

MAINE TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY

Maine Township considers its residents as our top priority. One of our goals is to help struggling families provide; thus the establishment of the Maine Township Food Pantry in 1981.

To receive assistance on a continuing basis, you must reside in Maine Township, meet the income guidelines, and file an application annually.

The food is donated by individuals, businesses and local organizations such as churches, schools and Scouts, who hold food drives throughout the year to keep the food pantry stocked.

The Park Ridge Human Needs Task Force and the Niles-Park Ridge Crop Hunger Walk have been regular contributors to the Food Pantry for many years.

The Maine Township
Food Pantry is truly a program

*By the Community,
For the Community.*

Monetary or food donations may be dropped off during regular office hours.

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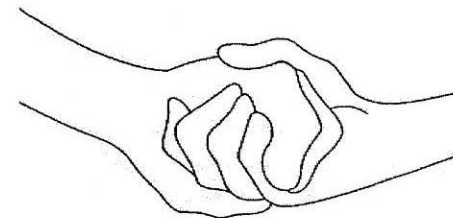
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MAINE TOWNSHIP

**GENERAL
ASSISTANCE
DEPARTMENT**



*Serving our Community
Since 1850*



MAINE TOWNSHIP

GENERAL ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Provides and administers various programs designed to assist low income individuals, couples and families, as well as senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

A state-mandated program that serves township residents who are not eligible for other forms of public assistance

GENERAL ASSISTANCE provides aid to single people or married couples without children who are in good health and available for work, as well as those who are awaiting Social Security Disability or Unemployment benefits. **Families may receive *Emergency Assistance* if they are waiting to receive aid from the State of Illinois Department of Human Services Programs or to alleviate life-threatening circumstances and assist the applicant in attaining self-sufficiency.**

SENIOR AND DISABLED INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

The General Assistance department provides Senior and Disabled Information and Assistance to our community residents in obtaining knowledge of Housing, Medical Services, Social and Mental Health Services, Nutrition, Home Delivered Meals, Employment, Energy Assistance (LIHEAP), Social Activities, Property Tax Exemptions, Shared Housing and a variety of other services.

ADVOCACY

The General Assistance department helps residents with applications for **SNAP** (food stamps), **MEDICAID** (medical and financial assistance) through the Illinois Department of Human Services (Public Aid). Applications and assistance are available for **BENEFIT ACCESS**, prescription drug **EXTRA HELP BENEFIT** and **NURSING HOME SERVICES**. Applications and assistance also are provided to those who need to apply for **Citizenship** or renew their **Permanent Residency Cards**.

SENIOR HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (SHIP)

General Assistance staff has been trained and certified as **SHIP Counselors** by the Illinois Department on Aging. The township assists the residents with their health insurance needs by helping them file Medicare claims, reviewing long-term-care policies and comparing Medicare supplements. They are also available to assist anyone on Medicare with the Medicare-D, prescription drug registration.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Maine Township is an intake site for the state program, **LIHEAP** (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program). LIHEAP assists needy residents with utility bills. The program is open to all residents of Cook County who meet the income eligibility requirements, as well as those who have had their utility service disconnected. The subsidies provided are through a federal and state grant administered locally.

ACCESS TO CARE

The General Assistance department is also an intake site for the **Suburban Primary Health Care Council-Access to Care Program**. This program serves residents who either are not insured through their workplaces or **have high insurance deductibles** they cannot afford to pay and their income is less than 300% of the poverty guidelines.

Annual income for a family of 1 must be less than \$35,640, 2 must be less than \$48,060, 3 less than \$60,480 and 4 less than \$72,900

The program provides health services such as office visits to participating physicians, routine laboratory, x-ray and pharmacy services at a reduced cost. Applicants are accepted on the basis of their service area, family income, high insurance deductible and ineligibility for such public programs such as Medicare and Medicaid.

MAINELINES

Take advantage of our 24 hour, Door-to-Door service. **MaineLines** is a subsidized taxicab voucher program for low income disabled residents; by helping pay for transportation in and around Maine Township. Go where you please as long as your trip **Begins** or **Ends** in Maine Township. To purchase a \$5 taxicab voucher, a resident only pays \$1.

To qualify you need to meet the following criteria:

- 1) You need to be a resident of Maine Township
- 2) You need to be disabled as certified by a doctor
- 3) You need to meet the income guidelines established for this program