

Jackson County Missouri Assistance Programs.

Emergency and crisis assistance for bills

A few local non-profit organizations and charities to turn to for help include Catholic Charities of Kansas City, Della Lamb Community Services, Guadalupe Center, Inc. (GCI), Economic Opportunity Foundation, Metro Lutheran Ministry, Redemptorist Social Services Center, and United Services Community Action Agency.

Catholic Charities of Kansas City: This organizations helps people of all faiths and religions. Low income, the unemployed, and others who need aid can find several different resources at their disposal. Some of the services include:

- Financial Literacy and Budgeting - Counselors can work with individuals to help them create a budget, assist them with debt elimination programs, and other programs to help them stay current with bills and debts.
- Emergency Assistance - Receive financial aid and cash grants that can be used to help pay utility and heating bills, rent, and even the occasional mortgage payment.
- Foreclosure Prevention - HUD approved counselors can provide foreclosure help and try to save people's homes. Or find additional ways to get mortgage help from the charity.
- Homeless Prevention - Rent, security deposit and mortgage help can be provided.
- Some of the other services include Senior Care Services, Adoption Services, and much more.

Call Catholic Charities at (816) 221-4377, or [click here](#) for more information on programs, referrals, and case management that is offered by this Jackson County agency.

Della Lamb Community Services: Several services and resources are offered to low income residents from Della Lamb. Some of the assistance programs they administer include: Emergency Assistance Social Services including, free food, utilities, rent, heating bills, clothing; Education; English as a Second Language; Seasonal Services including, Camping, Back-to-School, Thanksgiving meals, Christmas gifts; Early Education Child Care for ages 6 wks-12yrs; and GED Programs. Call (816) 842-8040.

Economic Opportunity Foundation: This agency runs several programs, with a focus on housing and rent help. (913) 371-7800.

- HUD counseling - Professionals can help you deal with a foreclosure filing, help you save your home from a lender, and deal with eviction issues as well.

- Other crisis help - Receive access to rent assistance programs, emergency assistance, including energy bill assistance, clothing, access to food pantries and commodity distribution, groceries, and other aid.

Guadalupe Center, Inc. (GCI): Some of the programs offered include emergency assistance for rent and housing expenses, homeless program, job placement programs, teen pregnancy services, and career advancement.

Metro Lutheran Ministry: The Metro Lutheran Ministry will help low income families and individuals in Jackson County. Among other programs, they provides services and resources to the elderly and disabled, re-job training, job development and Christmas Program, homeless services (rent help), emergency assistance (utility bill help, rent, food, clothing), case management, counseling. (816) 931-0027

Redemptorist Social Services Center: This agency focuses on solving a crisis before it becomes worse. The Center has maintained a lifeline to the low income and poor as well as the elderly in Kansas City for over 20 years. Some of the services they offer include emergency crisis assistance, health care and maintenance, Senior Services, Elder programs, and Free Legal Assistance. Call (816) 931-9942 to learn more.

The local Kansas City community action agency, which is **United Services Community Action Agency** ((816) 358-6868), runs several assistance programs.

- LHEAP - Receive heating and utility bill assistance grants
- Rent assistance - Limited funds may be available for rent expenses
- Holiday programs - Receive meals and gifts around the holidays
- Community programs - Get information on other local charities and non-profits.
- Employment, education and career development skills.
- Other financial aid is offered. Find more details on [United Services Community Action Agency assistance programs](#).

Bishop Sullivan Center (816) 231-0984 provides emergency financial assistance including utilities, heating bills, rent, free food and clothing. Other support in the region includes free Meals on Wheels or free fans for seniors from a program known as Eldercool. The non-profit may also have information on loan programs for expenses such as rent as well as legal services, job finding assistance and tutoring. They are based in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, and [read more Bishop Sullivan Center](#).

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception - Offers emergency rent assistance. Applicants need notice of eviction or late rent with lease and proof of income. Also bus fare and tokens may be provided. (816) 842-0416

Christ the King Church - Has limited funding for utility and heating bills, free food, as well as rent help. (816) 363-4888

Don Bosco Family Support Center. Program can provide electric, utility & gas bill assistance, clothing, food pantry, limited rent assistance. There are some programs that focus specifically on seniors in Kansas City. Call (816) 691-2900

Kansas City Missouri Housing Authority – A number of low-income housing and emergency rent assistance is offered for the elderly and families with children. The main goal is to provide affordable and safe housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment. Also can administer section 8 housing applications. 920 Main, 4th & 7th floors, Kansas City, Missouri 64111, dial (816) 968-4100, or [click more information](#).

Clothing, holiday assistance, and basic needs - Families in the Kansas City metropolitan area who need items such as work clothes, school supplies, diapers, and similar items can contact a clothing closet. The centers will often provide goods for free or they may distribute vouchers/gift certificates for free items. If you do not qualify then you can also decide to shop at a thrift store. [Read more](#).

REAP provides help in the Raytown area. They assist with free food and clothing supplies, including back to school supplies. Some emergency grants may be offered for paying back rent, or heating bills if it can lead to homelessness. The charity will also require all applicants go through budgeting and financial counseling classes. [Read more REAP assistance programs](#).

Community Care from Metro Lutheran Ministry - Low income, the unemployed, working poor and others can turn to this organization. A number of services are offered, including referrals. Call or stop by for information on the following.

- Housing assistance, including rent help or information on transitional housing.
- Seniors in Jackson County Missouri can receive home delivered meals and support from MLM, such as home repairs.
- Energy bill assistance, conservation programs, and cash grants.
- Additional social services are available. [Read more](#).

Salvation Army - Various locations are located in the area. The Kansas City and Jackson County Salvation Army centers offer dozens of programs to low income families, unemployed, the homeless and seniors. Emergency heating and energy bill assistance is offered from programs such as HeatShare. Housing and eviction prevention services may be provided. Transportation and self-sufficiency may be offered for elderly. Several holiday and Christmas programs are offered too, including gifts and meals, for children and struggling families. Dial (816) 241-6488, or [click here](#) for more details.

Other centers, non-profits, and charities to contact for help with heating and utility bills, free food, clothing, counseling, mortgage help, transportation assistance, and more in Kansas City and Jackson County include :

- **Father Hix Social Services Center** - (816) 241-9886
- **Metro Lutheran Ministry - Jackson County Emergency Assistance** - (816) 931-0027
- **Redemptorist** - (816) 931-9942
- **Saint Francis Xavier Church** - (816) 523-5115
- **Saint James Social Services** - (816) 561-8515 x103

Kansas City free legal aid

If you need access to a lawyer, Legal Aid of Western Missouri provides free legal services and advice to low-income persons who live in Jackson Missouri. Receive rent eviction advice, free foreclosure assistance, domestic issues, and other support. Dial (816) 474-6750, or learn more about [Missouri free legal programs](#).

Medical and dental care for low income and uninsured

Stop by an outpatient community health center, **Cabot Westside Health Center**, to get free or low cost health care and dental care services to patients who need help and can't pay their medical bills. The Cabot health center satisfies a major need as it is the only full service, bilingual/Spanish comprehensive dental and health facility in the Greater Kansas City area. Almost 10,000 people are assisted per year, and only a small minority of people have health insurance. Services offered by the medical clinic include family and general medicine, health education, preventative and restorative dental care, pediatrics, and access to prevention programs.

If you have cancer, a non-profit organization known as **Cancer Action** offers a variety of free programs, including financial assistance, prescriptions, case management, emotional support and access to support groups, resource library, and educational programs. Dial (913) 642-8885.

Children's Mercy Hospitals & Clinics offers children a complete range of medical/surgical inpatient, health care and outpatient services. The clinic helps children ages birth through adolescence regardless of ability to pay for their medical bills. Phone number (816) 234-3000.

Organizations offer free Thanksgiving and Christmas support to needy families. Some of what may be offered is as below.

- Children may be given a toy, books, or game to open Christmas morning.
- Entire families may be provided a hot meal.
- The elderly can have a Christmas meal delivered to their home.
- Many other resources are offered too. [Find Jackson County Christmas and holiday programs](#).

Kansas City Free Health Clinic (phone number (816) 753-5144) has been helping local families for almost 40 years. They offer numerous health care services to under and uninsured patients. The medical care is free. Some of the health care services that are available in General Medicine; Dental Care; Behavior Health Counseling & Mental Health Case Management; HIV Primary Care, Testing, Prescriptions, Treatment Adherence & Case Management; emergency medical care; testing/screenings; and Health Education & Prevention. Medications are dispensed. Support groups and specialty services for conditions such as chiropractic, dermatology, woman's health, optometry, etc. are also available to people in need of help.

Jackson County and regional transitional housing is available. A few dozen non-profits can help both the homeless and people facing eviction. Some programs focus on veterans, seniors, or single parents, however other agencies will assist anyone who qualifies. Receive everything from shelter to assistance in finding a new, affordable home or apartment to live in. Also get referrals to rent or security deposit assistance. More on [Kansas City housing programs](#).

Truman Medical Center is the medical facility that provided almost 1/3 of the free health care in Jackson County Missouri. Call them at 816-404-1000 to make an appointment. The facility provides comprehensive adult health services, including emergency, specialty clinics, primary care and outreach services. The TMC facility is distinguished for care in helping people with trauma, asthma, diabetes, women's health care, including high-risk pregnancies and delivers one-third of newborns in Jackson County. A full one-third of uncompensated medical and health care being conducted in the community is provided by TMC.

Grand Avenue Temple offers a health clinic, food, and clothing. Call (816) 842-3484. **Rodgers Community Health Center** is another option. (816) 474-4920

Foreclosure and mortgage help in Jackson County and Kanas City

Homeowners in the area have several agencies they can contact. Most of them are HUD-approved counseling agencies, and they offer programs that were designed to assist Kansas City homeowners who are facing foreclosure. The goal is to help these individuals save their homes through advocacy and/or foreclosure mediation. The agencies and counselors provide mortgage delinquency counseling, assistance negotiating with lenders and banks including situations on short notice. Find additional [mortgage assistance](#) programs.

- **Catholic Charities** - Mortgage counseling program (816) 931-9399
- **Home Free USA Kansas City Office** - (816) 822-7241
- **Housing Information Center - Housing Services** - (816) 931-0443

Food, clothing, or household items

These center, churches, food pantries and banks, and other organizations provide qualified people with food, clothing, or other aid. Call them for specifics.

- **Calvary Temple** - (816) 231-8180
- **Eastside Outreach Messiah Church** - (816) 231-5169
- **Grace United Church** - (816) 231-5745
- **Linwood United Church** - (816) 923-3213
- **Nashua Baptist Church** - (816) 734-4046
- If those locations are find helpful, there are **dozens of other food programs and options** in the region. Locate [Kansas City food pantries](#).

Additional Kansas City programs

The programs and resources above are for the entire Jackson County Missouri region. However there are some agencies, non-profits, and emergency programs that specifically focus on Kansas City. Various assistance programs are run, and [find more information](#) on these options for resources in the city itself.