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New Jersey SHARES

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Who We Are

New Jersey SHARES, Inc. (NJ SHARES) is a nationally recognized 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides statewide help and referral for essential services to those in need of assistance.

NJ SHARES serves as a “safety net” for households that face an emergency or a crisis situation. These unexpected circumstances may result in the household’s inability to pay for vital services, which include but are not limited to - energy (gas, electric), water, communications and environmental resources.

“Connecting with the folks at NJ SHARES was a lifesaver. While I am still working to pay off the astronomical medical care expenses I incurred while my husband was ill, NJ SHARES has remained a source of hope - continuing to provide guidance and helping me navigate utility assistance.”

~ Lois, Hamilton Township
Our Mission

Through advocacy, community outreach, education, referral and the utilization of our multilingual call center, NJ SHARES connects low- and moderate-income households with the available resources necessary to not only address their current situation, but also any ongoing needs. Working with our affiliated social service and legislative partners located in all 21 counties in New Jersey, NJ SHARES looks for a holistic solution - addressing each household’s individual circumstance, whether temporary or sustained.

“Luckily, just when my wife and I had given up hope, we attended a utility assistance day in our county and connected with the folks at NJ SHARES. Onsite that very day, we submitted an application and were approved for an energy assistance grant offered by the organization.”

~ Claude, Belleplain

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NJ SHARES partners with more than 300 social service agencies and legislative offices, operating out of more than 325 sites statewide to provide relief to families in need of assistance.

Working collaboratively with these partners, NJ SHARES provides a holistic solution to families and individuals, addressing the household’s temporary or ongoing circumstance. Our partners address a broad spectrum of client needs - from counseling and employment to financial/tax services, housing, nutrition and more.

“There often are misconceptions about those individuals who utilize social service programs such as NJ SHARES. However, any family can face sudden illness, unemployment or sudden financial instability. It is those times when NJ SHARES fills in the gap to help families get through the tough times when they can get back up on their feet.”

~ Assemblyman Christopher P. DePhillips (R-Bergen)

“When the staff at NJ SHARES say they will do something, they do it. They truly care about the work they are doing - securing the assistance families and individuals need exactly when they need it most.”

~ Evelyn Mercado
Community Programs Director, HOPES Community Action Partnership, Inc.

“NJ SHARES has been a lifeline for so many families at their most trying times. This year, for example, NJ SHARES stepped in and helped offer safety net services for the hundreds of families affected by the tragic Marcal Factory fire. Without their help, these families would have been in dire financial straits just to keep their homes heated and lights on.”

~ Assemblyman Benjie E. Wimberly (D-Bergen, Passaic)

“NJ SHARES provides an invaluable service to our clients in Southern Ocean and Atlantic counties. Partnering with NJ SHARES has resulted in many individuals and families receiving much-needed assistance in our service areas.”

~ Lori Sigrist
Home Energy Assistance Director, OCEAN, Inc.

“As the CEO of the largest Hispanic-based not-for-profit organization providing services in Salem, Cumberland, Cape May, Gloucester and Atlantic counties... NJ SHARES remains a committed partner of P.R.A.C. of Southern New Jersey, as well as other social service providers throughout the region.”

~ Ralph Padilla
CEO, P.R.A.C. of Southern N.J.
Assistance Programs
NJ SHARES has formed unique partnerships to provide a variety of different assistance programs and support.

**Energy**

- **NJ SHARES Energy Assistance Program** – providing grants of up to $700 per gas and/or electric utility, to New Jersey households in need to help maintain or restore gas and/or electric services.

- **Atlantic City Electric Helping Hands** – assisting Atlantic City Electric customers who are struggling with their electric bill by providing up to a $200 grant that can be combined with other energy assistance programs.
Water

- **New Jersey American Water H2O Help to Others** - providing grants of up to $500 to help qualified New Jersey American Water customers struggling to pay their water bill.

- **SUEZ Water SUEZ Cares** - providing grants of up to $100 to help SUEZ Water customers facing a temporary financial crisis pay their water bill.

- **Municipal Water Assistance Programs - Newark & Parsippany-Troy Hills** - providing up to $100 grants in each municipality to assist qualified customers in paying their water bill.
Communications

Verizon NJ Communications Lifeline - offering discounts to categorically qualified and low-income Verizon New Jersey customers to help make residential telephone service (landline) or broadband (internet) more affordable.

Green

Solar - partnering with a solar energy and efficiency company to provide affordable solar and energy-efficient alternatives to households wishing to further explore environmentally friendly options.
Vital Statistics

187,000 Households Assisted Through Our Programs

$75M Total Utility Assistance Funding Provided to Households Since Inception

300+ Agency & Legislative Partners Located in New Jersey

325+ Partner Sites Statewide Take NJ SHARES Applications for Assistance

Partners Located in All 21 Counties in New Jersey
Donate

Do you want to help our New Jersey neighbors in need?

NJ SHARES relies on the warmth and generosity of donors like YOU to provide our expansive - and growing - array of assistance programs to households in need across the state.

We make it EASY to make a tax-deductible donation:

1. Text NJSHARES to 50155
2. Call us toll-free at 1-866-657-4273
3. Visit njshares.org/donate
4. Mail a check, made payable to New Jersey SHARES, to our office:
   
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