Dr. Philip Jaisohn (1864-1951) was a true pioneer. He was the first Korean to become a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1890 and in 1892, became the first Korean-American to receive a U.S. medical degree. He spent much of his life in the Philadelphia area.

In 1975, members of the local Korean-American community established the Philip Jaisohn Memorial Foundation (PJMF) in his honor. This Korean-American community center now encompasses a wide range of medical, social, cultural and educational activities. Among them are individual and family counseling, immigration services, benefits and entitlements for aging services, translation and interpretation, and employment and socialization programs. Most PJMF consumers are Korean-American seniors with limited English proficiency.

Recognizing the growing senior demographic, the center continues to expand its services for older adults. A recent grant from The Pew Charitable Trusts enables it to offer more counseling services for Korean-American elders with depression. PJMF is also providing increasing services to help frail seniors age at home. Its Jaisohn Home Care Division, established in 2008, provides home health aids for homebound Korean-American seniors. PJMF is in the process of establishing a new home health division to provide skilled health care services in the home for this population.

Both sites are open weekdays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, visit www.jaisohn.org or e-mail info@jaisohn.org.
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, also known as LIHEAP, helps low-income families pay their heating bills. LIHEAP offers assistance in the form of a cash grant, sent directly to the fuel or utility company, or a crisis grant for households in immediate danger of being without heat.

Crisis situations include:
- Broken heating equipment or leaking lines that must be fixed or replaced
- Lack of fuel
- The main heating source or secondary heating source (a source that is used to operate the main heating source or used if the main heating source is not working) has been completely shut-off
- Danger of being without fuel (less than a 15-day supply) or of having utility service terminated (received a notice that service will be shut off within the next 60 days)

The LIHEAP and Crisis programs are scheduled to close on April 1, 2016.

For information: LIHEAP Helpline: 215-560-1583, BenePhilly: 844-848-4376; or the PCA Helpline at 215-765-9040.

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CASE STUDY

Philadelphia Senior Center Emergency Fund Coalition Member
(Submitted by: Monique French-Brown, director of Community Programs, NewCourtland)

Mrs. M. is a 75-year-old widow whose only income is the $733 she receives each month from Social Security. When she came to our attention, she relied on this income to also support her daughter, granddaughter and great-grandchild who were then living with her. Her daughter and granddaughter were unemployed at the time.

Carolyn Walker, housing counselor at Philadelphia Senior Center (based at the Avenue of the Arts branch), received a phone call from Mrs. M.’s daughter requesting assistance for her mother from the Emergency Food Fund. When the counselor went to Mrs. M.’s home to complete the application, she saw that the home was in disrepair. There were holes in the walls; ceiling tiles needed to be replaced; and the outside railing was missing. Mrs. M. explained that the family had paid a contractor to make the repairs and replace the railing, but he never returned to do the work.

Ms. Walker completed the Emergency Fund application. She also informed Mrs. M. about other services for which she might be eligible. With the older woman’s consent, the counselor made calls to start the application process for Philadelphia Corporation for Aging’s (PCA) In-Home Support Program, PCA’s Senior Housing Assistance Repair Program (SHARP), and Philadelphia Housing Development Corporation’s Basic System Repair Program and Weatherization Assistance Program. In addition, she connected Mrs. M. to SeniorLAW Center for legal assistance to recoup payments made to the fraudulent contractor.

Mrs. M. was extremely grateful for all the financial assistance and service referrals she received as a result of the request to the Emergency Food Fund, a component of the Emergency Fund for Older Philadelphians.

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- Clarifi
- Federation Housing, Inc.
- Healthy Caregiver Foundation
- Home Instead Senior Care
- Intercommunity Action (Center at Journey’s Way)
- Jewish Family and Children’s Service of Greater Philadelphia
- KleinLife
- Liberty Lutheran Services/Lutheran Children and Family Service
- Mayor’s Commission on Aging
- NewCourtland
- North City Congress
- Philadelphia Corporation for Aging
- Philadelphia Senior Center
- Philip Jaishank Memorial Center
- Polish American Social Services
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- Unitarian Universalist House Outreach Program
- Utility Emergency Services Fund

PCA annual Emergency Fund campaign underway

To donate, go to www.pcaCares.org/emergencyfund; call the PCA Helpline at 215-765-9040; or mail a check or money order to PCA, 642 North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19130.