



Resources of Gaines County, TX

Introduction

Blue Skies Mutual Aid, Inc in Seminole, Texas collects information about what resources are available in our community to help those in need. We divide these resources into categories and always try to make sure the information is accurate and up-to-date. If you know of a change or addition that needs to be made to this document please email us at admin@blueskiesma.com to notify us about the requested changes. Thank you.

Food and Water

- Seminole has a mobile pantry operated by First Presbyterian Church and Bob Lewis Mission in Seminole. Once a month qualifying families that already registered line up at Wigwam Stadium to receive a box of groceries. They provide emergency food as well. You can visit their website at www.fpcseminole.com/mission-opportunities.html or walk in at 301 Southwest 3rd Street Seminole, TX or call 432-758-3708 for more information. Delivery times are from 10:30am to 11:00am with recipients being in line by 10:15am sharp. You must register beforehand unless it's an emergency, they do have some requirements as we understand it (ID card, Gaines County address, and utility bill).

- Calling 211 on any phone will connect you with a United Way hotline where someone can help you find local resources in your area, including food programs. At www.211.org/get-help/finding-food there is information about signing up for government programs such as SNAP, WIC, and school lunches for children.

- The local Texas Health and Human Services office located at 106 NW 2nd St. in Seminole can help you sign up for SNAP if you qualify and possibly emergency food funds.

- For seniors, Meals on Wheels provides home delivered meals to qualifying seniors in our area. All services for Meals on Wheels are done through the Senior Citizen Center in Seminole which can be reached at 432-758-4020.

- The Blessing Boxes located at 504 SW Ave H and 500 SW 3rd St. in Seminole often have food and water in stock that you can go by to grab or you can also knock on the door of the home hosting the fridge and a Blessing Box caretaker may have food or hygiene items to give as well.

- Blue Skies Mutual Aid assists with food by meeting clients at local grocery stores to pay for their groceries, if funding is available at the time. We also drop off care packages containing a random assortment of food and hygiene products as well to those in need. Please email us at fooddonation@blueskiesma.com or message us on social media to inquire about the availability of our food services.

Utility Bills

- West Texas Opportunities in Seminole help clients with utility bills and emergency assistance. They can be reached by phone at 806-872-8354 or their website at: https://gowto.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=menu&menu_id=5033

- LIHEAP, or the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, from Texas Health and Human Services is a government program to help pay for utility bills. The website to apply is: <https://texasutilityhelp.com/>

Housing

- For emergency housing you may reach out to the Seminole Ministerial Alliance through First Baptist Church who may be able to help pay for a temporary hotel room. They can be contacted by walking in during business hours at 202 SW Avenue B, Seminole, TX which is First Baptist Church in Seminole. Their phone number is 432-758-3291 and their email is fbcfrofrontoffice@gmail.com and their website is <https://fbcseminole.org/>

- The Wingate Hotel in Seminole sometimes does allow those in need to stay in a room at a discounted rate. Please confirm by walking in at 1103 Hobbs Highway, Seminole, TX.

- Blue Skies Mutual Aid assists with housing by keeping a database of up-to-date information concerning all housing options in Gaines County, including their prices, rooms, amenities, and more. We freely distribute this database to anyone who requests it or asks for assistance with housing.

Employment

- Blue Skies Mutual Aid assists with employment by dedicating a volunteer to interview a client who asks for help finding employment and then researches available job openings in our area that might be a good fit for the client. We might also hear about certain openings and pass on that information to anyone who is currently job searching.

Clothing and Home Goods

- Blue Skies Mutual Aid assists with clothing and home goods by keeping a storage unit stocked with free items for anyone in need courtesy of TeePee RV and Mini Storage. Blue Skies currently operates Unit #80 which is open 24/7 365 so anyone can stop by and browse the items inside. All items are completely free and available to anyone who needs them at any time and include all sizes of clothing, furniture, and toys. Walk in at 217 US Highway 180 E in Seminole.

- Hope & Healing Center, located at 110 SE 3rd St in Seminole, periodically hosts "Community Closet" events where they give away clothing and other items. They can be reached at 432-758-1685 or emailed at lisa@hopecenter.life

Legal Aid

- Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is a nonprofit dedicated to giving non-criminal legal advice to low-income Texans, including in our area. They can be reached on their website at <https://internet.lanwt.org/en-us> or by phone at 888-529-5277.