

Laurens County Assistance Programs

GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission, Inc. - The local community action agency of the area. They help the low to moderate income, working poor, elderly, disabled, and others who are facing a short-term hardship. Some of the resources offered by the agency include food assistance programs, Head Start, job training and placement services, repairs and/or replacement of heating and cooling equipment, prescription drugs, weatherization, funds for paying utility bills and rent, and other forms of aid. 237 North Hospital Street, Greenwood, SC 29648 <https://www.gleamnshrc.org/> (864) 223-8434

Salvation Army – Provides various forms of assistance including prescription medication, rent and mortgage payment assistance, a thrift store, energy and utility bill assistance, free food and groceries, a homeless shelter, and other aid and counseling. 222 Presley Street, Greenwood, SC 29646 <https://www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/greenwood/home/> (864) 229-3407

Golden Strip Emergency Relief & Resource Agency - This non-profit agency in Simpsonville helps low income families who are experiencing a financial emergency or hardship. They assist residents with essential needs such as food, offer medications and prescription drugs, provide referrals to health clinics, utility bill help, education, and counseling services, and can even provide funds for rent and mortgage payments. <https://www.centercs.com/> 1102 Howard Drive, Simpsonville 29681 (864) 688-2233

Catholic Charities of the Piedmont - While funds are limited, they can help with utilities and rent and mortgage payments. Also access a program known as SAVE A SMILE (restorative dental care dentures for low-income families with no health insurance). They can also refer people to local charities and South Carolina government programs. <https://charitiessc.org/piedmont> (864) 331-2628

United Way of Laurens - A non-profit that provides emergency food, shelter, utility and other assistance. 16 Peachtree St, Clinton, SC 29325 <https://www.uwlc-online.org/> (864) 833-3623 or Statewide: <https://sc211.org/> or 211 from any phone.

American Red Cross Upstate Chapter – Disaster Relief – 940 Grove Road Greenville, SC 29605 <https://www.redcross.org/local/south-carolina.html> (864)-271-8222

Golden Harvest Food Bank – Provides resources for food in your area. <https://goldenharvest.org/> 1-866-484-6829

Upper Savannah Council of Governments (Area Agency on Aging) - Provides aid to the elderly. 430 Helix Rd, Greenwood, SC 29646 <http://www.uppersavannah.com/> (864) 941-8050

Upper Savannah Care Services (USCS) A nonprofit organization that provides the following services to persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families: care management; assistance with medical care and prescription costs; dental care; short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance; vouchers for gasoline; mental health counseling; patient forums; and community awareness/education. 108 Venture Ct, Greenwood, SC 29649
<https://uppersavannahcare.org/> (864) 229-9029

Department of Social Services (DSS) – Administers economic assistance programs including federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Medicaid. 3 Human Services Rd, Clinton, SC 29325 <https://dss.sc.gov/> (864) 833-0100

South Carolina Regional Housing Authority (Section 8) - provide the low income, elderly, and disabled residents of affordable housing. <https://www.scrha.net/>
(864) 984-0578

Welvista - Helps uninsured and underserved South Carolinians gain access to prescriptions and pediatric dentistry. 1-800-983-3339 or (803)933-9184 <https://www.welvista.org/>

South Carolina Drug Card - A free statewide discount prescription assistance program to help uninsured and underinsured residents afford their prescriptions.
<https://southcarolinadrugcard.com/>

South Carolina Legal Aid Services - Provides free legal assistance in a wide variety of civil (non-criminal) legal matters to eligible low-income residents of South Carolina.
Greenwood Office: (864) 223-4879 or **Intake Line:** 1-(888) 346-5592
<https://sclegal.org/>

State Representatives – Contact your state representative or state senator for any issues, programs, or agencies that fall under their jurisdiction. www.scstatehouse.gov