Tuesday’s Tip

information provided by Adriance Memorial Library to make your life a little bit easier . . .

Assistance for Individuals and Families... Dec. 19, 2017

Paying bills during the colder months can be challenging for both individuals and families.

Add the increased expense to fulfill our basic human needs to the cost of *Holiday Cheer*, unanticipated health-related emergencies or accidents and we might find ourselves overwhelmed and broke.

Unfortunately, things break without warning but there’s no reason to feel ashamed to ask for help if you need it.

If you, a friend, a neighbor, or a loved one is experiencing tough financial times here are a few resources that might offer some assistance.

For more information or other reference and collection development assistance, call the Reference & Information Desk at Adriance Memorial Library at (845) 485-3645 x 3702 or (800) 804-0692 x 3702.
New York emergency assistance from Salvation Army - offers assistance with utilities, heating and water bills, food and grocery, holiday meals, rent and housing, senior programs and more.

Scroll down to the bottom of the page to find a location closest to you.

New York emergency assistance from Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army in New York administers a number of financial and emergency assistance programs. They offer families a variety of services or resources to help them make it through a difficult period. The support is combined with long term guidance. Details on the assistance programs offered to qualified New York residents from the Salvation Army are listed below, as well as the locations and phone numbers of centers near you.

Utility, heating, and water bill assistance is offered when families are faced with a disconnection of their services. The non-profit wants to help families who are faced with an emergency pay their bills and maintain their utilities. Salvation Army branches across New York seek to help struggling individuals and families maintain basic amenities and offer funds to pay a bill in a crisis.

Food and grocery assistance is offered from pantries and soup kitchens. Struggling families who need help with keeping food on the table can get help. Hungry people, regardless of your income or background can look into the various resources that are offered by the Salvation Army’s food banks or soup kitchens. They try not to turn any struggling family or needy person away.

The Salvation Army provides assistance from their local New York centers. There may be free hot meals or emergency food boxes year-round for anyone in need. Free evening meals are available at various locations. Please contact your local Salvation Army center in New York for specific information on times and locations of these and find how to get help from food banks.

Holiday meals can be provided too for Thanksgiving or Christmas. Also in certain cases volunteers may deliver food to seniors or disabled who are shut in or who can’t leave their home due to age or a medical condition.

Low-income and working poor may apply for food stamp support benefits at any local Salvation Army social service office. Most locations have on site case managers that can provide individuals with eligibility pre-screening, assistance and give advice in filling out their application for food stamps.

Rent and housing assistance is available across New York from the Salvation Army. Many resources focus on preventing evictions, so aid can be offered for families who are not homeless but who need a local maintaining their current housing or paying their rent. Such housing assistance may come in the form of emergency rental grants or temporary housing. They can also refer people to other local non-profit or government programs such as section 8 housing vouchers.
Click on **Find Food** and enter your zip code or the name of a city or town to “Find Nearest Agency” or click on **Agency List by County** and scroll through an alphabetical list.

http://regionalfoodbank.net/find-nearest-agency/
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Let United Way's navigator help you find food, housing, utility assistance and more.

1. Enter the service you’re looking for and your location, then click Search.
2. Scroll down and select from the list or icon provided or,
3. Dial 2-1-1 to connect to United Way's hotline.

http://www.uwdir.org/activities/support-2-1-1

Happy Holidays!