

# NAC Newsletter



Division of  
Housing and Community Development  
CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

## 40 Years Strong & Proud!



ACHIEVEability Board of Directors (left), ACHIEVEability Team (center), and Executive Director Jamila Morris-Harrison (right).

In October, ACHIEVEability (ACHa) celebrated "40 Years Strong: Rising & Thriving" at The Mann Music Center. It was such a special evening of gratitude and celebration, receiving so much love and support from West Philadelphia and beyond. We are proud to be a part of the vibrant West Philadelphia community and we are looking forward to continuing our goal of breaking generational cycles of poverty while fostering a rising & thriving Philadelphia for all.

## The Season of Giving & Gratitude



A family with holiday gifts (left), a turkey recipient (center), and the ACHIEVEability & URBN teams with gifts (right).

In an ongoing effort to promote community engagement and help West Philadelphia residents stay safe, stable, and healthy in their homes, ACHa hosted our annual Thanksgiving and Holiday Gift Resource Fairs. We provided valuable resources by connecting neighbors to career recruitment, home-buying programs, energy counseling, utility assistance, weatherization workshops, vaccinations, and festivities.

**Are you facing foreclosure?**

Are you facing foreclosure due to:

- unpaid mortgage
- unpaid property taxes
- other unpaid City liens (including water liens)
- problems with your reverse mortgage?

**You are not alone!**

Call **215-334-HOME (4663)** to get a legal consultation and housing counseling that can help you save your home. **There is no charge for this service.**

Get **FREE** help from the **City of Philadelphia** to save your home by calling

**215-334-HOME**

City of Philadelphia  
-Español al reverso-

## Free Taxes By Appointment

Monday - Thursday 10AM-3PM

Schedule online at:  
[www.cwfp Philly.org/appointment/](http://www.cwfp Philly.org/appointment/)



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# Community Events



Above: Wheels of Soul members, Jerry Carr of Home Health Care Plus, and Councilmember Curtis Jones gather.

## Home Healthcare Plus & Wheels of Soul Toy Drive and Resource Fair

ACHIEVEability partnered with Home Health Care Plus and Wheels of Soul at their Holiday Gift Drive. Our NAC staff shared valuable housing resources about assistance grants, foreclosure prevention, housing counseling, match savings accounts, and repair programs. Our weatherization workshop provided energy savings techniques and materials to reduce home heating costs and connected neighbors to LIHEAP. Happy families picked up holiday gifts and food items that were generously donated by the Wheels of Soul.

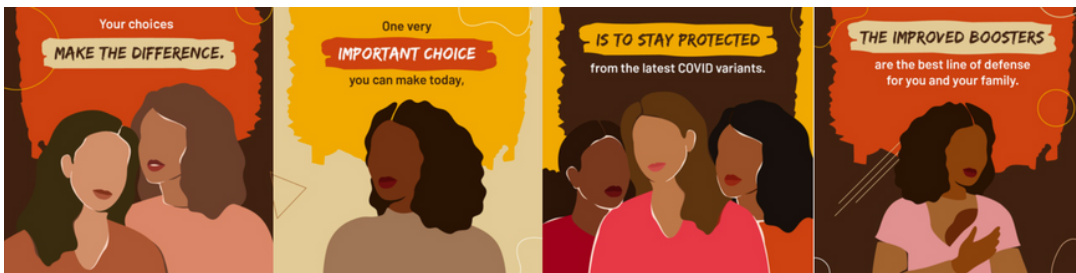
## Upcoming: Register's Will Workshop - Feb 18th

The Register of Wills, Hon. Tracey L. Gordon, is highly passionate about resolving and preventing Tangled Title issues in Philadelphia and is hosting a series of Wills Workshops. On Saturday, February 18th, 10AM - 12PM, ACHa will host Hon. Tracey Gordon and Community Legal Services (CLS) to help West Philadelphians PLAN, PROTECT and PROBATE. Attend for FREE and valuable process information, to schedule your appointment with an attorney, and to write your WILL FREE OF CHARGE. The City has received millions of dollars to assist residents with paying for the legal fees associated with creating wills. Take advantage of these resources and build generational wealth!



## VACCINE CLINIC FEBRUARY 22, 2023

### Penn Medicine will be giving FLU and COVID vaccines at 5901 Market St, 1:30pm-4:30pm



## Your voice matters! Get involved with your RCO.

ACHIEVEability is a Registered Community Organization (RCO) and receives advanced notifications about proposed development projects in the area. We host community meetings so neighbors can share their thoughts on these changes. Zoning and development can impact many aspects of community—we want to hear your thoughts!

Contact us at 215-748-8800 or [resources@achieve-ability.org](mailto:resources@achieve-ability.org) to learn more.



# Do you need support with utilities?

We're here to help.

Contact us at [resources@achieve-ability.org](mailto:resources@achieve-ability.org) or call (215) 748-8800 to make an appointment to apply for electricity, gas, and water assistance.

The programs listed below often consider income criteria such as maximum annual income per household size.

| FAMILY SIZE | INCOME LIMIT |
|-------------|--------------|
| 1           | \$19,320     |
| 2           | \$26,130     |
| 3           | \$32,940     |
| 4           | \$39,750     |
| 5           | \$46,560     |
| 6           | \$53,370     |
| 7           | \$60,180     |
| 8           | \$66,990     |



| PROGRAM DETAILS   | ELIGIBILITY   |
|---|---|
| <p><b>LIHEAP</b><br/>Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Between \$300 and \$1,000 for gas and electricity until 4/28</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can provide a current bill</li> <li>Are SNAP, SSI, or TANF eligible</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>LIHWAP</b><br/>Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to \$2,500 for water bill</li> <li>Up to \$2,500 for wastewater</li> <li>Up to \$5,000 for both</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can provide an overdue water bill(s)</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>USEF</b><br/>Utility Grant Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to \$1,500 for utility balance</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has a delinquent bill or shutoff</li> <li>Has already applied to LIHEAP</li> </ul>                                     |
| <p><b>WAP</b><br/>Weatherization Assistance Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Free weatherization and energy efficiency improvements to owners and tenants once every 25 years</li> </ul>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is a PA resident</li> <li>Preference given to families with a child, a senior, or a member has a disability</li> </ul> |

## Need help with home repairs?

The Basic Systems Home Repair (BSRP) provides free repairs to correct electrical, plumbing, heating, limited structural and carpentry, and roofing emergencies in eligible owner-occupied homes in Philadelphia.

**To be eligible for free emergency repairs you must:**

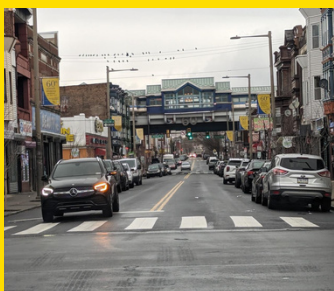
- Own and live in the single-family house with the problem
- Be current or under current payment agreement for property taxes & water bill
- Meet the income guidelines
- Not own any other residential property



Please contact Carmen Hubbard for more information at [carmen.hubbard@achieve-ability.org](mailto:carmen.hubbard@achieve-ability.org).

**Visit our office at 5901 Market Street, Suite 410  
or call 215-748-8800 from 9 AM - 5 PM Monday - Friday**

| SERVICE AVAILABLE   | TEAM MEMBER CONTACT  |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connection to SNAP, TANF, SSI, health insurance, unemployment, and food resources</li> <li>• Connection to CAP CRP, LIHEAP, LIHWAP, TAP, and UESF to help with gas, electric, and water bills and/or shutoffs</li> <li>• Property taxes and rental rebates for seniors, widows, people with disabilities, and low-income homeowners and renters</li> </ul> | <p><b>Ronda Wilson</b><br/>ronda.wilson@achieve-ability.org<br/>215-748-8823</p>     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 60th Street business help, storefront improvement programs, security cameras</li> <li>• 60th Street Strong gun violence prevention business recruitment</li> <li>• Foreclosure prevention</li> <li>• Neighborhood Advisory Committee matters</li> <li>• Zoning/Registered Community Organization matters</li> </ul>  | <p><b>Carmen Hubbard</b><br/>carmen.hubbard@achieve-ability.org<br/>215-748-8825</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 60th Street Strong gun violence prevention youth recruitment</li> <li>• Match savings program for first-time homebuyers and students</li> </ul>  | <p><b>Lamar Bustion</b><br/>Lamar.Bustion@achieve-ability.org<br/>215-748-8830</p>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing for families who are houseless or at risk of houselessness</li> <li>• Volunteer opportunities and donations</li> </ul>   | <p><b>Caitlin Graff</b><br/>caitlin.graff@achieve-ability.org<br/>215-748-8812</p>   |



## Safety and Beautification

Through our efforts to help keep the 60th Street Corridor safe and clean, ACHA is proud of the Street Tree Project, in which we partnered with the Department of Commerce, Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, Global Thinking Initiatives, and TreePhilly to plant beautiful trees along 60th Street. Please take a stroll down South 60th Street to see the newly planted trees. Stay tuned, we are planning to expand this project!

And, in our efforts to promote peace and civic engagement, we provide job opportunities and mentorship to West Philly young adults in our gun violence prevention program, 60th Street Strong. If you are interested and 14yrs-26yrs old, please scan the QR code to learn more. If you are an interested business owner, contact Carmen Hubbard at carmen.hubbard@achieve-ability.org.

