

This posting is focused on helping residents who are in need of financial assistance. I recently blogged on the financial woes our country is facing and as a follow up, I want to reach the residents of Island Lake and let them know where they can find assistance for all kinds of needs from food, healthcare, energy bills to housing assistance and even includes where to find veterinary and food banks for your furry friend.

Feel free to share this information with a friend or family member in need.

WAUCONDA TOWNSHIP offers assistance

Financial Assistance and Food Pantry: Melissa Garcia 847-526-2653

Lake Forest Care Coach: Free health screenings and free immunizations if you qualify, 847-526-2631

Senior Advocate: Leslie Ann Rohner, 847-526-2631

NUNDA TOWNSHIP offers assistance

Nunda Township General Assistance Fund 815-459-4011

There are 2 basic types of assistance that we can provide. A monthly grant to supplement the recipient's income; emergency assistance for such things as utility bill shut off notices, eviction notices, and emergency medicine or food.

Other financial assistance resources from Nunda Township

<http://www.nundatownship.com/Supervisor/extras/possibleassistance.htm>

Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) Phone: (800) 843-6154

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (aka: food stamps)

Visit website: <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=30357>

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Visit website: <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=30358>

Apply for assistance: <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=33698>

DHS Family Community Resource Center

General assistance, energy bill assistance, food stamps, medical care

LAKE COUNTY

3235 W Belvidere Rd
Park City, IL 60085
Phone: (847) 336-5212

MCHENRY COUNTY

2215 Lake Shore Dr
Woodstock, IL 60098
Phone: (815) 338-0234

FOOD PANTRIES

LAKE COUNTY

<http://www.northernilfoodbank.org/menu-top-gethelp-getfood-Lake.asp>

MCHEMRY COUNTY

<http://www.northernilfoodbank.org/menu-top-gethelp-getfood-McHenry.asp>

SENIOR CARE

<http://www.illinoiscaresrx.com/>

Every person deserves access to good, affordable healthcare. No senior or person with a disability should have to worry about how to pay for the high cost of prescription drugs. Illinois Cares Rx provides state prescription drug assistance to people with and without Medicare. Illinois Cares Rx provides two prescription drug benefits: Illinois Cares Rx Plus and Illinois Cares Rx Basic.

The Health Benefits Hotline - 1-800-226-0768 or 1-866-675-8440 (TTY)

Senior Helpline at 1-800-252-8966 or 1-888-206-1327 (TTY)

Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) at 800-548-9034 or 217-524-4872 (TTY)

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

Goal: Assist low income households, particularly those with the lowest incomes that pay a high proportion of household income for home energy, primarily in meeting their immediate home energy needs.

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/liheap/guidance/eligibility.html>

MEDICAL PROGRAMS

To learn more about medical assistance programs available in Illinois, please visit the [Illinois Department of Public Aid](http://www.dpaiillinois.com/programs/): <http://www.dpaiillinois.com/programs/>

OTHER PROGRAMS

KidCare: <http://www.allkids.com/>

FamilyCare: <http://www.familycareillinois.com/>

SeniorCare: <http://www.illinoiscaresrx.com/>

PETS—Food and Vet assistance

Pet Food Pantries <http://www.savethehounds.org/pantries.html>

Nina's Pet Food Pantry (located in Lake Zurich)

Helping dogs and cats get through "Ruff" times.

Operating from established food pantries at St. Vincent de Sales parish in Lake Zurich, IL, and in Palatine Township, Nina's Pet Food Pantry provides free dog food, cat food, and other necessary pet items to persons struggling to care for their animal families.

<http://yahpetrescue.com/programs/ninas-food-pantry>

McHenry County Animal Welfare Coalition

Campaign to donate pet food to local food pantries so families don't have to give up their pets.

Contact Betty at 815-334-4943.

Pooch Pantry (Mundelein)

Operated out of BC Dog Training facility.

<http://www.bcdogtraining.com/>

Tree House Animal Foundation Pet Food Pantry (Chicago)

Must be low-income and provide proof. To register for the program contact The Pet Food Pantry.

Phone: (773) 784-5488 ext. 221

www.treehouseanimals.org

HELP WITH VET CARE

LIFELINE GRANTS

When an unexpected personal disaster affects a family, LifeLine Crisis Relief grants can provide financial assistance to help families provide for their pets' immediate needs. Personal disasters may include: House fire, Domestic violence situation, Unexpected death of a family member, Large-scale disasters such as hurricanes or wildfires. LifeLine Crisis Relief grants may be provided for the following needs: Transportation of the animal to safety, Veterinary care to treat injury or illness caused by the disaster, Temporary boarding.

<http://www.uan.org/index.cfm?navid=167>

Help-A- Pet

Established in 1999, HELP-A-PET is a nonprofit organization with a single purpose: to provide financial assistance nationwide for the medical care of pets whose owners are unable to afford the expense.

<http://www.help-a-pet.org/>

The Pet Fund

A registered 501(c)3 nonprofit association that provides financial assistance to owners of domestic animals who need veterinary care. The purpose of the Pet Fund is to work towards a future where decisions about companion animal medical care need never be made on the basis of cost.

<http://thepetfund.com/>

AAHA Pet Fund

As the benevolent arm of the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) Foundation, the AAHA Helping Pets Fund helps those in need access quality veterinary care for their sick or injured pets. We raise funds and award grants supporting veterinary care for pets that have been abandoned or whose owners are experiencing financial hardship. We can help in three types of cases: When a pet owner is receiving government assistance for low-income individuals, when a pet owner experiences a temporary financial hardship, when a veterinary practice acts as a Good Samaritan and no pet owner exists.

<http://www.aahahelpingpets.org/>

CREDIT PROGRAM SPECIFIC TO VET CARE NEEDS

CareCredit is here to help keep your pet healthy with the card designed specifically for you and your pet's health needs. Whether it's an everyday checkup, or an emergency surgery, we offer you convenient monthly payment options, no up-front costs, no prepayment penalties and no annual fees. The biggest difference between CareCredit and Visa/MasterCard is that any transaction over \$300 qualifies for a special financing promotion.

<http://www.carecredit.com/vetmed/whycc.html>

ASSISTANCE FOR CAT OWNERS

Feline Veterinary Emergency Assistance

A nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that provides financial assistance to cat and kitten guardians who are unable to afford veterinary services to save their companions when life-threatening illness or injury strikes.

<http://fveap.org/>