

Laurens County Assistance Programs

GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission, Inc. is the local community action agency of the area. They help the low to moderate income, working poor, elderly, disabled, and others who are facing a short-term hardship. Some of the resources offered by the agency include food assistance programs, Head Start, job training and placement services, repairs and/or replacement of heating and cooling equipment, prescription drugs, weatherization, funds for paying utility bills and rent, and other forms of aid. **(864) 223-8434**

Salvation Army of Greenwood - There are a couple main centers that may be able to assist the low income and families facing a crisis. Programs can provide electric bill assistance, free food, rent help, and more. Seasonal resources include back to school items, Christmas gifts and toys for children, and more. Other social services include case management, transitional housing, and advice on finding a permanent home in the county. **864-229-3407**

Golden Strip Emergency Relief Center is a non-profit that offers financial assistance on Utilities, Cooling Bills, Prescription Medication, Rent, and Free Food to Laurens County residents who live above Highway 101. **864-688-2242**

Catholic Charities of the Piedmont and its churches operate across several counties in the Piedmont region of South Carolina. This organization provides everything from referrals to low cost dental care and emergency financial support, the church can help families regardless of religion. While funds are limited, most of the money is targeted at rental or utility bill payments. If the charity can't help, then referrals may be offered to other Laurens County non-profits or government programs in the Piedmont Region. **864-242-2233**

United Ministries is a non-profit organization that will provide crisis assistance to Laurens County residents through direct financial assistance and food from their food bank. They offer assistance to qualifying residents of Laurens County with utility bills, rent (when funds are available), give kerosene vouchers, and help with GE expenses. 500 Academy Street, Clinton 29325 **(864) 938-9070**

Catholic Charities of the Piedmont also provides services to Laurens families. While funds are limited, they can help with utilities and rent and mortgage payments. Also access a program known as SAVE A SMILE (restorative dental care dentures for low-income families with no health insurance). They can also refer people to local charities and South Carolina government programs. **(864) 331-2628**

United Way of Laurens - A non-profit that provides emergency food, shelter, utility and other assistance. 16 Peachtree St, Clinton, SC 29325 **(864) 833-3623** or **211** from any phone.

American Red Cross Upstate Chapter – Disaster Assistance - **(864) 271-8222**

Golden Harvest Food Bank – Provides meals and resources for food in your area.
1-866-484-6829

Senior Options runs multiple assistance programs for Laurens County seniors over 60 years old. Those programs include: Meals on Wheels, Transportation Assistance, Exercise, Adult Day Healthcare, I-Care Counseling, Health Care, and the Foster Grandparent Program.
(864) 938-0572

Upper Savannah Council of Governments (Area Agency on Aging) - Provides aid to the elderly. **(864) 941-8050**

Upper Savannah Care Services (USCS) is a nonprofit organization that provides the following services to persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families: care management; assistance with medical care and prescription costs; dental care; short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance; vouchers for gasoline; mental health counseling; patient forums; and community awareness/education. **(864) 229-9029**

Department of Social Services – Administers economic assistance programs including federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Medicaid. 3 Human Services Rd, Clinton, SC 29325
(864) 833-0100

South Carolina Regional Housing Authority (Section 8) - provide the low income, elderly, and disabled residents of Laurens affordable housing. **(864) 984-0578**

Welvista - Helps uninsured and underserved South Carolinians gain access to prescriptions and pediatric dentistry. **1-800-983-3339** or **(803)933-9184** <https://www.welvista.org/>

South Carolina Drug Card - A free statewide discount prescription assistance program to help uninsured and underinsured residents afford their prescriptions.
<https://southcarolinadrugcard.com/>

SC Legal Aid Services - Provides free legal assistance in a wide variety of civil (non-criminal) legal matters to eligible low-income residents of South Carolina.

Greenwood Office: (864) 223-4879 or **Intake Line: 1-(888) 346-5592**

Contact Your State Representatives – www.scstatehouse.gov