



COMMUNITY AID DURING THE SHUTDOWN

KEYS TO THE KOURTS

"The right key opens every door."

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As the government shutdown continues, families across the nation are feeling the strain of delayed paychecks and paused benefits. But across every region, communities and organizations are stepping in to make sure help is within reach.

NORTH REGION

Greater Chicago Food Depository –
Illinois

Serving Cook County and surrounding areas, this organization provides emergency food assistance and SNAP enrollment help for federal employees and families impacted by the shutdown. They've distributed millions of meals since October.

Find food or volunteer:
chicagosfoodbank.org

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SOUTH REGION

Nicole's House of Hope – South
Fulton, GA

A woman-led nonprofit serving
federal and TSA employees,
offering food pantry access, gas
cards, and emergency household
supplies. The group has supported
dozens of Georgia families since
the shutdown began.

Learn more:
nicoleshouseofhope.org

EAST REGION

Philabundance – Philadelphia, PA & South Jersey

Philabundance is expanding food distribution sites and SNAP enrollment help for families impacted by the shutdown, serving over 135,000 people weekly across Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Find food: philabundance.org/find-food

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WEST REGION

National Black Church Initiative (NBCI)

A faith-based coalition of Black and Latino churches assisting communities in California, Arizona, and Nevada with rent aid, groceries, and counseling. NBCI has processed over 250,000 assistance requests during this shutdown.

Learn more: nbcichurches.org



NATIONWIDE RELIEF PROGRAMS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Navy Federal Credit Union – Offering 0% APR paycheck advances and short-term loans for eligible military and federal members. navyfederal.org

DoorDash – Delivering 1 million free meals and waiving fees on grocery orders for families using SNAP or facing benefit delays. about.doordash.com

Army Emergency Relief (AER) – Providing interest-free loans and grants to soldiers and military families facing missed pay. armyemergencyrelief.org



NATIONWIDE RELIEF PROGRAMS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

United Way 211 – Connecting individuals nationwide with rent, food, and utility aid programs available in their local community. [unitedway.org](https://www.unitedway.org)

Modest Needs Foundation – Offering small, one-time emergency grants to cover rent, utilities, or medical bills for low-income workers – no repayment required. [modestneeds.org](https://www.modestneeds.org)

Black Women's Health Imperative – Providing mental health and wellness resources for women and families affected by the shutdown. [bwhi.org](https://www.bwhi.org)

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EVEN IN HARD TIMES, HOPE IS WITHIN REACH.

When government doors close, it's the heart of our communities that steps forward. Across the nation, local programs, nonprofits, and community leaders are working to keep families fed, households supported, and resources accessible. These organizations remind us that resilience lives in unity—when one door closes, our people hold the keys to open another.

From food banks and relief centers to small business initiatives and mutual aid networks, these efforts are proof that service never stops. Together, we rise, rebuild, and restore.

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