309-6435

7532 Irmo Drive Columbia SC 29212
Tel: 803-781-1511

119 S. Charlotte Avenue Rock Hill SC 29730
Tel: 803-324-5141

Website: www.salvationarmyusa.org

Food programs and services vary with local needs. For information on specific programs and locations, Group homes, emergency shelters, and transitional living centers provide housing, food, and overnight lodging for varying amounts of time to those in need. In addition, they provide educational, counseling and vocational services to homeless, destitute individuals and families, and youth where family care is undesirable or unavailable. Contact your local Salvation Army Corps Community Center.

SC Association of Community Action

2700 Middleburg Drive Suite 213 Columbia SC 29204
Tel: 803-771-9404

Website: www.scacap.org

They provide limited assistance with emergency food, shelter, clothing and social services, including information and referral, fans, and air conditioning units to people with low-income.

Sharing God's Love

147 Friarsgate Blvd Columbia SC 29063
Tel: 803-732-3188

Email: sharinggodsllove1@aol.com website: www.sharinggodsllove.net

Food: Our food supply comes from local merchants, church and school groups, scouts, and other organizations, as well as individuals. Cash donations are used when purchases are necessary. Clothing: SGL volunteers receive, sort, and organize clothing donated from local churches, individuals, and merchants making it readily available to needy persons within our service area. Financial Assistance: When it is deemed appropriate and funds are available, limited financial assistance is given in the areas of utilities and prescriptions. Spiritual Support: SGL constantly strives to convey a loving spirit and offers prayers with the clients, gives them Bibles, and encourages affiliation and participation in local church services and activities.

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Sistercare

PO Box 1029 Columbia SC 29202

Tel: 803-926-0505 or Crisis Line: 803-765-9428

Sistercare offers programs of services for survivors of domestic violence and their children residing in Richland, Lexington, Fairfield, Newberry and Kershaw counties in South Carolina.

St. Lawrence Place

2400 Waites Road Columbia SC 29204

Tel: 803-256-3999

Email: info@stlawrenceplace.org website: www.stlawrenceplace.org

Founded by Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in 1989, St. Lawrence Place is a primary program of Homeless No More, a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization committed to the offering of a seamless continuum of services and housing to homeless and at-risk families in the midlands of South Carolina

Transitions

2025 Main Street Columbia SC 29201

Email: Transitions@transitionsSC.org website: www.transitionssc.org

At Transitions, we engage our clients with various services and provide them a place to stay as they transition from the streets to permanent housing. We also collaborate with many community agencies that use their expertise to help our clients reach their goals. As a result, clients receive services that enable them to stabilize their lives, increase their income, and secure permanent housing.

United Way 2-1-1

1800 Main Street Columbia SC 29201

Tel: 803-733-7312 or 2-1-1

Email: Info@uway.org website: www.uway.org

Information on non-emergency human service needs such as community programs, counseling services, financial assistance, shelter and child care resource.

Wateree Community Action Inc. (3) Locations

2712 Middleburg Drive #207

Columbia SC 29204

Tel: 803-807-9811

2430 Atlas Road

Columbia SC 29204

Tel: 803-783-4500

3220 Two Notch Road

Columbia SC 29204

Tel: 803-786-4250

Website: www.wcai.org

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We Care Chapin Interfaith Outreach

1808 Chapin Road

Chapin SC 29036

Website: www.chapinwecare.org

Chapin We Care Center was established in 1986 to work with families and individuals in the Chapin community facing emergencies in their basic living needs. We serve as an outreach ministry for churches in the Chapin, Little Mountain, Prosperity, Pomaria, Peak, and White Rock communities. Through the support of generous churches, local businesses, schools, and individuals, we are making a difference in people's lives.

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A.C.E (Assisting Columbia's Elderly)

Tel: 803-545-3660

The purpose of the A.C.E. program is to develop a friendship between members of the senior community and police department. We hope that through this friendship, lines of communication between the senior citizen and the police department will be enhanced.

ADT Personal Emergency Response System

720 Gracern Road Suite 110 Columbia SC 29210

Tel: 803-730-2729

Website: www.adt.com/medical-alert

The joy of being able to stay in your home feeling safe, secure and comfortable is key to your health and happiness. Our medical alert system gives seniors a way to maintain an independent lifestyle.

Subscription Information: Month to month payments, no contracts, no activation fees

American Red Cross Central South Carolina

2751 Bull Street Columbia SC 29202

Tel: 803-540-1200

No one else does this: not the government, not other charities. From small house fires to multi-state natural disasters, the American Red Cross goes wherever we are needed, so people can have clean water, safe shelter and hot meals when they need those most.

Cooling Assistance / Fan the Heat

Sgt. Deidre Speaks Tel: 803-545-3555

Cpl. Ron Felder Tel: 803-545-3500

This Columbia Police Program provides donated and purchased air conditioner units to people older than 60 and people who have children with respiratory problems who are without air conditioner.

Help Personal Response System

15883 Wells Hwy Seneca SC 29678

Tel: 866-672-4852

Email: help@wegetthemessage.com website: www.helpforyou.com

The HELP Personal Response System will allow you to maintain your independence while having the peace of mind that you are one push of a button away from assistance. Help Services, Inc. is proud to be partnered with Response Communications LLC to ensure the reliability and quality of our Help equipment and our Help services.

Low cost, no activation feed, no installation fees, and no cancellation fees.

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HELP Rx

1053 Sunset Blvd West Columbia SC 29169

Tel: 877-943-5779

Email: infor@helprx.com website: www.helprx.com

We are here to assist you in finding medical products to make life easier and better. Unlike some web sites, our goal is not to reduce human contact. Our goal is to offer you the form of help that works best for you and your situation.

Life Alarm Services Inc.

4210 Columbia Road Suite 14B Martinez GA 30907

Tel: 800-780-5433

Website: www.life-alarm.com

When it comes to personal safety and choosing a trusted provider that offers cost effective medical alert devices and a top-level personal emergency response system.

Subscription Information: Monthly payments, no contracts

Lifefone

16 Yellowstone Ave White Plains, NY 10607

Tel: 844-253-7939

Email: info@lifefone.com website: www.lifefone.com

LifeFone's professional Care Agents are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, reducing concerns about personal safety, helping to ensure early intervention and allow seniors to remain independent in their own homes. Whether you require emergency medical help or simply need assistance from a neighbor or family members, a simple push of the medical alert button provides access to the help you need.

Subscription Information: No contracts, no activation fees and no equipment fees

Safe Life Senior

1746 Westminster Drive Columbia SC 29204

Tel: 803-254-2673

Website: www.safelifesenior.com

Our organization was incorporated in 1982 under IRS 501 c(3) guidelines and, just like the Pilot Club of Columbia, we are dedicated to assisting seniors and handicapped individuals in living safely in their own homes and while out in the community. We do so with a range of affordable Lifeline services aimed at balancing independence with safety and giving peace of mind to subscribers, families, and caregivers. That is Safe Life Senior.

Subscription Information: No contract, month to month service

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SC Emergency Management Division

2779 Fish Hatchery Road West Columbia SC 29172

Tel: 803-737-8594

www.scemd.org

To coordinate with emergency management personnel at local and national levels to maintain oversight of the state's preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities.

SOS- Serving Our Seniors

Irmo Police Department

Tel: 803-781-8088

www.townofirmosc.com

The Irmo Police Department has developed the Serving Our Seniors program to assist the seniors in town. We offer community programs for education ("How to Avoid Scams"), various safety and health classes. SOS members are routinely contacted to make sure they are safe during times of need (storms and disasters). If you or someone you know is interested in the programs please contact Sergeant Grinstead at (803) 781-8088 to become an active member.

Phone Guard

Lexington County Sheriff's Office

521 Gibson Road Lexington SC 29072

Tel: 803-785-8230

www.lexingtonscsheriff.com

This program is designed for the elderly, handicapped or those who have severe medical problems. This person is usually alone during the day or lives alone. Background information determines qualification for Phone Guard. When accepted for this program telephone contact is made daily by the individual with the Sheriff's Department. If contact is not made, a deputy is dispatched to the residence.

Project Hope

5623 Two Notch Road Columbia SC 29223

Tel: 803-576-3000

Email: sheriff@rcsd.net website: www.rcsd.net

Under Project H.O.P.E., these dedicated workers call and visit senior citizens and disabled citizens each month. Other Volunteers make weekly calls to everyone.

This is another way of staying in touch, and to find out if there is anything we can do for them. These retired law enforcement officers also visit many senior centers, numerous church, and community groups.

During their visits to the home, our officers perform a variety of functions. They conduct safety checks of the home, such as putting in smoke detectors or replacing smoke detector batteries. They also put street numbers on their homes so emergency personnel and other programs, like Meals on Wheels, can easily find them. If you would like to volunteer to help in Project Hope, you may call Bill Brown at 576-3183

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Operation Take Back Medication

Deputies assigned to Project H.O.P.E. will assist citizens in Richland County with the safe disposal of all unwanted, unused or expired prescription medications. Deputies will pick-up the medications from the lock boxes at the designated locations; complete an Incident Report; file property, along with the case number; finally, transporting the medications to the Evidence Room for proper disposal.

- Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Region #1
2615-B Lower Richland Blvd.
Columbia, SC 29061
(803) 576-1470

Region #2
7201 Two-Notch Road
Columbia, SC 29223
(803) 788-1667

Region #3
6429 Bishop Avenue
Columbia, SC 29203
(803) 576-2215

Region #4
1019 Beatty Road
Columbia, SC 29210
(803) 576-1455

Region #6
96 Lake Carolina Blvd.
Columbia, SC 29229
(803) 865-8011

Region # 7
1405 Screaming Eagle Road
Columbia, SC Elgin
(803) 576-1420

- 24-Hour Drop off - 5623 Two Notch Road, Columbia SC 29223 (803) 576-3000

PROJECT LIFESAVER – Lexington, Richland, Newberry and Fairfield Counties

Provides a GIS bracelet to aid caregivers for “at risk wanders” who suffer from Alzheimer’s, Autism, Down’s syndrome and other brain disorders, which may lead them to wander. People who are part of the project Lifesaver wear a personalized wristband that emits a tracking signal.

Richland County Sheriff Department

Capt. Bill Brown or Amanda Jordan
Phone: 803-576-3183
Email: Phope@rcsd.net

Lexington County Sheriff Department

Capt. Bill Galardi or Tim Parcheta
Phone: 803-785-0215

Newberry County Sheriff Department

Capt. Robert Dennis or Ryan Dickert
Phone: 803-321-2211

Fairfield County Sheriff Department

Terri Smith or Lee Hanley
Phone: 803-635-4141