

Oconee County Assistance Programs

Sunbelt Human Advancement Resources, Inc. (SHARE) - (Oconee County Community Services Office) 708 E. Main Street, Seneca, SC 29678 **(864) 882-3495**

<https://www.sharesc.org/>. This may be the agency that offers the most assistance programs and resources in the area. The services they offer include:

- Emergency medical payment assistance for prescription medications and health care expenses.
- Gently used clothing.
- Eviction prevention and housing assistance, including mortgage and rent payments.
- Debt and financial counseling, including budgeting skills. Programs that can help with credit card and medical debts.
- Food assistance and pantry.
- Heating, utility and energy bill programs, including Operation Warmth and the federal government LIHEAP program. Also, funds for utility deposits may be available. Money can be used for paying for oil, propane, kerosene, and other heating expenses.
- Programs to help people find a job.

Oconee County Salvation Army – A non-profit charity organization. They have limited funding to help people pay utility programs. Limited funds for paying for prescription medications and rent may be available. Other assistance that may be available includes holiday items, such as Thanksgiving meals, Christmas gifts, food baskets and more. Groceries and other food may be available at an onsite pantry and thrift store. The charity as well as local churches also provide help during the holidays, including Christmas and other events. Using services such as Angel Tree, there are toys, meals, and other support provided. Children from Oconee County are often a focus of these programs. 100 Debra Street Seneca, SC 29678 <https://www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/> **(864) 882-1160**

Catholic Charities - While funds are limited, they can help with utilities and rent and mortgage payments. There is 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) 242-2233 or (864) 331-2628**

Oconee Presbyterian Service Fund - Provides low income, the unemployed, and other needy individuals with help paying bills. The OPSF service fund provides money to buy groceries and free food vouchers, rent payment assistance, and referrals to transportation

expenses (including gas) so people can get to work. 115 W South 1st St., Seneca, SC 29678 (864) 882-0504

Golden Corner Ministries Food Bank - provide emergency and supplemental food to disadvantaged and low-income residents of Oconee County. 635 Business Park Dr., Seneca SC <https://goldencornerpantry.org/> (864) 882-3610

Bethesda Ministries – Social service and welfare organization. (864) 888-4738

Oconee AID Service - Assists on one utility bill (rent, house payment, water, heat, or electric) per 6 months up to \$100.00, provides free clothing and maintains a small food bank. Exception/ Criteria: must be an Oconee resident for 30 days. Hours of Operation: 9:00a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday; 9-1 for bill assistance. 105 Harrison Ave, Walhalla, SC 29691 (864) 638-6963

American Red Cross– Disaster Relief –224 E. Main Street Walhalla, SC 29691 864-638-5619 **Upstate Chapter** - 940 Grove Road Greenville, SC 29605 (864)-271-8222
<https://www.redcross.org/local/south-carolina.html>

United Way of Oconee County- A non-profit that provides emergency food, shelter, utility and other assistance. 528 Bypass 123, Suite C, Seneca, SC 29678
<https://www.oconeeunitedway.org/> (864) 882-9743 or Statewide: <https://sc211.org/> or 211 from any phone.

Upstate Homeless Coalition – Provides transitional housing with case management. Exception/Criteria: must be homeless or currently in a shelter. Address: 4200 Liberty Highway, Anderson, SC 29621 Hours of Operation: 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday – Thursday 8:30a.m. – 12:30p.m. Friday (864) 964-8250

Safe Harbor, Inc. - Provides temporary, emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children. Lodging, food, personal items, clothing, and other necessities are provided. Residents receive counseling, case management, support group therapy and living skills training. Exception/ Criteria: Length is 6 weeks; homeless due to domestic violence. PO Box 174, Greenville, SC 29602 Hours of Operation: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00p.m. Phone Number: (864) 467-1177 **24-hour Crisis Line: 1-800-291-2139**

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

Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina – (704) 376-1785
https://www.secondharvestmetrolina.org/file/facts/2020-counties/Oconee_facts.pdf

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. 223A Kenneth St. Walhalla, SC 29691 <https://dss.sc.gov/> (864) 638-4400

South Carolina Regional Housing Authority (Section 8) - Provides the low income, elderly, and disabled residents affordable housing. <https://www.scrha.net/>
(864) 882-8485

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.
Greenville Office: (864) 679-3232 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