

Housing Department

This newsletter is developed and distributed monthly by the Housing Department to provide general information and inform Service Coordinators of local housing options, as well as any Human Services employee of the availability of rentals in our area to assist with reducing the population of homelessness in our community.

Veterans Housing Options

Homeless veterans is an ongoing concern that is being addressed by various programs from the federal level to the local level. In 2016 there were over 40,000 homeless veterans in the United States with Pennsylvania ranking 8th with 1,200 homeless veterans reported. Below are a list of programs that can assist veterans who are homeless or at risk of losing their homes.

Help for homeless veterans

If you know a Veteran that is homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless, trained, supportive professionals are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to connect you with the services you have earned. If you need safe, stable housing and you're in crisis, Make the Call to 877-4AID-VET (**877-424-3838**) or chat online at va.gov/homeless

HUD-VASH Program

The Department of Housing and Urban Development – VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program is a joint effort between HUD and VA to move Veterans and their families out of homelessness and into permanent housing. HUD provides housing assistance through its Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) that allows homeless Veterans to rent privately owned housing. VA offers eligible homeless Veterans clinical and supportive services through its health care system...Call **814-860-2038** ask for HUD VASH Coordinator. (pa211.communityos.org/zf/profile/service/id/1575253)

Upcoming Events:

November 22/23 –
Thanksgiving Holiday

November 26- 1st day of Buck

Parking Lot Information:

We have an influx of new vehicles. The ones that are being replaced should be going soon to auction. Please have patience with the process.

Building Information:

Reminder if you keep snacks or any food in your office to keep them in containers. With the colder weather rodents are trying to get warm and finding their way into our building and then are attracted to your loose food. This also goes open for pop (or soda) cans.

Soldier On

The Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program at Soldier On is a door-to-door outreach campaign assisting veterans and their families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The outreach program aims to assist veterans and their families before they become homeless in New York State, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and western Massachusetts. Soldier On provides in-home case management, referral services, and temporary financial assistance for housing to veterans facing homelessness. Soldier On's mission is to provide veterans with the services and support they need to carry on healthy, productive lives in homes of their own. If you know a veteran who is on the verge of homelessness or struggling with issues related to housing, health care or substance abuse, Soldier On can help. Call their toll free number: **1-866-406-8449** ([/www.wesoldieron.org/supportive-services-for-veterans-families/](http://www.wesoldieron.org/supportive-services-for-veterans-families/))

Soldiers and Sailors Home

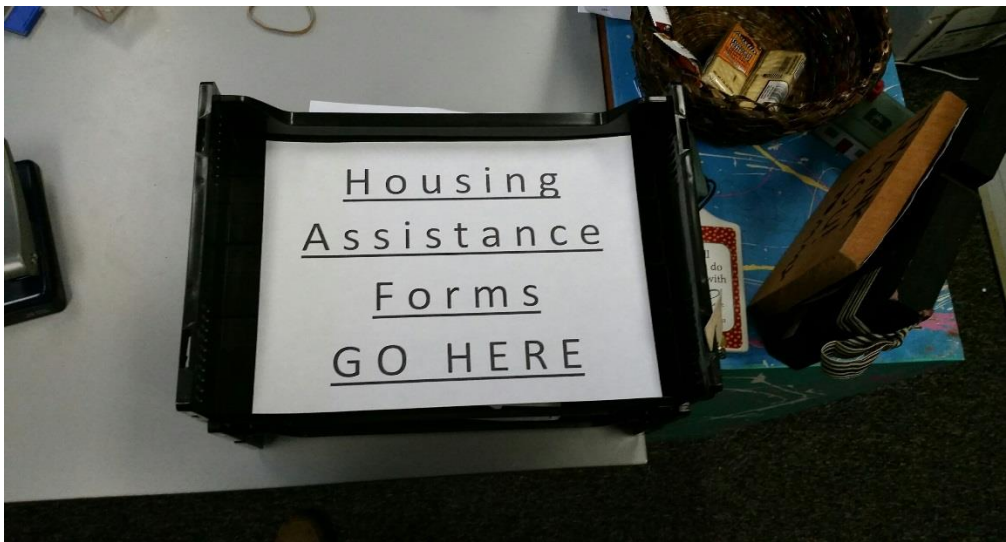
The annex was dedicated in June 1980, with 75 beds available to provide quality nursing care. The main building has 100 beds, divided into personal care and domiciliary care. The major difference in the types of residency is the level of care required.

- The personal care/domiciliary care unit provides food and shelter, medical and nursing care, ancillary therapeutic services and recreational activities. Residents receive a supervised, protected environment. When needed, assistance is provided for eating, bathing, shaving and other activities of daily living which do not require constant nursing care.
- The nursing unit provides 24-hour care, seven days a week. Residents receive a complete range of clinical services under the direction of physicians, nurses and other licensed health care professionals.
- The 32-bed Dementia/Alzheimer's unit provides veterans suffering from dementia or Alzheimer's disease with long-term care in a safe and secure environment. The ward has an open layout with a large lounge area, designed to put residents in familiar, home-like surroundings. During treatment for early stages of dementia, the entrance to each resident's room contains a "memory box" with items from a resident's past to help jog their memory as to where his or her room is located.

Available to all residents are medical, clinical and nursing services; drug and nutritional therapy; rehabilitative service such as physical therapy, occupational therapy and recreational therapy; dental services; social services; laundry; transportation; housekeeping; maintenance; security; fiscal management; and other related services Call: **814-871-4531**
(<https://www.dmva.pa.gov/stateveteranshomes/PA-Soldiers-and-Sailors/Pages/default.aspx>)

Housing Assistance Forms

Our housing assistance forms have been arriving in the office at various places and referrals have been anything from complete forms to sticky notes with a name and number. Please fill out a form with as much information as possible. In the section “what Specific assistance is needed?” please note whether they are homeless or if they have an eviction. When delivering the Assistance forms please place them in the top tier of the rack on Phillip Geer's desk in room 537 (see picture below). If the door is locked please slide it under the door. If you are currently emailing the forms you are welcome to continue doing so. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



The area's available apartments:

2 BR 2nd Floor w/ Appliances \$550/month includes W/S/G no pets. 814-676-5855

2 BR Rocky grove 2nd Floor \$579 + gas and Electric 814-673-4392

2 BR Franklin w/appliances \$679 +gas and electric no HUD no pets 814-673-4392

Apt for rent 705 W 1st St OC starting at \$300 a month includes W/S/G and appliances no pets no smoking call 814-764-6347

1 bed 3rd floor \$390 month includes W/S/G no pets 814-673-3110

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