

# Polish American Social Services "PASS"

[PolishAmericanSocialServices.com](http://PolishAmericanSocialServices.com)

## Polish American Social Services "PASS" United Social Services Outreach Program

### Main Office:

308 Walnut Street • Philadelphia, PA 19106  
Open Monday to Friday • 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Telephone: (215) 923-1900

Outreach Services in and around the Philadelphia area

If you, a family member, or friend have a question concerning social services, call PASS and discuss your needs with a representative. All calls are CONFIDENTIAL, and PASS will either give you the information you need, handle your service directly, or refer you to the proper agency that can assist you.

Clients wishing to visit the main office at 308 Walnut Street, or one of the outreach sites, are asked to call in advance so that a Social Service Representative can tell you what documentation you will need to bring with you to process your request.

You can view an outline of several programs available to senior citizens and individuals of all ages on the PASS Internet site at [PolishAmericanSocialServices.com](http://PolishAmericanSocialServices.com).

For additional information, call PASS, Monday through Friday, between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. at (215) 923-1900.

## PASS Welcomes United Way Donor Choice



How can you **help support "PASS"**, Polish American Social Services, and its United Social Service Outreach Programs?

1. Direct your donor choice donations to Polish American Social Services using the following code number:

**United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania - 1869**  
**Combined City of Philadelphia Campaign - 11-01869**  
**Combined Federal Campaign - 32788**

Donor choice contributions to PASS are honored in many regions across the country. It is important to ask your campaign management about this option no matter where you live.

2. Let your co-workers know about PASS and invite them to support the agency.
3. Make sure that family members and friends know that they can support PASS through the Donor Choice option at their workplace.
4. If you work for a company that matches employee gifts, double your gift by filling out the appropriate form. Many companies who would otherwise not support agencies like PASS do provide support through this vital program.

Important information you'll need in order to fill out your form:

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(sometimes listed as  
"United Polish American Social Services")  
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## Food Stamps

You may qualify for food stamps if your income is \$1,444 monthly for one person, and \$2,941 monthly for a household of four persons. For households that contain an elderly or disabled member, monthly income limits are \$1805 for one person and \$3675 for a four person household. How much you get in food stamps depends on your income, your household size and your expenses. Savings don't matter any more. You can get food stamps even if you have money in the bank or other property. The food stamp application asks about your savings but only to find out if you qualify for emergency food stamps. You do not have to prove how much money you have in the bank. Senior citizens concerned about applying for food stamps can ask for a telephone interview.

For more information about applying for food stamps, contact the Food Stamps Hotline at (215) 430-0556, or PASS at (215) 923-1900.

## Emergency Unemployment Compensation Extension through November 27, 2010

The Emergency Unemployment Compensation, or EUC, Program is extended through November 27, 2010 and provides full federal funding of state extended benefits through December 4, 2010. The law is retroactive allowing eligible claimants to be paid for weeks of unemployment after the previous law expired on June 5.

## Medications and Prescription Plans

**PACE PLUS** is a new name being used for the PACE / PACENET PROGRAMS, The Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly. The new name reflects how this program works with Medicare Part D. It can provide better coverage for those who have both PACE/NET and Medicare D. This program has two qualifying income categories that help pay for prescription drugs. Seniors, age 65 or older with incomes as follows: for PACE, a single person \$14,500; a couple \$17,700. For PACENET, a single person between \$14,500 and \$23,500 or a couple between \$17,700 and \$31,500. For more info and to get an application call PASS (215) 923-1900.



## The Pennsylvania Patient Assistance Program Clearinghouse

This program works with **Pharma** (Pharmaceutical Manufacturers) to get prescription drugs for those unable to pay. Income guidelines approximate \$20,000 for a single person, \$25,000 for a married couple and \$30,000 for an adult and two or more dependents. Call 1-800-955-0989.



"PASS" works closely with the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging to provide information and assistance to the elderly. For information regarding services available in Philadelphia and Southeastern Pennsylvania, call PCA's helpline number at (215) 765-9040 or PASS (215) 923-1900.

[www.PCACares.org](http://www.PCACares.org)

## Real Estate Taxes

The Real Estate Tax/Rent Rebate Program for year 2009 is now being administered in 2010. The program has been extended till December 31, 2010. New applications are available. Homeowners can get back as much as \$650 on last year's real estate taxes while renters can get back up to \$500. The income limit is \$35,000 annually for homeowners and \$15,000 for renters to qualify. It is important to know that only half of your Social Security or SSI counts toward the income guideline. Age requirements are 65 or older, living with a spouse that is 65 or older, widow or widower between the ages of 50 to 64 or permanently disabled between the ages of 18 and 64. For more information call PASS at (215) 923-1900.



## Living Will/Advance Directives

There has been a tremendous amount of interest regarding health care decisions and advance directives also known as "living wills." In order to update our Tri-State Polonia members from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware about this topic, information has been placed on the internet site of Polish American Social Services. There are links regarding a "**living will**" or advance directive, a document which is intended to:

1. Give instructions about your own medical care.
2. Name an agent to make health care decisions for you if you become incapable of making your own decisions.

This information is beneficial to people of all ages and will help you understand the importance of having this document prepared now and readily available when needed.

For additional information, you can call PASS, Monday through Friday, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. at (215) 923-1900. You can also find more information on our Internet site at: [PolishAmericanCenter.org/living\\_will.html](http://PolishAmericanCenter.org/living_will.html).

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