

Pickens County Assistance Programs

Sunbelt Human Advancement Resources (SHARE) - The community action agency known as Sunbelt Human Advancement Resources provides aid in the region. The organization operates a Community Economic Opportunity Department that administers most of the financial aid and support services. They range from funds for paying utility bills, LIHEAP, medications, and more. Housing assistance can be rental or mortgage assistance, transitional housing from Change, and help in paying for moving costs or security deposits for the formerly homeless. SHARE provides coverage across Greenville, Oconee, Anderson and Pickens County in South Carolina. **(864) 269-0700**

United Christian Ministries - This agency is part of the Good Samaritan Alliance and offers services including emergency financial assistance for clothes, rent assistance, money to pay utilities-including security deposits, heat assistance, fuel oil, and life-sustaining medications. In addition, access the on-site food pantry and get school supplies. The agency is located in Easley South Carolina. **(864) 855-0853**

Salvation Army - Provides numerous forms of assistance for individuals and families with documented emergency. For example, the applicant may have utility shutoff notice, layoff notice, or a medical emergency. The non-profit agency provides clothing, free food, housing and mortgage payment assistance, rent payment assistance, school uniforms and supplies (accepts and distributes), run an on-site thrift shop, and provide utilities assistance. They offer heating oil, propane gas, however they do not have gasoline for cars. In addition, they run after school programs, provide children's character-building program, offer Christmas and holiday assistance for children ages 0-13. 102 Stewart Drive, Easley, SC 29640 **(864) 855-6408**

Urban League of Upstate and Pickens County – Housing resources, including foreclosure and eviction prevention, are offered along with job training and educational programs. They can help youth prepare for school or college, assistance homeowners with a foreclosure notice, and have referrals to emergency rental, mortgage or security deposit programs. **(864) 244-3862**

5 Point Church Food Pantry is an Easley based church that runs a food pantry. They provide free food for people in an emergency. **(864) 850-0580**

Catholic Charities and regional churches provide social services and guidance to the poor and low income. Direct financial and cash grants are rare, but a possibility. Most of the resources provided come in the form of referrals to other non-profits and government programs. Some of the services can include emergency rental and utility bill assistance, dental care from the Save a Smile program, free food, and more. Other programs are focused on senior citizens and immigrants in the region. **(864) 242-2233**

Housing Authority of Easley (Section 8) – provides the low income, elderly, and disabled residents of Pickens affordable housing. 101 Wallace Drive, Easley, South Carolina 29641
864-855-0629

Pickens Presbyterian Church This charity covers a limited area of Liberty, Pickens Six Mile, and Sunset. On occasion, some funds for rent or fuel bills are offered. The church may also arrange overnight shelter for the homeless. 311 W Main St., Pickens, South Carolina 29671
(864) 878-9422

United Christian Ministries - Good Samaritan Alliance

Various form of financial aid are offered. This includes for rent, utility or security deposits, furniture for homes, and other low-income assistance. Some residents may be given loans for any rental needs. 303 Dacusville Highway, Easley, SC 29640 **(864) 855-0853**

MARYS (Ministry Alliance for Regaining Your Safety) House - This is a shelter for women of children facing domestic violence. **(864) 855-1708**

Clemson Community Care –Tenants with an eviction notice can get rent help. There is also free foreclosure counseling, home repair programs, clinics, and more. CCC has a goal of helping the working poor and struggling families get food, pay rent, and address other bills. 105 Anderson Highway Clemson, SC **(864) 653-4460**

Upstate Homeless Coalition of Pickens - Programs range from transitional housing for the homeless with mental or physical illness to substance abusers. Also assists seniors with their mortgages or rent. **(864) 964-8250**

American Red Cross Upstate Chapter – Disaster Assistance **(864) 225-8666**

United Way - A non-profit that provides emergency food, shelter, utility and other assistance. 201 S 5th St, Easley, SC 29640 **(864) 850-7094** or **211** from any phone.

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. 212 McDaniel Ave, Pickens, SC 29671
(864) 898-5810

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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

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