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ST CLARE OF ASSISI (SCoA) CONFERENCE RESOURCE LIST

(as of September 15, 2023)

This is a list of various resources that may help our neighbors. *No guarantee that all of these resources are still available.*

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1. Generally:

- a. Employment & Financial Assistance, Homeowner & Rental Assistance, Food & Meals, Healthcare, Children & Parents, Community, Mental Health & Emergency, Internet, Utilities & Wireless Service:
<https://arizonatogether.org/>
- b. AARP Foundation.org. Search our Local Assistance Directory to find food, housing, health and employment programs in your area. You'll also find programs related to help paying bills, and other free or reduced cost programs. <https://local.aarpfoundation.org>
- c. A project by Wildfire with links to: Child & Family Resources, Financial Benefits, Health Care, Jobs & Employment Directions, Clothing & Diaper Banks, Food & Nutrition, Housing and Utilities, Seniors & Disability Services.
<https://www.arizonaselfhelp.org>
- d. Energy assistance (up to \$400 once w/in 12 mths), medical life support equipment used in the home, links to various services, including SNAP (food stamps). 877-860-6020. www.wildfireaz.org
- e. Information about various rental housing conditions, landlord problems, resources. www.worriedaboutrent.com
- f. Housing, utilities and other needs: Chicanos por la Causa.
<https://cplc.org/econ/lending.php>. 602-257-0700. 1112 E. Buckeye Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85034.
- g. Wildfire (lists of various resources). Wildfireaz.org. 340 E. Palm Lane, Ste 315, Phx, AZ 85004. P: 602-604-0640. F: 602-604-0644. info@wildfireaz.org
- h. Low-income seniors (lists of various resources), cf. Section 17d (“Seniors”). Sun City CAN. 623-933-7530. www.suncitycan.org.
- i. Maricopa County Human Services Department. Help with emotional, social & economic well-being by providing financial, educational, career and other support services. To apply, fill out online application with the client portal.
<https://www.maricopa.gov/HelpWithBills>
- j. <https://www.azevictionhelp.org> Links to legal aid, rental and utility assistance, & help after eviction.

2. Housing and Rental Assistance:

- a. City of Surprise Rental & Utility (electric, gas, water, sewer & trash) (past due, now owed, or future months) Assistance Client Portal:
<https://hsdclientportal.maricopa.gov/>. Eligible clients may qualify for up to 15 months of rent & utility assistance. If the family/individual does not have the capacity to apply on line, they can call the Surprise HOPE-line at 623-222-4673. (It may take up to 48 hours to get a return call). More info about eligibility & required documentation: www.maricopa.gov (In the Search box type “emergency rent.”) *Note: Due to the number of applicants in queue, it may take 6 to 8 weeks for a caseworker to contact the family/individual.
N.B. (Note Well). Until July 1, 2022, the Surprise Resource Center, a/k/a CAP (Community Action Program) Office, served residents of Surprise and El Mirage. As of July 1, 2022, their service area includes Waddell, Wittmann, Sun City West and the Sun City Communities.

- b. SVdP Special Ministries at Halle Resource Center in Phx. Client to call 602-850-6948. Leave name, address, phone number & SVdP conference name (here: St. Clare of Assisi in Surprise).
- c. Emergency Assistance Program. Contact Josiah Alaniz at Salvation Army, 17420 N. Avenue of the Arts, Sun City. 623-215-9566. Email: Josiah.alaniz@uswsalvationarmy.org.
- d. Mortgage assistance: Administration of Resources & Choices (ARC). 602-374-2226. www.arc-az.org/housing-counseling
- e. Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest. 480-654-4539. www.lss-sw.org
- f. AZ Dept of Housing. **COVID-related:** Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention; Housing Assistance Program; Homeowner Assistance Fund: <https://haf.azhousing.gov>. 833-931-3600.
- g. AZ Dept. of Housing. Eviction Prevention Assistance: <https://azhousing.gov>.
- h. Neighborhood Assistance Corporation (NACA): <https://www.nacalynx.com/help>
- i. Your Sure Foundation (YSF)-Call 623-255-7094 or yoursurefoundation.org
- j. AZ Dept of Economic Security. Emergency Rental Assistance Program. <https://des.az.gov/ERAP>. Provides rent & utility assistance to eligible renters impacted by COVID-19. Up to \$3,500 per month combined rent & utility assistance for a maximum of 18 mths, or a total of \$63,000 in benefits paid.
- k. <https://www.azevictionhelp.org> Links to legal aid, rental and utility assistance, & help after eviction.
- l. New Leaf WV Housing Assistance www.turnanewleaf.org 12779 W. Grand Avenue, Surprise, AZ 85374. Peyton Flores Program Manager 623-850-5611 pflores@turnanewleaf.org. To reach the West Valley Housing Assistance Center directly, email WVHACinfo@turnanewleaf.org. Or call 623-850-5611.
- m. 211. AZ families and individuals seeking placement at a shelter or connection to housing resources may call AZ's centralized services number at 877-211-8661.

3. Rental Unit Search Assistance:

- a. www.rentcafe.com
- b. Homeward Bound, 2302 W. Colter St, Phoenix, AZ 85015. 602-263-7654 Mon -Fri 9am – 4 pm www.homewardboundaz.org
- c. UMOM (families with children). 3333 E. Van Buren, Phoenix, AZ 85008. 602-275-7852. www.umom.org
- d. Chicanos por la Causa. www.cplc.org. 602-257-0700. 1112 E. Buckeye Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85034.
- e. "Rental leads as of May 5, 2022." www.svdpstclare.com

4. Affordable Housing Units:

- a. Housing for Hope-Affordable and safe housing for individuals and families. <https://housingforhopeaz.org/> (in Glendale, Tempe, Phoenix) 4747 7th Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85013, Call 602-530-5559.
- b. Foundation for Senior Living. www.fsl.org. 1201 E. Thomas Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85014, 602-285-1800.

5. AZ Rental Eviction Help:

- a. <https://azevictionhelp.org/>. Phone: 602-534-2433.
- b. www.azcourts.gov/eviction
- c. AZ Housing Coalition, Vitalyst Health Foundation – Eviction Resources

Packet.

<http://vitalysthealth.org/arizona-housing-coalition-eviction-resources-packet/>

6. Legal assistance:

- a. <https://clsaz.org>, or call 602-258-3434.
- b. <https://az.freelegalanswers.org/>
- c. <https://www.landlordology.com/arizona-landlord-tenant-laws/>
- d. <https://www.azcourts.gov/selfservicecenter/Landlord-Tenant-Disputes-Eviction-Actions>
- e. www.azbf.org
- f. <https://www.maricopa.gov/5763/Legal-Assistance-for-Nonpayment-of-Rent->
or call 602-506-0589.
- g. <https://www.azevictionhelp.org> Links to legal aid, rental and utility assistance, & help after eviction.
- h. Community Mediation Program/Dispute Resolution (free). 623-222-3242. <https://www.surpriseaz.gov/3881/Community-Mediation>
- i. American Civil Liberties Union. P.O. Box 17148, Phx., AZ 85011-0148. 602-650-1854. <http://www.acluaz.org>
- j. AZ Senior Citizens Law Project. 4146 N. 12th St., Phx., AZ 85014. 602-252-6710
- j. Assistance for legal immigrant families with family-based immigration needs. Catholic Charities. 4747 N. 7th Ave., Phx., AZ 85013. 602-998-6105. <http://www.catholiccharities.org>
- k. Wm E. Morris Institute for Justice. Legal representation on behalf of low-income Arizonans. 3707 N. 7th St., Ste 300, Phx., AZ 85014. 602-252-3432. <http://www.worrisinstituteforjustice.org>
- l. Maricopa County Volunteer Lawyers Program, 305 2nd Ave., P.O. Box 21538, Phx., AZ 85036. 602-258-3434. <http://www.vlpmaricopa.org/vlp/>
- m. Fresh Start Women's Foundation. Referrals and attorney assistance to women going through a family law issue. 1130 E. McDowell Rd., Phx., AZ 85006. 602-252-8494. <http://wehelpwomen.com>
- n. Also see §1(e), above. www.worriedaboutrent.com

7. Utility Assistance:

- a. City of Surprise Resource Center. *See #2(a) above.*
- b. State of AZ. *See #2(j) above.*
- c. <https://www.azevictionhelp.org> Links to legal aid, rental and utility assistance, & help after eviction.
- d. Statewide utility assistance for renters. APS. SW Gas. era.azdes.gov/ (See website choices.)
- e. Housing Assistance Program: www.azhousing.gov (See website choices).
- f. Low Income Energy Assistance Program helps individuals with limited income pay their energy bills. www.azdhs.gov
- g. APS Customer Care Center. www.aps.com. 602-371-7171 (up to \$800/yr)
- h. EPCOR. Call Customer Care for assistance 24/7 at 1(800)383-0834 or email at mywater@epcor.com. <https://www.epcor.com/account-billing/paying-your-bill/assistance-programs/Pages/default.aspx>

- i. SVdP Special Ministries (HPM) at Halle Resource Center in Phx. (APS, SW Gas & other utility funds). Client to call 602-850-6948. Leave name, address, phone number & conference name (St Clare of Assisi). A volunteer will return the call.
- j. Salvation Army 17420 N. Avenue of the Arts, Sun City. Leave message for Josiah.alaniz@usw.salvationarmy.org or call 623-215-9566.
- k. Wildfire. <http://wildfireaz.org>. 602-604-0640
- l. Hope Women's Center: support for women and children, bill/utility assistance. 623-875-4549.
- m. Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest. 480-654-4539. <http://www.lss-sw.org> (Glendale only, utilities services provided 1/18/22)
- n. Chicanos por la Causa. APS utility assistance. Phone: 602-805-1666. www.cplc.org
- o. APS and SW Gas Crisis Assistance. Up to \$400 payment on your SW Gas bill and up to \$800 on your APS during a 12-mth period (funds permitting). **Sun City Community Assistance Network (C.A.N.)**. 623-933-7530. Fill out the application and collect supporting documents and send or bring them to: Community Assistance Network, 10195 W. Coggins Dr., Sun City, AZ 85351. Application form & instructions can be found at: www.suncitycan.org. Click on "Senior Resource Sheet," then download "APS Crisis Packet." (You will need to be able to print copies of needed documents).
- p. LIHWAP (Low Income Household Water Assistance Program). <https://des.az.gov/lihwap>. Up to \$3,000 in water assistance (water service restoration, past-due obligations, future bills).

8. Food:

- a. SVdP, El Mirage Dining Room. 14016 N. Verbena St., El Mirage, AZ. Mon. - Thurs, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Fri. 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- b. St Mary's/West Side Food Bank Alliance, 13050 W. Elm St., Surprise, AZ. 602-242- 3663. M-F, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. (Bring photo ID & proof of address)
- c. Dysart Community Center, 14414 N. El Mirage Rd., El Mirage. 623-249-3812. Free food pantry drive through only. First Wednesday every month 8:00 am to 11:00 am. (food and hygiene products)
- d. Salvation Army. Free hot breakfast drive-thru Mondays & Thursday, except on holidays, 7:30 – (9:00 a.m. And food boxes available 9 a.m – 12 p.m., 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. at 17420 Ave of the Arts, Surprise. 623-977-1084
- e. Valley View Food Bank. 12321 NW Grand Ave., El Mirage, AZ. 623-933-3358. M-F 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- f. Surprise DES Food Stamp Office. 11526 W. Bell Rd., Surprise, AZ. 855-432-7587. <https://des.az.gov/services/basic-needs/family-assistance>
- g. Radiant Distribution Center, 10701 W. Boswell Blvd., Sun City. 623-975-2662. Free food and clothing Tuesday/Thursday from 9:00 am -11:00 a.m. at Radiant Sun City (Only provides for their parishioners.).
- h. WIC Assistance. Adelante Health Care in Surprise. Call 1-877-809-5092, ext. 081536 between 8a.m. – 5 p.m.
- i. Sr. Center Hot Lunch Program. FREE. Call 623-222-1500 two days in advance to order meal for pickup M-F at noon. (Only for 60+ or 55 – 59 with disability cost is \$2.50.)
- j. SNAP/Food Stamps. <https://www.healtharizonaplus.gov/Login/Default>. Or call DES at 1-855-4312-7587

- k. Wittmann Food Bank, a/k/a Saguaro Janes Food Bank, 21802 W. Wilson Ave., Wittmann 85361. 623-388-2683. <https://saguarojane.org> . Open Thursday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Commodity Monday: 3rd Monday mthly, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- l. Fresh produce in season. Market on the Move sponsored by 3000 Club. Various locations. <https://www.marketonthemove.org>. 623-980-7357
- m. Home delivered meals for seniors. <https://www.mealsofjoy.org>. 623-594-9588
- n. Chicanos por la Causa. <https://cplc.org>

9. Health Care:

- a. Help applying for health insurance, etc. www.coveraz.org AZ Family Caregiver Reimbursement Program. Beginning in January 2020 helps pay for home modifications and technology that can help a resident with mobility or daily living, e.g., bathroom remodels, hearing aids & wheelchair ramps. Covers 50% of eligible expenses, up to \$1,000.00. <https://des.az.gov/services/older-adults/family-caregiver-support> or call 888-737-7494 (Mon – Fri 9 am – 4pm).
- b. Anyone who earns too much money to qualify for AHCCCS may be eligible for subsidized private health insurance through Affordable Care Act (ACA) market places. Buy ACA insurance through www.healthcare.gov or www.CuidadoDeSalud.gov or at 800-318-2596.
- c. CBI -PATH (Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness) provides services to people with serious mental illness, including those with co-occurring substance use disorders, who are experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. Tanya Alegria, Program Mgr, 480-450-0189. General number: 844-691-5948. pathreferral@bridges.com. (This is a Community Bridges, Inc., project. [www. https://communitybridgesaz.org](http://www.communitybridgesaz.org)
- d. United Healthcare Dual Complete. If you have both AHCCCS (Medicaid) and Medicare you qualify for this health insurance that includes \$125/mth on a card for OTC & food, dental services, eyewear and hearing aid allowances. No premium; it is covered by AHCCCS & Medicare. Contact Margot Watkins, licensed agent for UnitedHealthCare Medicare plans: 917-494-1225; margotwatkins44@gmail.com; 3334 E. San Pedro Ave., Gilbert, AZ 85234.
- e. For **military veterans** who are (1) entitled to Medicare Part A, (2) enrolled in Medicare Part B, (3) live in AZ and (4) are a US citizen or lawfully present in U.S. “**AARP Medicare Advantage Patriot (PPO)**.” There is no premium. Includes some dental and vision services and meal benefits. Goal is to keep you out of the hospital. Contact: Margo Watkins, licensed agent for UnitedHealthCare Medicare plans: 917-494-1225; 3334 E. San Pedro Ave., Gilbert, AZ 85234. margotwatkins44@gmail.com; Or AARPMedicarePlans.com; 1-844-723-6473, TTY 711.
- f. Medical Equipment Lending Center. Youngtown Community Fund loans durable medical equipment at no cost up to 4 months to residents of the Northwest Valley. 11215 W. Nevada Ave., Unit A, Youngtown, AZ 85363. For more information, Contact info@youngtowncommunityfund.com .
- g. Midwestern University Dental Institute. Open Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Excluding university holidays and educational breaks. For an appt. call: 623-537-6000.
- h. Adelante Healthcare offers free health screenings (blood pressure, glucose) also valuable health-related education. 2nd & 4th Thurs. every month from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Walk-ins accepted. Benefits (AHCCS, SNAP, KIDSCARE) application assistance. Tuesdays 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Surprise Resource Center, 12425 W. Bell Rd., Ste. 124. To schedule appointment, contact Adelante Healthcare at 480-964-2273.

10. Employment Assistance:

- a. AZ@Work. azjobconnection.gov.
- b. In Surprise, AZ:
 1. ARIZONAatWork.com/Maricopa. 12425 W. Bell Rd, Bldg A, Ste 124, Maricopa County, Arizona, Surprise, Arizona 85378.
 - (a) Resume writing, interview techniques, job search. Melinda Greenhouse, Workforce Development Coordinator. Office: 623-222-1630. Email: Melinda.Greenhouse@Maricopa.gov
 - (b) Career training grants and scholarships, e.g., CDL training, medical career training, etc. Surprise Workforce Development. Career Skills Workshops. <http://myhsd.maricopa.gov> Coordinator Elsa Aldana Office 602-372-7567. Email: Elsa.Aldana@Maricopa.gov
- c. Allegiance Staffing, 1501 N. 43rd Ave. 602-252-4000. <https://www.allegiancestaffing.com/agency-locations/jobs-in-phoenix-az-west/>

11. Seasonal Work Opportunities:

- a. U.S. Postal Service is hiring for the holidays. www.usps.com/careers
- b. Geodis, a logistics and transport company is seeking to hire about 350 seasonal workers in the Phoenix metro area. www.MyWarehouseJob.com
- c. Sky Harbor hiring customer service agents, drivers, sales associates and those in security. www.skyharbor.com/jobs

12. Veterans:

- a. West Valley Military and Veteran Success Center, Surprise Resource Center, 12425 W. Bell Rd., Ste 124, Surprise, AZ. Allison Wisniewski. 623-222-1658. allison.wisniewski@surpriseaz.gov.
- b. AZ Dept of Veterans Services. <http://www.dvs.az.gov/services/benefits>. Contact 602-535-1215.
- c. Dept of Vet. Affairs Community Resource & Referral Center, 1500 E. Thomas Rd., Ste #106, Phoenix, AZ. (Homeless or at risk of homelessness). <http://www.va.gov/homeless/crrc.asp> Contact 602-248-6040. Mon. – Fri., 7:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m.
- d. Military Veterans Resource, <http://www.arizonacoalition.org>
- e. Veterans Crisis line. www.veteranscrisisline.net Contact 800-273-8255 press 1.
- f. Disabled American Veterans, 222 N. Central Ave., Ste #1053, Phoenix, AZ 85012. <http://www.azdav.com/dav-claims-assistance.html> call 602-627-3286
- g. Heaven’s Healing Hands in Peoria and Phoenix. www.heavenshealinghandsphx.org
- h. Be Connected. www.beconnectedaz.org Contact 1-866-429-8387.
- i. Catholic Charities MANA House. 2422 W. Holly St., Phoenix, AZ 85009. 602-254-6785. www.manahouseaz.org
- j. Luke Chapter MOAA. Financial emergency must relate to Covid-19, employment loss, housing & food insecurity, transportation or other financial

crisis related to “necessities”, e.g., rent, medical bills, car repairs, utility bills, etc.
Email: kramerhometree@gmail.com

- k. Homes for Heroes Program - Supportive Services for Veteran Families.
www.homesforheroes.com
- l. Veterans Benefits Counselor (VBC) two days a week at Surprise Resource Center, 12425 W. Bell Rd., Ste. 124. By appointment only; no walk-ins. Call 602-535-1215. VBC helps develop and file applications for benefits & claims.
- m. Veterans legal resource: <https://lawforveterans.org/>. Legal info on multiple issues.
- n. Links to various types of assistance. www.aarp.org. In the search symbol type “veteran.”

13. Thrift Stores.

- a. SVdP, 12751 W. Bell Rd. #133, Surprise, AZ 85378. 623-875-5004.
Hours:
Tuesday – Saturday 10 am – 6 pm.
(1) To schedule a home pickup for donations, call: 602-254-3338
(2) Donation drop-off hours: Tues. – Sat. 10 am. – 6 pm.
- b. Hearts 2 Help, 10414 N. 107th Ave., Sun City, AZ. 85351. 623-412-4058

14. HVAC Repair Assistance:

- a. City of Surprise Neighborhood Services Housing Rehabilitation Program. Surprise residents only. <https://www.surpriseaz.gov/3788/Housing-Rehabilitation-Programs>
- b. Maricopa County Weatherization Program.
<https://www.maricopa.gov/5214/Apply-for-Home-Improvement-Programs>
- c. Maricopa County HVAC Repair (2023).
<https://www.maricopa.gov/HelpWithBills>

15. Weatherization Programs:

- a. Weatherization Assistance Program up to \$6,000 per home. Call APS for referral. 602-371-7171. www.aps.com
- b. Low-Income Energy Conservation Weatherization Program up to \$3000 per home. www.swgas.com/efficiency

16. Home Rehabilitation Assistance & Home Improvement Programs

- a. City of Surprise home rehabilitation assistance. <https://www.surpriseaz.gov>. Click on “Residents” and then “Assistance Programs.” Or call 623-222-1550
Coordinator: Larry Garcia, 623-222-1552; larry.garcia@surpriseaz.gov.
- b. Maricopa County Human Services Dept., Housing and Community Development Division provides home weatherization and home rehabilitation services to qualified residents. <https://www.maricopa.gov/5214/Apply-for-Home-Improvement-Programs>

17. Seniors:

- a. Home Services, groceries, errands, etc. Benevilla Home Services. 623-584-4999.
www.benevilla.org

- b. Placement Services: www.aaaseniiorplacementaz.com Office: 623-556-8003 24 Hour Help line: 602-663-4000
- c. Justa Center. 5533 W. Glendale, AZ. 602-345-8912. www.justacenter.org
- d. Sun City CAN (Community Action Network). (Includes low-income senior residents in Surprise). Call Sun City CAN at 623-933-7530. For lists of Resources: www.suncitycan.org. Click on "Senior Resource Sheet."

18. Technology:

- a. For eligible individuals: Refurbished computers, low-cost mobile internet, affordable computer repair. www.pcsforpeople.org
- b. OATS (Older Adults Technology Services). Senior Planet from AARP is offering virtual Tech Tutoring sessions with Verizon Volunteers. You do *not* need to be a Verizon customer to take advantage of this free service! Participants will receive help from volunteers with their technology-related questions. These personalized sessions will be hosted on Zoom via individual breakout rooms. www.seniorplanet.org/tech-tutoring

19. Internet Access/WIFI:

- a. Cox Access Partnership Program. Cox is offering internet for low-income families with kids in the K-12 system free for two months and \$9.95/mo going forward. Families can qualify for Connect2Compete by visiting www.cox.com
- b. Affordability Connectivity Program (ACP). Helping eligible households connect to the internet. <https://www.fcc.gov/acp>. Another link: www.GetInternet.gov; Another link: www.getmyinternet.org (833-201-1345)
- c. Zona Wyverd has a special Affordability Connectivity Program (ACP) for qualified Zona Wyverd customers. www.wyverd.com/acp
- c. Lifeline Program for Low Income Consumers. <https://www.fcc.gov/general/lifeline-program-low-income-consumers>
- d. Emergency Broadband Benefit: Income-based eligibility; Program-based eligibility. www.truconnect.com. **Tablets** for eligible needy students through Tru Connect wireless carrier. Customer pays \$20 (and ACP program covers \$100 toward the device) [8 inch tablet (upon qualifying), 12.5 gb of data per month, unlimited talk and text every month]. Representatives will be at Salvation Army, 17420 Ave of the Arts, Surprise, AZ., Mondays and Thursdays, 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. And at Pure Heart Church in Glendale Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 am to 1 pm.

20. Transportation:

- a. Ride Choice at Valley Metro. To register call Surprise Human Service and Community Vitality Dept Neighborhood Services Division. 623-222-1612 or Melinda.lertzman@surprise.gov or Valley Metro 602-716-2000.
- b. WeRIDE. Limited destination areas in Surprise. Weekdays 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. 623-777-4330. www.surpriseaz.gov/WeRide. WeRIDE app available in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store

21. Native American Connections

- a. Native health, housing, community. www.nativeconnections.org.

Phone 602-254-3257

22. **College Scholarships for Women Head of Households.** Soroptimist International of Phoenix. www.siphx.org 602-390-1958. P.O. Box 36833, Phoenix, AZ 85067-6833.

23. **Funeral Assistance:**

- a. COVID-19 related: <https://www.fema.gov/COVID-19funeralassistance>
- b. Maricopa County: www.funeralassistanceprogram.org. 602-240-6384. Email: funeralassistance@vsuw.org.

24. **Animals/Pets:**

- a. Empty Bowl Pet Food, 610 E. Bell Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85022. 602-909-7153. www.emptybowlpetfoodpantry.org
- b. Chance Shelter takes pet during crisis. 602-394-1595. www.chanceshelter.org

25. **Back-to-School:**

- a. Free backpacks & supplies while supplies last. Ages K-12. Plus community resources, snacks, prizes & more. **Saturday, July 22, 2023**, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Adelante Healthcare Surprise, 15351 W. Bell Rd., Surprise, AZ 85374
- b. Also, see §19 (above) for 8” tablets and internet access.

26. **Foster, Kinship & Adoptive Family Assistance**

- a. Jose’s Closet helps families by providing needed items to make family life easier and help them thrive. www.josescloset.org. 2055 S. Power Rd., Mesa, AZ 85209. 480-309-1743. M-F 9am-5pm. Saturdays 9 am – 1 pm.

27. **Cash Assistance/ “Welfare”**

Open to families with dependent children. Eligibility and amount of benefits dependent on income and size of household. Call AZ DES at 1-855-432-7587. Or apply at <https://www.healthearizonaplus.gov/login/Default>

28. **General lists of resources by category:**

- a. <http://www.southwestnetwork.org/ni/resources.shtml> - Select “The Help Book”
- b. Surprise Community Resource Guide (<https://surpriseaz.gov/documentcenter/view/40011/community-resource-guide?bidld=>
- c. City of Surprise COVID-19 Resources & Information: <https://www.surpriseaz.gov/3801/COVID-19>.
- d. www.211arizona.org. Phone: 211
- e. <https://www.azevictionhelp.org> Links to legal aid, rent and utility assistance, & help after eviction.

29. **Also see list of other resources at St Clare of Assisi SVdP Conference website:** www.svdpstclare.com