

Resources for Families

Glasses for Children and Adults:

Junior Service League: Replace broken glasses when Medicaid will not pay or family is in financial distress and cannot afford to pay for glasses. JSL will also pay for eye exams when Medicaid will not pay or family cannot pay for exam. See Nancy Rogers for form to be completed.

Thomasville Noon Lions Club: _Furnishes eyeglasses and hearing aids to the needy; provides eye and ear exams and seeing eye dogs for the blind.

Website: zennioptical.com: _This website offers cute children's frames for as low as \$10 to \$15 a pair with the prescription lens. They offer glasses for adults as well. (Easier to google zennioptical).

Food for Families:

Back Pack Buddies: First Baptist Church, Thomasville, GA offers a program for needy families. Each week the child will be provided with a nutritious bag of food for the weekend. The children for this program are identified through the school. A form will need to be completed by the parent/guardian giving permission for their child to participate in the program. There is no cost. See Nancy Rogers for form.

Salvation Army, 514 N. Madison St., Thomasville, GA will help families with food. They will need to go to the Salvation Army Social Service Office to complete an application.

Thomasville Food Bank, 430 N. Broad St., Thomasville, GA is sponsored through First Methodist Church. Families can go to the Food Bank and receive food.

Shelters for Women and Children:

Needham House (Salvation Army) Shelter, 208 South St., Thomasville, GA provides a shelter for women and children for a brief period of time. They allow

the family enough time to find a place to move. Contact Salvation Army Social Service Office @ 226-3772.

Halcyon Home for Battered Women is a safe shelter for domestic violence victims and their children offering a 24/7 crisis line, counseling, support and children's activity groups, emergency financial assistance for domestic violence victims, and legal advocacy.

Contact #: 229-226-6682

Crises line: 229-226-6666

Clothing Closets:

Dawson Street Methodist Church, 1132 N. Dawson St., Thomasville, GA

Hours: Friday, 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Contact #: 229-226-3013

Hand-In-Hand, Garrison-Pilcher, and Cross Creek have clothing closets & some school supplies. Homeless and Migrant children can receive clothing & other school needs from Lisa Williams clothing closet @ the Board Office.

Transportation:

Non-emergency transportation: 1-888-224-7985. Will provide transportation for Medicaid families to medical appointments. Transportation must be scheduled 3 days in advance.

Public Transit System: 229-228-7372. Low cost charge.