

# Please help older Philadelphians in dire need!



Older Philadelphians are often forced to choose between paying for medicine, food, or heat. Please donate today so they won't have to make that difficult choice.

Dear Friend,

As we approach the holiday season, there are many among us who face crises on a daily basis. Being on a fixed income, many older Philadelphians have trouble meeting their basic needs for heat, food, prescription drugs, and utilities.

That's where the Emergency Fund for Older Philadelphians can help. Established in 1981, the Emergency Fund provides support to low-income older residents when all other resources or programs have been exhausted. Consumers 60 years or over who are facing a crisis may receive assistance up to \$100 annually toward an immediate need for utilities, food, clothing, repairs, medications, or other essential expenses.

The Emergency Fund's mission is to respond immediately to older adults in desperate situations. By working directly with third party vendors on applicants' behalf, help is expedited so that services can be provided immediately. During the past year, for example, the Emergency Fund provided approximately \$100,000 to consumers in need, and most of those requests were used for life-altering purposes, including nearly \$60,000 of oil delivered to keep homes warm this past winter.

If you wish to contribute to assist us in these efforts, please send your gift to the Emergency Fund for Older Philadelphians to help prevent the crisis of a winter without adequate heat or enough food on the table. As you and your loved ones enjoy the coming holidays, thank you for keeping older Philadelphians in mind. Please send your gift to the Emergency Fund today so they, too, can experience some comfort during the holidays.

Sincerely,

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P.S. If you know someone who needs help, please call PCA's Helpline at 215-765-9040 or go to [pcaCares.org](http://pcaCares.org).

*Yes! I want to help older adults to stay nourished and warm this winter.  
Donations can also be made securely online at [www.pcaCares.org/emergencyfund](http://www.pcaCares.org/emergencyfund)*

\$1,000 will provide seasonal clothing for 15 older Philadelphians  
\$500 provides \$50 worth of food to 10 older adults  
\$300 provides 50 gallons of home heating oil  
\$100 helps prevent a utility shutoff

**Gift amount:**

\$1,000       \$500  
 \$300         \$100  
 \$50             Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment:**

Enclosed is my check payable to: The Emergency Fund

Charge my     VISA             MC               AMEX             DISCOVER

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Security code \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Here's what consumers helped through the Emergency Fund tell us:

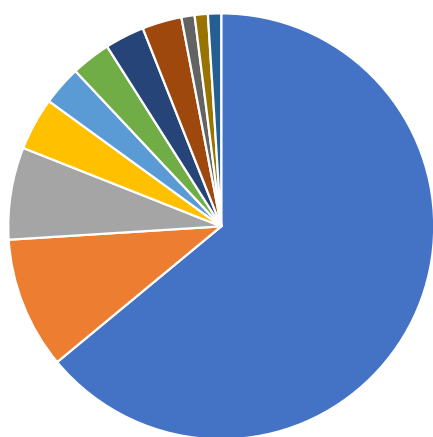
- Ms. H., 73, is a member of Southwest Senior Center and has mobility issues. In good health and living alone since her husband passed away, she was struggling to keep up with maintenance of her home. She requested help to purchase oil to heat her home.

*"I have contacted PCA over the last few years for help with my heat. My home is old and heated by oil, and I can't afford these new prices. Without the help, I don't know what I would do – probably freeze. Bless PCA for helping me and people like me."*

- Ms. W.'s friend referred her to the MANN Older Adult Center to purchase some new clothing in the proper size after she lost a lot of weight from a lengthy illness.

*"Thanks to the funds, I now will be able to purchase a coat and other clothes to stay warm during the winter."*

### 2022 Emergency Fund Assistance



## The Emergency Fund Coalition for Older Philadelphians is an alliance of 25 organizations throughout the city providing emergency assistance to older adults on fixed incomes:

BAYADA Home Health Care  
 Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of Elders (CARIE)  
 CLARIFI (formerly Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Delaware Valley)  
 Einstein Medical Center  
 Federation Housing, Inc.  
 Firehouse Active Adult Center  
 Home Instead Senior Care  
 Intercommunity Action (Center at Journey's Way)  
 Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Philadelphia  
 Jewish Relief Agency  
 KleinLife  
 Liberty Lutheran Services/Lutheran Children and Family Service  
 (West Philadelphia Senior Community Center)

Better Home Care, LLC  
 Mayor's Commission on Aging  
 Northern Living Center  
 Philadelphia Corporation for Aging (PCA)  
 Philadelphia Senior Center  
 Philip Jaisohn Memorial Foundation  
 Polish American Social Services  
 Salus Health, Inc.  
 SeniorLAW Center  
 Senior Helpers, Philadelphia  
 Southwest Senior Center  
 Unitarian Universalist House Outreach Program  
 Utility Emergency Services Fund

**Your gift will go to work immediately. Your donation will never be used for staff or operating costs. Please return the enclosed card with your gift or give online at [pcaCares.org/emergencyfund](https://pcaCares.org/emergencyfund)**



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