

# General Lafayette Apartments Community Outreach Programs

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## Thank You For Your Support!

The staff at General Lafayette Apartments would like to thank you for your support during our Support For Puerto Rico campaign. Thanks to the wonderful residents and community members, we were able to collect over 15 large boxes of donations for Puerto Rico!

This project was started by General Lafayette's Maintenance Technician, Miguel. Miguel has strong ties to Puerto Rico – as do many of us– and felt compelled to do something to help. He

wasted no time in organizing a relief drive to send supplies.

While the project had several setbacks related to shipping, the supplies were sent to the island in care of several churches and will help many, many people to get through this crisis.

We would like to thank everyone who donated to this campaign. Your contribution helped to make the Support For Puerto Rico drive a success!



*A very special thank you to Miguel O. and his family for all of their hard work collecting, preparing, and packaging, the relief items for Puerto Rico!*

*Do you have a story of giving to share?  
An organization that you believe in?  
A heartwarming story of community involvement?  
We would love to hear from you!  
Email your stories or information to  
[emigha@danjonmgmt.com](mailto:emigha@danjonmgmt.com) for an opportunity to  
be featured in an upcoming edition of the  
General Lafayette Newsletter!*

## Donate Your Gently Used Items Without Leaving Home!

After speaking with local agencies, we have developed a short list of items that are always in demand. The items are accepted in all General Lafayette donation boxes at any time:

- Nonperishable food items (unopened)
- Baby items (diapers, wipes, toys, etc.)
- Pet food
- Clothing
- Pots, pans, dishes
- Bath towels
- Linens– twin, full, crib

Next time you clean out your closet, take a minute to see what you can donate!





When temperatures drop and winter sets in, most residents of the Northeast have an automatic response. There are many things we all do to prepare and most of us don't give it much thought. But for those less fortunate, winter can be difficult in ways we may not have ever considered.

## Giving In Your Community– Winter Needs

- Winter coats, hats, gloves, boots for a child can cost \$100 or more per child
- School closing days might mean a parent can't go to work that day
- Low rent apartments tend to be older and can be very drafty, raising utility bills for these families
- More days off from school means families prepare lunch rather than receiving school lunches
- Families without a car will be walking to and from bus stops in cold, windy, icy conditions. And anyone working outside of traditional hours may not be able to catch a bus and will need to walk.
- Trips to the grocery store can be extremely difficult if a family has to carry groceries home from a bus stop on icy sidewalks

Many local organizations provide assistance to individuals and families. Take a look at all the ways you can help too!



### Safe Harbor

This agency collects winter gear for adults, including coats, hats, gloves, scarves, winter boots, work boots, and winter clothing. They also hand out sleeping bags, blankets, and food packages. You can donate any of these items– new or used– to Safe Harbor this winter. Safe Harbor also provides bag lunches and hot dinners to needy individuals. For more information on how to donate, or to volunteer in the kitchen, please call Safe Harbor at 610-258-5540.



### Easton Area Neighborhood Center

This agency accepts donations of children's coats, twin size bedding for kids, food, winter boots, and winter weatherization items (window covers, draperies, etc). These items may be utilized in the shelter or handed out to food bank recipients. EANC also operates a utility assistance program which helps these families pay their heating bills. For more information or to make a donation, please call Easton Area Neighborhood Center at 610-253-4253.

But the best news is this– If you have winter donations for either of these organizations, you can leave them in any donation box at General Lafayette Apartments and staff will deliver to these agencies!