

Section 2: Utilities/Assistance Programs

Angel Food Ministries	
<p>Purpose:</p> <p>To provide food to low-income families at a low cost.</p>	<p>Contact:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.O. Box 128 Good Hope, GA 30641 1-877-Food Ministry Office Phone: 1-888-819-3745 Email: Angelfood@Angelfoodministries.com www.angelfoodministries.com</p>
<p>Explanation:</p> <p>Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization that partners with churches and community organizations to help distribute food to those in need. A medium sized food box can feed a family of four for one week. The box includes meat, bread, vegetables, and dessert; all of the items are fresh, never expired, old or damaged. The box costs approximately \$25.00 (some states are more expensive due to taxes) and can be purchased from various churches each month. To find a church or organization in your community, please contact Angel Ministries at the toll-free phone number listed above or just visit the website.</p>	

AT&T	
<p>Purpose:</p> <p>Utility to provide phone service, internet service, wireless phone service, and digital television service.</p>	<p>Contact:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">http://www.bellsouth.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sales, Billing, Customer Service: 1-888-757-6500</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Special Needs Customers: 1-888-390-7770</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TTY/TDD/VCO/HCO Customers: 1-888-341-2355</p>
<p>Explanation:</p> <p>Provides phone service, internet service, wireless phone service, and digital television service to the state of South Carolina. Local calling plans starting at \$15.40/month; bundle packages including telephone, internet, wireless, and television from \$99/month.</p>	

Canine Companions for Independence, Southeast Regional Center	
<p>Purpose:</p> <p>To provide canine assistance for people with various disabilities.</p>	<p>Contact:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8150 Clarcona Ocoee Road P.O. Box 680388 Orlando, FL 32868-0388 (407) 522-3300 Fax: (407) 522-3347 Toll free: 1-800-572-2275 TTY: (707) 577-1756 www.caninecompanions.org</p>
<p>Explanation:</p> <p>Canine Companions for Independence is a non-profit organization which enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to insure quality partnerships.</p>	

There are four types of Canine Companion Teams:

- [Service Teams](#) - People with physical and/or developmental disabilities who work with a Canine Companion to enhance their ability to perform practical tasks such as retrieving dropped items, opening doors, and turning on and off light switches.
- [Hearing Teams](#) - Adults who are hard of hearing or deaf who use a Canine Companion to alert them to everyday sounds such as telephones, alarm clocks, and smoke alarms.
- [Skilled Companion Teams](#) - Adults and children with disabilities who benefit from the social, interactive, and functional commands of a Canine Companion. This type of placement increases the communication, range of motion, and interactive skills of some recipients.
- [Facility Teams](#) - Adults who work as professional care givers, educators, or in other settings that can utilize a Canine Companion to improve the mental, physical, or emotional health of individuals, young and old, in those settings.

Dogs for the Deaf	
Purpose:	Contact:
To provide freedom for those individuals with hearing impairments.	10175 Wheeler Road Central Point, OR 97502 (541) 826-9220 Tax: (541) 826-6696 Toll free: 1-800-990-3647 TTY: (541) 826-9220 Email: info@dogsforthe deaf.org www.dogsforthe deaf.org
Explanation:	
Dogs for the Deaf trains hearing dogs to alert people with deafness to certain sounds; assigns dogs on the basis of a prioritized waiting list; places dogs free of charge nationwide.	

East Coast Assistance Dogs, Inc.	
Purpose:	Contact:
To place people with various disabilities with assistance dogs.	Canine Training Center P.O. Box 831 Torrington, CT 06790 (914) 693-0600 ext. 1952/3 Fax: (860) 489-3191 Email: ecad1@aol.com www.ecad1.org
Explanation:	
Limitless Sports enables people with physical disabilities to experience wheelchair competition and other leisure and sports activities that are designed to increase self-confidence, to promote a feeling of community and to improve overall physical fitness.	

Food Stamps	
Purpose: To supplement income in order to purchase food goods.	Contact Information: SCCAP South Carolina Department of Social Services P.O. Box 1520 Columbia, SC 29202-1520 1-800-616-1309 https://dss.sc.gov/content/customers/food/foodstamp/index.aspx
Explanation:	
<p>The Social Security Administration, in conjunction with the Department of Social Services (DSS), has a project called the South Carolina Combined Application Project (SCCAP). SCCAP is a program where you no longer have to apply at a DSS office in order to receive food stamps. You are eligible for food stamps because you receive SSI. You will receive a set amount of food stamp benefits each month (with annual cost-of-living adjustments) and may receive them as long as you continue to receive SSI and your household living arrangement remains the same. You should be eligible for SCCAP if you: currently receive an SSI check, live alone or with someone else but are responsible for preparing your meals alone, or if you have no earned income. To receive food stamps, complete the application available at the website above, and remit to provided address. If your monthly rent + utility expenses equals half of your monthly income or more, or monthly medical expenses of \$35 or more, you may apply in person at a DSS office for food stamps outside of the SCCAP.</p>	

PAALS	
Purpose: To provide therapy and provide assistance through canine companions.	Contact: 2216 West Branch Road Columbia, SC 29223 803-788-6969
Explanation:	
<p>To train and provide service dogs for individuals with varying abilities. To train assistance animals to create activities for kids with physical and social challenges in South Carolina. To train and provide service animals for various special needs people in our community (ex. Therapy dogs). To increase assistance animal awareness. To provide a program where at-risk youth and/or retired individuals can give back to the community. To provide in training for therapeutic uses (ex. Use in ABA therapy for autistic kids). PAALS overall goal is to train assistance animals to help individuals with disabilities other than blindness or deafness. These animals can help with a vast array of tasks to assist with physical disabilities, and social needs as assigned assistance animals, or using them through quality programs to groups or organizations that can benefit from our assistance animals.</p>	

Prescription Paws	
Purpose: To provide therapy through animals.	Contact: 290 Jessica Drive Lexington, SC 29073 803-356-8985 www.prescriptionpaws.org
Explanation:	
<p>Prescription Paws have trained the dogs to work safely and effectively with patients; they visit a variety of patients—nursing home residents, hospice patients, children and people with disabilities, hospital patients, etc. Prescription Paws also offers presentations to local civic groups, school groups, healthcare facilities, and other</p>	

organizations. They also offer an informative dog bite-prevention program for children.	
Relay South Carolina	
Purpose:	Contact:
To provide assistive technological devices to aid those individuals with hearing and speech disabilities.	P.O. Box 29230 Cayce, SC 29033 Phone TTY: (803) 926-1870 Fax TTY: (803) 926-1871 Toll Free: 1-800-735-2905 TTD: 1-800-735-8583 www.sprint.com/relay email: melissa.mcmanus@sprint.com
Explanation:	
Provides telephone communication for individuals with hearing and speech disabilities. Relay South Carolina allows hearing users to communicate with those who have speech and hearing impairments and use a text telephone (TTY) or a combination telephone/typewriter. Services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.	

South Carolina Electric and Gas (SCE&G)	
Purpose:	Contact:
To provide South Carolina Residents with electrical and gas power.	SCE&G Columbia, SC 29218 1-800-251-7234 www.sceg.com
Explanation:	
South Carolina Electric and Gas (SCE&G), under the guidance of parent corporation SCANA, offers rate assistance to the disabled and elderly population during the winter months. The Heat Care Program is provided in partnership with the Salvation Army to ensure that persons remain safe, and warm, during the colder months. For anyone living in an energy-efficient home, "good cents" rates may be available. These rates reflect a reduction in the per-kilowatt-hour cost of electricity to an energy efficient home. Apartment complexes may also qualify for, or already be receiving, this rate for residents. Check with apartment management to be sure.	

South Carolina Lifeline and Link-Up Program	
Purpose:	Contact:
To provide reduced cost telephone service and installation service.	SC Office of Regulatory Staff 1441 Main St., Suite 300 Columbia, SC 29201 737-5234 Toll free: 1-866-788-6565
Explanation:	
The Lifeline assistance program provides a monthly credit of \$13.50 on a residential, land-line telephone bill. The Link-up Program provides a 50 percent reduction of the installation and service charges (up to \$30) to qualifying residential customers. You may qualify for Lifeline or Link-up services if you receive family independence, food stamps, or Medicaid.	

South Carolina Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program	
Purpose:	Contact Information:
To provide telecommunications equipment.	SC TEDP 101 Executive Center Drive Suite 120, Saluda Building Columbia, SC 29210 www.scsdb.org/outreach/sctedp_2007.htm
Explanation:	
<p>The South Carolina Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program provides telecommunication equipment free of charge to South Carolina residents with qualifying disabilities. To be eligible for this program, you must be a permanent resident of South Carolina, have a phone service in your home and you must have a certified hearing or speech disability that causes difficulty using a standard phone.</p>	

Time Warner Cable	
Purpose:	Contact Information:
A second option for high-speed internet, telephone, and digital television service.	http://www.twcsc.com 1-866-TWC-SC01 (Toll-free) (1-866-892-7201)
Explanation:	
<p>Time Warner Cable of South Carolina offers a wide range of products and services ranging from cable television to digital phone service. These products and services are available at monthly rates suited to nearly every individual and budget.</p>	

We Care Center	
Purpose:	Contact Information:
To feed people spiritually as well as physically.	Chapin's Interfaith Outreach Ministry
Explanation:	
<p>The We Care Center helps those in need by offering emergency food supplies, financial assistance for utility bills and medical and dental needs, assistance with day care, job placement services and sponsoring children to Christina Bible Camp.</p>	