



COUNSELING AND BURIAL ASSISTANCE FOR LOW INCOME OR BELOW

“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth”. ~ 1 John 3:16-18

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COVID VIRTUAL GROUP SUPPORT

I. Group meets virtually Tuesdays 4-5:00 pm

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- This is a free online group, open to anyone who needs support during this time.

COUNSELING SERVICES

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- Therapy Center of Philadelphia, fees begin at \$20, contact them directly for more information - <http://www.therapycenterofphila.org/>

II. Sliding-scale fee options for individual therapy:

- Council for Relationships offers individual therapy beginning at \$15 with interns and \$50 with staff therapists. They do not accept insurance. <https://councilforrelationships.org/clinical-services/fees/>
- Drexel Psychology Clinic offers individual therapy on a sliding scale and does not accept insurance. <https://drexel.edu/coas/academics/departments-centers/psychology/clinic/>
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- Philadelphia Consultation Center provides long-term psychotherapy to individuals, who can with Philadelphia Medicaid and Medicare A/B. <https://pcctherapy.com/>

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- III. Behavioral Health Insurance for Medicaid Recipients: Community Behavioral Health Base Service Units:
- Call Community Behavioral Health member services @ 888.545.2600 and provide the client's ZIP code to find out where their local base service unit is located. The BSU agency is required to provide services to community residents regardless of insurance status.

For more info: <https://generocity.org/philly/2018/06/27/mental-health-guide-where-to-get-therapy-on-a-sliding-scale-in-philadelphia/>.

MEDICAL SUPPORT FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES

- I. J Foundation: P.O. Box 141, Thornton, PA 19373, email: jfoundationinc@gmail.com; fax: 610-340-2525. The "J" Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit Charitable Foundation formed to help children who are diagnosed with a terminal illness. They gift for things not covered by insurance that the child may need. Form Attached.
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“So that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all members rejoice with it” ~1 Corinthians 12:25-26

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	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE
1	KHADIJAH ALDERMAN F/H	613-15 N. 43RD STREET	PHILA	PA	19104	215-386-6600
2	DEAN GIVNISH INC	7900 OXFORD AVE	PHILA	PA	19111	215-745-1006
3	EMMANUEL JOHNSON F/H	6653-75 CHEW AVE	PHILA	PA	19119	215-438-6747
4	DUBLIN F/H	5800 N. 5TH STREET	PHILA	PA	19120	215-927-2000
5	RICKS F/H & CREMATION	109 E. TABOR ROAD	PHILA	PA	19120	215-329-5555
6	FINAL FAREWELL F/H	6230 N 5TH STREET	PHILA	PA	19120	215-870-8110
7	GEITNER/GIVNISH F/H	6230 N 5TH STREET	PHILA	PA	19120	215-224-6300
8	BAKER F/H	2008 N. BROAD STREET	PHILA	PA	19121	215-763-5990
9	DUPREE F/H	2809-11 W. DIAMOND STREET	PHILA	PA	19121	215-763-5126
10	JASON LLOYD F/H	2125 N 22ND STREET	PHILA	PA	19121	215-278-2776
11	SAVIN F/H	802 N. 12TH STREET	PHILA	PA	19123	215-765-7065
12	JOYNES F/H	840 N. 12TH STREET	PHILA	PA	19123	215-763-9771
13	SCHOBERT F/H	167 HARRISON STREET	PHILA	PA	19124	215-335-5900
14	CHANDLER F/H	1230 LUZERNE STREET	PHILA	PA	19124	215-535-5900
15	NULTY F/H	4292 FRANKFORD AVE	PHILA	PA	19124	215-535-4461
16	MCELVARR F/H	1415 E. SUSQUEHANNA AVE	PHILA	PA	19125	215-739-1473



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17	BURNS F/H	1438 E. COLUMBIA AVE	PHILA	PA	1912	215-634-56858
18	JOSEPH LEVINE & SONS INC	7112 N. BROAD STREET	PHILA	PA	1912	215-927-62700
19	G. CHOICE F/H	2530 N. BROAD STREET	PHILA	PA	1913	215-227-20100
20	RAY F/H	1525 W. DAUPHIN ST, #29	PHILA	PA	1913	215-223-23133
21	POWELL F/H	2432 N 27TH STREET	PHILA	PA	1913	215-226-25931
22	GUCKIN F/H	3330 G. STREET	PHILA	PA	1913	215-739-43400
23	EARAMINAS F/H	2339-41 E. ALLEGHENY AVE	PHILA	PA	1913	215-634-44202
24	ANDREW RAKOWSKI F/H	2634 E. ALLEGHENY AVE	PHILA	PA	1913	215-739-47900
25	JOSEPH SANNUTTI F/H	7101 TORRESDALE AVE	PHILA	PA	1913	215-233-54949
26	MCCAFFERTY-SWEENEY F/H	6126 TORRESDALE AVE	PHILA	PA	1913	215-333-50500
27	MCCAFFERTY F/H	6711 FRANKFORD AVE	PHILA	PA	1913	215-624-54200

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28	DELAWARE VALLEY CREMATION CENTER	7350 STATE ROAD	PHILA	PA	1913	215-543-69339
29	SUCHARSKI CREMATION SRVC	7350 STATE ROAD	PHILA	PA	1913	215-543-69113
30	ROSE F/H	2616 BRIDGE STREET	PHILA	PA	1913	215-535-75080
31	WALTER SABBATH F/H	7224 OGONTZ AVE	PHILA	PA	1913	215-924-84101
32	ERVINA WHITE-BEAUFORD F/H	2134 STENTON AVE	PHILA	PA	1913	215-927-84546
33	LEN E. ELLIS F/H	529 RISING SUN AVE	PHILA	PA	1914	215-228-03883
34	WESTCOTT F/H	1701 W. HUNTING PARK AVE , #05	PHILA	PA	1914	215-223-00937

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35	BECKETT- BROWN & HODGES F/H	5618 BAYNTON STREET	PHILA	PA	1914 4	215-438- 9170
36	FRANK R. GATTTO F/H	2536 S. BROAD STREET	PHILA	PA	1914 5	267-639- 6999
37	SLATER F/H	1426 FITZWATER STREET	PHILA	PA	1914 6	215-545- 3055
38	KENNETH WM	1346 S. 29TH STREET	PHILA	PA	1914 6	215-334- 3810
39	PELZER- KIRKLAND F/H	1901 FEDERAL ST. #03	PHILA	PA	1914 6	215-985- 1520
40	MITCHUM F/H	1410 S. 20TH STREET	PHILA	PA	1914 6	215-463- 8140
41	PELZER F/H	843 S. 3RD STREET	PHILA	PA	1914 7	215-467- 4561
42	MANCINI F/H	1233 W. RITNER STREET	PHILA	PA	1914 8	215-334- 3551
43	MONTI F/H	2533 S. BROAD STREET ,ST #35	PHILA	PA	1914 8	215-462- 0992
44	BRIAN DONNELLY F/H	2237 S 3RD STREET	PHILA	PA	1914 8	215-334- 1578
45	JOHN R. DEADY	2501 S. CAMAC STREET	PHILA	PA	1914 8	215-468- 1200
46	CHRISTOPHER G. KENT F/H	6508 HAVERFORD AVE, #20	PHILA	PA	1915 1	215-748- 1900
47	HANCOCK F/H	8018 ROOSEVELT BLVD	PHILA	PA	1915 2	215-332- 1099
48	FLUEHRS F/H	2031 VISTA STREET	PHILA	PA	1915 2	215324- 5400

BURIAL ASSISTANCE (VETERAN)

I. How to Apply

- o Online: <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/veterans-burial-allowance/>
- o Mail: Mail completed form to nearest VA regional Office: Download the form at: <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/veterans-burial-allowance/>
- o Call for questions: If you have questions, call **800-827-1000**. Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

II. You may be able to get veterans burial allowances if you're paying for the burial and funeral costs and you won't be reimbursed by any other organization. The following are further requirements:

- o **One of these relationships or professional roles describes your connection to the Veteran. You are:**

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- a. The Veteran's surviving spouse (**Note:** we recognize same-sex marriages), **or**
 - b. The surviving partner from a legal union (a relationship made formal in a document issued by the state recognizing the union), **or**
 - c. A surviving child of the Veteran, **or**
 - d. A parent of the Veteran, **or**
 - e. The executor or administrator of the Veteran's estate (someone who officially represents the Veteran)
 - **The Veteran must not have received a dishonorable discharge, and one of these circumstances must be true. The Veteran died:**
 - a. As a result of a service-connected disability (a disability related to service), **or**
 - b. While getting VA care, either at a VA facility or at a facility contracted by VA, **or**
 - c. While traveling with proper authorization, and at VA expense, either to or from a facility for an examination, or to receive treatment or care, **or**
 - d. With an original or reopened claim for VA compensation or pension pending at the time of death, if they would've been entitled to benefits before the time of death, **or**
 - e. While receiving VA pension or compensation, **or**
 - f. While eligible for VA pension or compensation at time of death, but instead received full military retirement or disability pay
 - **Or the Veteran:**
 - a. Had been getting a VA pension or compensation when they died, **or**
 - b. Had chosen to get military retired pay instead of compensation
- Note:** allowance for the cost of transporting a veteran's remains for burial in a national cemetery is also provided.
- **You can't get burial allowances for certain individuals**
 - a. Burial allowances not provided if the individual died:
 1. On active duty, **or**
 2. While serving as a member of Congress, **or**
 3. While serving a federal prison sentence

III. Time limit for filing?

- You must file a claim for a non-service-connected burial allowance within 2 years after the Veteran's burial or cremation. If a Veteran's discharge was changed after death from dishonorable to another status, you must file for an allowance claim within 2 years after the discharge update.
- There is no time limit to file for a service-connected burial, plot, or interment allowance.

IV. Available burial benefits

- For burial in a national cemetery, you'll receive an allowance for:
 - a. Burial and funeral costs
 - b. The plot (gravesite) or interment

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- c. Transporting the Veteran's remains for burial
 - The Veteran's family will need to cover the cost of funeral director services, like cremation.
- V. **Documents needed along with my application**
 - The Veteran's military discharge papers (DD214 or other separation documents)
 - The Veteran's death certificate
 - Any documents or receipts you have for the cost of transporting the Veteran's remains
 - A statement of account (preferably with the letterhead of the funeral director or cemetery owner) that has this information:
 - a. The Veteran's name, **and**
 - b. The type of service or item purchased, **and**
 - c. Any credits, **and**
 - d. The unpaid balance
- VI. You don't need to file a claim as a surviving spouse, as long as you're listed as the Veteran's spouse on the Veteran's profile. Once VA receives notice of the Veteran's death, a set amount to those eligible surviving spouses to help pay for the plot, the cost of interment, or transportation of the remains to the cemetery is automatically paid.

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