

Columbus Georgia - Muscogee County

EMERGENCY & TRANSITIONAL SHELTERS

- **Damascus Way**, 706-653-2061, 1200 11th Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901: Shelter for Women and Children
- **Hope Harbour**, 706-324-3850, Battered women shelter, crisis hotline
- **House of Mercy**, 706-322-6463, 1532 3rd Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901: Shelter for Men, Women, and Children
- **House of Restoration**, 334-214-5522, 908 7th Avenue, Phenix City, AL 36867: Transitional Shelter for Men
- **House of T.I.M.E.**, 706-327-6836, 1721 13th Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901: Transitional Shelter for Chemically Dependent Women
- **Open Door Community House**, 706-323-5518, 2405 2nd Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901: Transitional Shelter for Women
- **Russell County Shelter for Battered Women**, 334-297-4401, Battered women shelter & rape response
- **Salvation Army**, 706-327-0275, 1718 2nd Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901: Shelter for Men
- **Valley Interfaith Promise**, 706-494-6348, 1214 3rd Avenue, Columbus, GA 31902: Shelter, Support & Services for Homeless Families
- **Valley Rescue Mission**, 706-322-8267, 2903 2nd Avenue, Columbus, GA 31904: Shelter for Men

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- **Columbus Housing Authority**, 706-571-2873, 1180 Martin L. King Blvd., Columbus, GA 31906
- **Georgia Housing Search**, <http://georgiahousingsearch.org> - Georgia Housing Search database
- **Phenix City Housing Authority**, 334-298-7803, 200 16th Street, Phenix City, AL 36867
- **SRO (Job's House)**, 706-571-2878 ext 2878, 1235 5th Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901: Single Room Occupancy for Men and Women (must be homeless to qualify)
- **Stewart Community Home**, 706-327-2707, 1125 15th Street, Columbus, GA 31901: Group home for mentally ill & disabled individuals

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

- **Division of Rehabilitation Services**, 706-649-7400, 233 12th Street, Suite 911, Columbus, GA 31901: Rehabilitation training for people with disabilities
- **Experience Works**, 706-596-0490: Training for adults 55 and older
- **GA Department of Labor**, 706-649-7423, 700 Veterans Parkway, Columbus, GA 31901
- **Georgia Job Tips**, 706-322-6255, 1520 3rd Avenue, Suite 1, Columbus, GA 31901

- **Goodwill Industries**, 706-324-4366, 1955 Northside Industrial Blvd, Columbus, GA 31904: Rehabilitation training for people with disabilities; Janitor & hospitality training; and Innovative Work Solutions
- **Work Force Investment Act (WIA)**, 706-653-4529, 420 10th Street, Columbus, GA 31901: Training for unskilled youths and adults
- **Urban League of Greater Columbus**, 706-323-3687, 802 1st Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901

MEDICAL SERVICES

- **Columbus Health Department**, 706-321-6300, 2100 Comer Avenue, Columbus, GA 31904
- **Community Care Mobile Unit**, 706-660-6345: Provides affordable (or free) primary health care throughout the city - call for days and locations
- **Outpatient Clinic**, 706-321-3710, 2100 Comer Ave, 2nd Floor, Columbus, GA 31904: Provides medical services for Muscogee County residents (must have been a resident for the past 90 days and meet other eligibility requirements), open: 7:30AM - 4:30PM
- **Russell County Health Department**, 334-297-0251, 1850 Crawford Rd., Phenix City, AL 36867
- **Valley Health Care System**, Medical: 706-689-1331, 1440 Benning Dr, Bldg 120, Cols, GA 31903; Medical: 706-322-9599, 1315 DeLaunay Ave, #201A, Cols, GA 31901; and Dental 706-221-4433, 1315 DeLaunay Ave., #201B, Cols, GA 31901: Provides affordable medical and dental care
- **VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic**, 706-257-7200, 1310 13th Ave, Columbus, GA 31906: Provides medical services for Veterans

MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

- **Alcoholics Anonymous**, 706-327-6078
- **American Work**, 706-494-7796, 1-866-678-7144: Mental health and substance abuse treatment
- **NAMI**, 706-320-3755: Advocacy, information and support groups
- **Narcotics Anonymous**, 1-800-347-5304
- **New Horizons**, 706-323-0174, 1-800-241-3659: Mental health and substance abuse treatment
- **PATH Program**, 706-596-5530, Outreach, mental health and case management services

RENTAL & UTILITY ASSISTANCE

- **AIDS Outreach of East Alabama**, 1-800-799-4967: Assists HIV+ individuals in East Central Alabama
- **Enrichment Services Program**, 706-649-1600, 900 Linwood Blvd, Columbus, GA 31904; 706-596-0504, 2100 12th Ave., Columbus: Provides rental & utility assistance in West Central Georgia
- **Housing Opportunities for Persons Living With HIV or AIDS (HOPWA)**, 706-571-0132: Assists HIV+ individuals in West Central Georgia

- **Lazarus Society**, 334-298-8552, 607 16th Street, Phenix City, AL: Provides rental & utility assistance for Alabama residents
- **Salvation Army**, 706-327-0275, 1718 2nd Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901: Provides rental & utility assistance for residents of Muscogee County, GA, Chattahoochee County, GA and Russell County, AL

IDENTIFICATION

- **AL Department of Public Safety (Driver's License Bureau)**, 334-298-1953, 1206 7th Ave., Phenix City, AL 36867
- **GA Department of Motor Vehicle (Driver's License Bureau)**, 706-569-3033 or 1-866-754-3687, 8397 Macon Road, Midland, GA 31820
- **Georgia Legal Services**, 706-649-7493, 1036 1st Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901: Assists with reduced-fee GA state identification
- **Social Security Administration**, 706-494-6171 or 1-800-772-1213, 7263 North Lake Drive, Columbus, GA

REFERRAL & OTHER SERVICES

- **Area Agency on Aging**, 706-256-2910 or 1-800-249-7468: Must be age sixty (60) or older or have a disability
- **Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministry**, 706-327-2836, Columbus, GA 31901: Financial assistance and referrals
- **Children and Family Connection**, 334-448-1010, 901 13th Street, Phenix City, AL 36867: Referrals for Russell County residents
- **Community Case Management for Women**, 706-653-1650: Services for homeless women
- **CONTACT 211**, 706-327-3999 or dial 211: 24 hour crisis hotline and referral agency
- **Cougars for Christ**, 706-662-7631: Care packages for those in need
- **Fifth House of Jeremiah Outreach Church**, 706-569-4339: Christian counseling
- **AL Food Stamp & Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Office**, 334-214-5780, 1003 25th Ave., Phenix City, AL
- **GA Food Stamp & Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Office**, 706-649-7311, 2100 Comer Ave, Columbus, GA 31906
- **Georgia Legal Services**, 706-649-7493, 1-800-533-3140, 1036 1st Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901
- **Homeless Resource Network**, 706-571-3399, 1-800-341-9371, 2221 2nd Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901: Homeless services, referrals & bus IDs
- **Lazarus Society**, 334-298-8552, 607 16th St., Phenix City, AL
- **METRA**, Bus route information, 706-653-4413, 814 Linwood Blvd., Columbus, GA 31901
- **Mission Columbus**, 706-507-4672, 3679 Steam Mill Rd., Columbus, GA

- **Open Door Showering Program**, 706-323-5518, Open Door Community House, 2405 2nd Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901: Free showers for people living on the streets
- **Sexual Assault Support Center**, 706-571-1908

Food Pantries and Food Banks

Columbus Dream Center

Location is 4114 Oates Ave.

Columbus, Georgia 31904

Main phone - (706) 565-9969

This is one of the charities that offers more than just free food. There is also clothing, personal hygiene support such as a hair cut, and hot meals for people in poverty.

First Presbyterian Church

1100 1st Avenue

Columbus, GA

(706) 322-4523

Valley Rescue Mission, Inc.

2903 2nd Ave.

Columbus, GA 31904

For information, dial (706) 322-8267

Financial aid is available for buying supplemental food. There may also be furniture, clothing, and vouchers for groceries, such as soup or non-perishable food.

Salvation Army pantry at the Muscogee County center

Main address is 1718 2nd Ave.

Columbus, GA 31902

(706) 327-0275

Emergency canned food is available along with a soup kitchen and shelter for the homeless. Clients including single parents, children, seniors, and families facing a crisis in Muscogee County.

St. Luke Outreach

Address: 1024 2nd Ave.

Columbus, Georgia 31901

(706) 327-4958

Resources range from medications to free food boxes. Other vouchers may be used for gasoline or school lunches for children.

Open Door Community House

2405 2nd Avenue

Columbus, Georgia

(706) 323-5518

Lazarus Society

607 16th St.

Phenix City, AL 36867

(334) 298-8552

The pantry does help residents of nearby Muscogee County as well.

Brown Bag of Columbus

1342 17th Street

Columbus, GA 31901

Call 706-596-8581

They only help low income senior citizens in Muscogee County. Lunches, bags of food, and more may be served.

St. James Baptist Church Food Bank

Address - 5214 St. James St

Columbus, Georgia 31907

Call (706) 687-6420

An emergency food pantry is on site. Groceries, holiday meals, and more may be served. There can also be hygiene products, blankets for the homeless, and referrals given.

Warm A Heart Outreach And Referral Center

Location is 3645 Buena Vista Rd.

Columbus, GA 31906

For intake, dial (706) 683-4477 I

Programs include clothing furniture, appliances, and food. Clients can only use the center once per year, unless an exception crisis is occurring.

St. Anne Community Outreach

Address is 1820 Box Rd.

Columbus, GA 31907

(706) 568-1592

Muscogee County DFCS

Address of the social service office is 2100 Comer Ave.

Columbus, GA 31902

(706) 649-2673

Case managers can help low income families apply for SNAP food stamps, free school lunches, and similar state of Georgia government aid programs.

Wynnton Neighborhood Network Corp.

Location is 2100 Hilton Ave.

Columbus, Georgia 31906

(706) 327-0838

A non-profit to call on for referrals to food banks.

The non-profit Feeding the Valley Food Bank is part of a nationwide network. They have additional suggestions for residents facing hunger. To learn about resources such as Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), school lunches applications, or even for the address of additional pantries, call 706-561-4755.