

## WAKE COUNTY RESOURCES

**Urban Ministries of Wake County.** They can offer financial help with electric bills, prescription vouchers and employment assistance. Limited funding will also be available to help pay rent and gas bills.

- **Job finding services** is also offered by Urban Ministries. This free service helps the jobless, unemployed, gig workers and underemployed find a job and/or develop their skills. Get help and advice with resume writing, access to job training or supportive services, technology and job readiness classes as well.
- In addition, **freelancing** for all sorts of positions are out there, both nationwide and in Wake County. Medical and health fields, IT, services, and other jobs will be available. These also help people with GED, high school, or no college degree. Find a list of [in demand freelancer websites](#).
- Urban Ministries of Raleigh / Wake County offers a wide variety of assistance programs for the low income, single moms and homeless. Some of them include, but are not limited to, job counseling, information on federal and state of North Carolina government programs, and grant applications. There is also free landlord mediation and foreclosure counseling.
- A free clinic helps with **medical and basic dental**. The program is known as the Open Door Clinic, and it is a very successful, thriving non-profit medical facility that is operated through partnerships. The charity provide comprehensive medical care for uninsured adults, kids, and people on Medicaid.

Many other resources are offered as well throughout the county. Call 919-836-1642. Click [Wake County Urban Ministry resources](#).

**The Salvation Army of Raleigh and Wake County**, which offers financial assistance to those in need to help pay for utilities, car repairs, rent and other bills. Financial help is provided for a small number of qualified people or low income families per day. The main application number is 919 834.6733. There are multiple locations, but the main Salvation Army is at 1863 Capital Blvd, Raleigh, NC 27604. Funds will be paid for a utility bill (final notice needed) or to help pay rent (money to help with back rent to address court eviction papers).

- In addition, the non-profit agency will be able to provide free food, meals to the homeless or poor and or new or gently used clothing. Other assistance can provide children with Christmas gifts, or families with Thanksgiving or Xmas meals around the holidays. There are also free back to school supply programs in Raleigh and the County, gasoline vouchers, shelters and other social services. More on [Salvation Army Wake County financial assistance](#).

**Church of the Good Shepherd** offers community services programs. The assistance programs they provide can **offer rent and/or utility bill assistance to persons in need** in the Raleigh and Wake County area. In addition, the agency also has a free soup kitchen on site. If interested in applying, proof of need

of being behind on utilities and/or rent is needed. Dial (919) 831-2000. The charity is located at 125 Hillsborough St, Raleigh, NC 27603.

**Wake County Human Services** - Addresses the emergency financial needs, health care, and economic status of low income families, the unemployed and individuals across the region. Working poor, the disabled or low income families can apply for free temporary cash as well as state and government assistance programs from the Human Services organization.

- **Energy Assistance Program** - This agency/program provides cash grants to clients in a heating or cooling related crisis. There will be grant money for heating bills, utilities, oil, wood, propane, etc. There is also the federal government Low Income Energy Assistance Payment Program (LIEAP), as well as Warmth for Wake applications.
- Payment plans are arranged too. Specifically, get access to and information on Duke Energy / CP&L Project Share. Click here for more on [electric bill help](#), or call the Raleigh North Carolina program at (919) 212-7000.
- Housing and rent assistance is offered in a crisis. The local Wake County government DHS funds and cash grants available to assist in housing situations that involve a child. If you have a kid and need help paying monthly rent, or a housing security deposit or if you are facing an eviction, the Wake County government will be able to help.

**First Presbyterian Church**, which is at 112 S. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27601, runs a program called the Friendship Fund. Call them at (919) 833-4070 or (919) 821-5750. The fund will be able to help with mortgage, rent, utilities and cooling bills. There is other emergency assistance, such as help fixing a car or truck or assistance with apartment fees, on a once a year basis to those in need of help.

- There is also education and daycare assistance among other program. First Presbyterian Community Outreach can provide GED classes with child-care. Financial support will be available for past due rent, mortgage, utilities, and other emergency needs. Another location is at 120 West Hargett Street, Raleigh, NC 27601. Call (919) 833-4070 For example, find various [options other than payday loans](#). These can be effective sources of cash and payday loan alternatives.

**Dorcas Ministries - Christian Community in Action** is based in Cary and can be reached at (919) 469-1351 or (919) 469-9861. Among assistance provided are Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday baskets and gifts. Also apply for emergency **assistance with paying for food, clothing, utility bills**, rent, housing etc. Social workers can offer referrals to other non-profit agencies that will assist the client. A scholarship is offered to adults as part of the Margaret Keller Scholarship Fund. Another resource is referrals and help in signing up for government aid and social services.

- Dorcas Ministries supports western Wake County, including Apex, Cary, and Morrisville. There are 4 main programs offered, and they include (1) emergency financial aid for bills; (2) a low cost thrift store; (3) a mobile free healthcare clinic run by UNC nurses and (4) a free food pantry. Other resources will be offered too. More on [Dorcas Ministries assistance programs](#).

**Southern Regional Service Intake Economic Self Sufficiency** is a non-profit that offers crisis assistance for paying basic needs. This includes rent, medical bills, water expenses, and even funeral costs. General services include referrals to clothing, free food, furniture, short-term counseling, crisis assistance and

help with transportation for clients. They can also give away a free car or truck to low-income families in Wake County.

- So many programs are run by the charity for the southern part of the county only. While all requests are assessed, more rare will be assistance for prescriptions, adult day care and intake for child care, or eyecare. Address - 130 North Judd Parkway North East, Fuquay Varina, North Carolina 27526. Call (919) 557-2501, or read more on [Southern Regional Service Intake Economic Self Sufficiency programs](#).

**Western Wake Crisis Ministry** runs a food bank and bill assistance program for residents who live in the western part of Wake County. Free hardship money will be available to qualified individuals at maximum once per year in emergency or a crisis situation. There will also be free stuff or items, ranging from food to internet access or clothes.

- Financial help and money will be available for rent, mortgage payments, utilities, and prescription drugs. In addition a food pantry available once every 30 days. The address is 1600 Olive Chapel Rd #408, Apex, NC 27502. Call (919) 362-0657, or more on [assistance from Western Wake Crisis Ministry](#).

**Social Concerns** is based in Cary. Their phone number is (919) 469-9861. This agency can refer people to local charities as well as federal and North Carolina government programs. In addition, they will be able to provide emergency help with free food, clothing, funds for electric bills, rent, housing expenses, and more. They also help people find affordable apartments to live in, assist the elderly over the age of 60 and more. The address is 187 High House Rd, Cary, NC 27511. Of course funding will be limited.

**Payment Plans for water and sewer bills** can be arranged by the City of Raleigh. Assistance needs to be applied to prior to the service being disconnected. Low income households as well as families facing an emergency can enroll into a program. More details on [water bill help in Wake County](#).

**Garner Area Ministries** (call (919) 772-9100) can help individuals and families 1 to 3 times per year, depending on their need. They can provide free food and groceries for the hungry in the community, a clothing closet and financial assistance for every day expenses. Eligible individuals will be able to receive food and clothing every 3 months and financial assistance for paying their rent, prescription, or utilities 1 time per year. The location is 558 Village Ct, Garner, NC 27529. Located in Garner NC, or read more [Garner Ministry programs](#).

**Women's Center Of Wake County**, which is based in Raleigh and can be reached at (919)829-3711, can provide housing support and services, including rent assistance. There will programs for single mothers in Raleigh, safe housing, bus passes or gasoline vouchers and more. They help women facing DV, single moms get a free vehicle or car fixed for work and arranged other help in Wake County.

- Other support services are offered too. The various services offered include financial counseling (including direct cash assistance to prevent eviction, utility disconnect, or to help with purchasing medications as funds allow. There is also free legal information; health services and education workshops on a variety of life and social skills development. Location is 2200 New Bern Ave, Raleigh, NC 27610. Call (919) 829-3711

**Lutheran Services of North Carolina** provides coverage across Raleigh, Durham, and RTP. They offer information on numerous housing programs. Staff provide transitional housing, details on emergency shelter, and more, in particular for the disabled. Continue with [Carolina Lutheran programs](#).

**Triangle Family Services** is another non-profit that can provide housing, homeless shelters and rent help. They serve both Wake County, as well as the surrounding area as well. They can also refer people to local [section 8 housing](#) programs and offer other aid.

- The non-profits offer **credit, mortgage relief, and foreclosure** programs. In regards to people faced with losing their home, they will be able to turn to the Home Protection Program, and more traditional foreclosure counseling. Click here to learn more on the [North Carolina Home Protection Program](#).
- The non-profit will offer free **or low cost credit repair and debt reduction services**. They can work directly with your credit card companies, hospitals, or other creditors. Learn more about solutions such as hardship programs and debt settlement. The bottom line is you need to get your fiscal house in order if you are going to be successful over the long term.

One of the main services available is known as the Emergency Housing Assistance Program, and the agency will have funds for paying a portion of back rent from it. Other services from TFS includes foreclosure mediation, debt reduction, and help for housing needs. Location is 3937 Western Blvd., Raleigh, NC 27606, (919) 821-0790 x 115. Click more [Triangle Family Services](#).

**City of Raleigh and Wake County Access Hub** also administers **gives information or referrals** to assistance programs for the low income, working poor, elderly, and other qualified individuals who are facing homelessness. Some of the services and resources provided include Weatherization and Home Repair or Housing Rehabilitation. These can help people stay in their home and/or help people save money on energy bills. Find other [ways to get help with NC energy bills](#).

- Home modifications can be arranged, with a focus on health and safety. There are grants, home repair programs for seniors in Wake county and more.
- There is also rent and energy bill assistance with long term Education and Job Counseling. Short term Rental Assistance and Programs from the HUB are combined with long term support, including Landlord/Tenant Counseling. **For referrals to help, dial (919) 443-0096.**

**Edenton Street United Methodist - Doorstep Ministry** is a faith based organization in Raleigh. From time to time, the church will have funds to help pay for a portion of rent, medications, or maybe a deposit. There is also a free food pantry, furniture bank and clothing closet on site, as well as free Christmas

programs. Also, social workers provide referrals to other Wake County charities and service organizations. Find details on [financial help from Doorstep Ministry](#).

**Catholic Charities** in Raleigh can provide up to a week's worth of food items and groceries to residents of Wake County through Catholic Parish Outreach pantry. In order to receive food from the charity, an individual's needs to be referred by a social service agency or a church. They also give out free baby supplies, help migrants, and arrange low cost legal advice. The Catholic Parish Outreach is located at 2013 N. Raleigh Blvd.

- Other resources offered by the Wake County Catholic Charities provide material assistance. For example, call them for information on food, baby formula, and items such as personal hygiene. Social workers will also work closely with families that need help in the Raleigh area. Read more [Catholic Charities in Wake County](#).

**Passage Home** is the Wake County community action agency. While mostly referrals are offered to financial and government assistance, they do operate some of their own free grant programs. Examples include the VITA income tax program, which offers free tax help and filing services to low income families and seniors. They also help students (both younger and adults) go back to school and get the supplies they need, including computers. Learn more on [free laptops for school](#).

- Employment programs and job search is offered at Job Readiness/Workforce Development Program centers. Get help in finding and preparing for a job. Other information can be provided, such as on weatherization, low income energy bill assistance/LIHEAP and food stamps. Address is 513 Branch St, Raleigh, NC 27601, dial 919-834-0666. More on [Passage Home resources](#).

**Southern Wake Faith Community in Action** – The not for profit can provide emergency financial assistance, grants, information and referral in the communities of Willow Spring and Fuquay-Varina for those experiencing crises situations related to shelter, housing, utilities and other basic needs. Location is 605 Bridge St., Fuquay Varina, North Carolina 27526. Phone (919) 567-8100

**Electric bill assistance from Oasis** is a resource that is available for residents of Cary North Carolina. Any funding is offered as a one time payment and will go towards those families that are facing some type of emergency situation. This is not a government charity type program but rather it relies on donations from people throughout the region. Find [Cary NC utility bill assistance](#).

**North Raleigh Ministries** operates a thrift store, and the money raised is used to help struggling families in Northern Wake County. They operate services such as Circle of Hope, which offers emergency food . The ministries also offers referrals to work training, including vocational job placement and other support. However the main resource is the free food pantry. Location is 9650 Strickland Rd Suite 161, Raleigh, NC 27615, or dial (919) 844-6676.

**Financial assistance paying for summer cooling bills** is available. People who are struggling and other lower income individuals who can't afford to pay to cool their homes during the hot summer months will

qualify for Wake County's **Cool for Wake** assistance program. The program can provide financial help for AC bills, free air conditioner units or fans. Through September 1 of each year the Cool for Wake program will provide free items to qualified individuals and families. Dial 919-212-7083, or find more information on [Cool for Wake](#).

**Free legal aid and lawyer consultations** in Raleigh NC area are offered. Wake County families can turn to **Legal Aid of North Carolina**. This is a statewide, non-profit law firm with volunteer as well as pro-bono attorneys. The center provides free legal services and advice in civil matters to low income people. Receive free foreclosure help, debt and credit collection support, and assistance with preventing evictions from homes and apartments. Call (866) 219-5262 or 919-828-4647 for information on legal programs.

### **Food assistance programs in Raleigh NC and Wake County**

Some of the places that distribute food, free groceries, meals or SNAP applications around Wake County and the Raleigh NC area include

- **Wendell United Methodist Church Food Pantry** which also covers Zebulon. (919) 365-6266.
- **North Raleigh Ministries** is another local charity. Call (919) 785-9911 or (919) 844-6676
- **Brooks Avenue Clothing Closet and Food Pantry** offers both clothes and food. Phone (919) 821-2400.
- Yet another option is **Food Pantry & Clothing Closet**, and their number is (919) 833-8526.

If none of these options work for you, **find additional [Raleigh NC free food banks](#)** as well as locations across the greater Wake County area. Or struggling families can call on one of these non-profits for information on other services, including free formula, food stamp applications, or vouchers to pay for holiday meals.

**Telamon Corporation helps with housing.** Residents of Raleigh, Cary, Garner, Apex and other Wake County owns can receive free counseling as well as other forms of help with a foreclosure. A Housing and Urban Development-approved Local Housing Counseling Agency, Telamon Corporation, is offering support in the community.

- All qualified residents can learn more or apply. The company offers a complete range of housing services and resources that can help someone save their home, including fair housing assistance, loss mitigation, mortgage delinquency and default resolution counseling. There are also free home buyer education programs, and pre-purchase counseling.

All of the counseling services as well as housing financial services are offered free of charge to people in need of help. No fees or donations are required. To find out more about this foreclosure assistance program, contact the non-profit customer support team. The main number to Telamon is (919) 851-761 or (919) 851-7611, with an address of 5560 Munford Rd #201, Raleigh, NC 27612.