1. Catholic Charities: 876-0490
   a. If an individual or family can ordinarily pay their monthly obligations, but are threatened with disconnection of electric, water, or gas utilities due to any one of the following circumstances, financial assistance may be provided to help stop the disconnection:
      • The number of hours worked have gone down due to company downsizing (must have occurred within the last two months assistance is sought);
      • Loss of employment and the individual has written proof of eligibility to receive Unemployment Benefits, but those benefits have not yet arrived or are not enough to pay all household expenses;
      • Sickness kept the individual from working for a few days or a few weeks and their employment does not have paid sick leave days available for them or Workman’s Compensation benefits are being received but are not enough to pay household expenses;
      • Repairs of any kind (such as electrician, plumber, car, appliance, etc.) took up the money that was to be used for utilities;
      • Medical bills or excessive medication costs took up the money that would have been used for utilities.

   b. Catholic Charities does not take applications for utility assistance in their building. To apply for help, the individual or family should contact the church they attend or the Catholic Church nearest their home.

   c. Items needed to fill out the application include: Proof of household income, proof of household expenses, SNAP and Child Support printouts, as well as any documentation that can show us why the particular utility bill is not able to be paid (such as proof of unemployment benefits, statement from employer stating dates of medical leave, receipts for payment of car repairs, electricians, plumbers, medication, etc.)
• Some of the proceeds from the sales of clothing and household items from St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store, as well as donations from members of the local community and grant sources help to purchase medications most needed by the clients. St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store also pays for all of the operating expenses for the pharmacy (rent, utilities, etc.) thereby allowing all donations made to the pharmacy by local donors to go directly towards purchasing medications needed by area low income families.

• The pharmacy is open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9am – 11am.

• Any person without prescription drug insurance coverage, who can demonstrate the inability to pay for medications they take on a monthly basis, can apply with St. Vincent De Paul Tri Parish Pharmacy for possible assistance with obtaining their medications free of charge.

• Medication availability varies from week to week as donations are made. Antibiotics, cough syrups, narcotic medications and birth control are NOT provided by this pharmacy.

• Items needed to apply for assistance is proof of household income, proof of household expenses, and paper prescriptions from the doctor’s office. Do not bring in refill bottles from another drug store – paper prescriptions are needed.