

Oconee County Assistance Programs

Sunbelt Human Advancement Resources, Inc. (SHARE) - (Oconee County Community Services Office) (864) 882-3495 This may be the agency that offers the most assistance programs and resources in the area. The services they offer include:

- Emergency medical payment assistance for prescription medications and health care expenses.
- Gently used clothing.
- Eviction prevention and housing assistance, including both mortgage and rent payments.
- Debt and financial counseling, including budgeting skills. Programs that can help with credit card and medical debts.
- Food assistance and pantry
- Heating, utility and energy bill programs, including Operation Warmth and the federal government LIHEAP program. Also, funds for utility deposits may be available. Money can be used for paying for oil, propane, kerosene, and other heating expenses. Last, but not least money to pay for cooling bills and air conditioning expenses.
- Programs to help people find a job.

Oconee County Salvation Army is another non-profit charity organization. They have limited funding to help people pay utility programs. Limited funds for paying for prescription medications and rent may be available. Other assistance that may be available includes holiday items, such as Thanksgiving meals, Christmas gifts, food baskets and more. Groceries and other food may be available at an onsite pantry and thrift store. The charity as well as local churches also provide help during the holidays, including Christmas and other events. Using services such as Angel Tree, there are toys, meals, and other support provided. Children from Oconee County are often a focus of these programs. **(864) 882-1160**

Catholic Charities of the Piedmont Deanery offers numerous services and assistance to low income families and individuals. The programs offered include dental care, known as SAVE A SMILE, for people without insurance. Funds may be available for paying for medications and prescription drugs. With many people struggling with housing expenses, cash grants can help people pay their rent. Last, but not least, money may also be available for paying utility and energy bills. **(864) 242-2233**

Oconee Presbyterian Service Fund - Provides low income, the unemployed, and other needy individuals with help paying bills. The OPSF service fund provides money to buy groceries and free food vouchers, rent payment assistance, and referrals to transportation expenses (including gas) so people can get to work. **(864) 882-0504**

Golden Corner Ministries Food Bank - provide **emergency and supplemental food** to disadvantaged and low-income residents of Oconee County. 635 Business Park Dr., Seneca SC
(864) 882-3610

Bethesda Ministries – Social service and welfare organization. **(864) 888-4738**

Oconee AID

Service: assists on one utility bill (rent, house payment, water, heat, or electric) per 6 months up to \$100.00, provides free clothing and maintains a small food bank

Exception/ Criteria: must be an Oconee resident for 30 days

Address: 105 Harrison Ave, Walhalla, SC 29691

Hours of Operation: 9:00a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday; 9-1 for bill assistance

(864) 638-6963

American Red Cross

224 E. Main Street

Walhalla, SC 29691

864-638-5619

* Disaster Relief: (House Fires, Flood, Tornado, etc.) Emergency Housing/Shelter, Clothing

Anderson-Oconee-Pickens Mental Health - 864-260-2220

Upstate Homeless Coalition - HOME

Service: Permanent Housing and case management for persons with a mental illness

Exception/Criteria: must be homeless

Hours of Operation: 12 p.m. – 8 p.m. Monday - Friday

Service Area: Anderson & Oconee Counties

Contact Person: Adriana Zapata

Phone Number: 864-222-2342

Fax Number: 864-222-2342

Upstate Homeless Coalition - Transitions

Service: Transitional housing with case management

Exception/Criteria: must be homeless or currently in a shelter

Address: 4200 Liberty Highway, Anderson, SC 29621

Hours of Operation: 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday – Thursday

8:30a.m. – 12:30p.m. Friday

Contact Person: Jessica Crocker or Steven Compton

Phone Number: 864-964-8250

Fax Number: 864-964-8250

Safe Harbor, Inc.

Services: provides temporary, emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children. Lodging, food, personal items, clothing, and other necessities are provided. Residents receive counseling, case management, support group therapy and living skills training.

Exception/ Criteria: Length is 6 weeks; homeless due to domestic violence

Service Area: see also Greenville and Pickens

Address: PO Box 174, Greenville, SC 29602

Hours of Operation: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00p.m. Phone

Number: (864) 467-1177

1-800-291-2139 24-hour Crisis Line

Golden Harvest Food Bank – Provides meals and resources for food in your area.

1-866-484-6829

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. 223A Kenneth St. Walhalla, SC 29691
(864) 638-4400

South Carolina Regional Housing Authority (Section 8) - provide the low income, elderly, and disabled residents affordable housing. **(864) 882-8485**

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.

Greenville Office: (864) 679-3232 or Intake Line: 1-(888) 346-5592

Contact Your State Representatives – www.scstatehouse.gov