Collier County assistance programs.

Low income families, the working poor, and struggling residents in Collier County can get emergency financial assistance. Find everything from grants to pay a mortgage to electric bill help, free groceries from pantries, and medical care. Local charities, churches, and the government offer that as well as affordable housing, money to pay security deposits, debt reduction programs and more.

Charities and other aid organizations offer a wide variety of aid and support.

Local charities and aid organizations in Collier County and Naples, such as the Salvation Army, are facing an onslaught of requests for assistance, food and other aid, and they have ramped up their programs.

The Salvation Army (239) 775-9447 helps hundreds of residents each month. They give food, clothes, school supplies and more. Also, rent assistance and help with electric and energy bills has increased. While the funds are sent directly to the landlords and utility companies, the amount of help provided can help tenants and families pay their rent or keep their utilities on.

Some agencies and places to turn to for help in Collier County and the Naples Florida area include St. **Vincent de Paul Society** (239) 775-2907 which provides utility bill assistance and food aid.

Catholic Charities (239) 793-0059 is another charity organization that is increasing its assistance programs. This year they are receiving and helping over 500 families with food every month. Also, individuals seeking help for prescriptions and medicines is now averaging 50 families a month. There are numerous thrift stores around as well.

Most of the programs do have criteria. For most, in order to get assistance with rent or food, individuals must be local residents and also show their Social Security cards to the organizations. Find additional ways to get help with rent.

The churches and other groups that are part of Catholic Charities in Naples Florida and across the county also try to help the less fortunate gain stability. So, they offer more than just financial aid. Clients will be able to work with a case manager on finding a job, applying for government benefits, and more. Continue Collier County Catholic Charities.

The Salvation Army and many charities also gets funds and grant money for utility bill assistance from Florida Power & Light and its Care to Share program. Several other social services are offered. These include free Christmas assistance, food pantry, and shelter. Many of the resources are focused on homeless prevention and supporting low income families with children and seniors. There are a few locations in Collier County Florida. Call (239) 774-1445, or click here.

Collier County Coalition of Farmworker provides solutions to the very poor, immigrants, and seasonal farmworkers. The non-profit may have some limited financial aid and can arrange for transitional housing. Other resources in Naples Florida includes education, job training, English as Second Language, and free food or meals. Click here.

The **Collier Resource Center** exists solely to help families and adults obtain emergency assistance and ongoing support. We help residents navigate their way through the maze of health and human service organizations in Collier County. Our case managers determine the need and connect clients with other agencies which provide various types of help, whether it's one-time emergency rent assistance, information about support groups, or referral to programs that provide training. We follow-up on the effectiveness these agencies provide and will redirect clients if their needs are not met. Visit their <u>Website</u>