



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Lake County Emergency Assistance

Overview

The Emergency Assistance Program of Lake County provides assistance to individuals and families whose lives have been disrupted by unplanned events such as domestic crisis, fire, unemployment, or relocation, or who for any reason are in need of financial assistance, basic essentials, guidance, and/or emergency food.

Basic Essentials

- **EMERGENCY SHELTER:** Short-term motel shelter stays are offered for individuals/families that are currently homeless and have an identified housing plan. General information and referrals to other social service agencies in Lake County and surrounding areas is provided. Referrals for this program are initiated through local homeless shelter.
- **TRANSPORTATION:** Bus passes, train passes, or gas cards may be obtained by clients for doctor appointments, job interviews or the first week of a new job.
- **PRESCRIPTIONS:** Vouchers for prescription drugs are available for eligible individuals once in a 12-month period.
- **DIAPER DEPOT:** Low-income families and their infants can receive diapers, which are collected and distributed through partnering community agencies serving babies and children in Lake County.

Food

- **FOOD PANTRY:** Individuals are eligible to receive food from the pantry once every 30 days. Each visit provides balanced meals for three days for each member of the family. The food pantry also offers formula and baby food for infants and toddlers. Open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.

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Financial Assistance

- **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:** When funding is available, eligible clients may be assisted with security deposit, rent, and/or mortgage due to an unexpected financial crisis. Clients must be able to demonstrate they can maintain after assistance is provided.
- **RENT ASSISTANCE (ESG):** When funding is available, eligible clients may be assisted with up to three months rent arrears and up to three months current rent due to an unexpected financial crisis. Clients are at risk of homelessness due to receiving a 5 day eviction notice. Clients must be able to demonstrate they can maintain after assistance is provided.
- **UTILITY:** For clients experiencing an unexpected financial crisis, Catholic Charities can assist with the last \$100 owed on the bill. Proof of payment to show balance of \$100 is required.

Guidance

- **THE COMMUNITY CASEWORK DEPARTMENT:** A variety of services are offered, in addition to the Emergency Assistance Program, that strive to help those in need in Lake County including the Family Self-Sufficiency Program, HIV/AIDS Programs, and Housing Case Management and Budget Counseling.



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