



Introduction

Welcome to the Germantown Emergency Preparedness Toolkit, a vital resource brought to you through a collaboration between Center in the Park (CIP) and the Philadelphia Department of Public Health. We hope you find the toolkit useful and easy to use.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the dedicated members of the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee who helped shape this program, tailoring it to meet the unique needs of our shared community: *Bakari Clark and Emaleigh Doley from Germantown United CDC, Bethany Flood from Foundation for Health Equity, CIP volunteers Roland Lucas Jr and Eleanor Lundy-Wade, Jill Saull from Gtown Radio, Jessica Warner from UU House Outreach Program, and Gregory Young from Philly Counts.* We would also like to thank *Germantown Residents for Economic Alternatives Together (GREAT)* for sharing their Emergency Checklist and granting permission for us to include it in this toolkit.

This comprehensive toolkit encompasses a wide array of resources to assist Germantown residents in any emergency situation, with a particular emphasis on leveraging the strength of local and community-based support. Within these pages, you will find guidance across various categories, including Emergency resources, Housing, Food, Utilities, Child-Centered Services, Community Organizations, Transportation, Essential Documentation, and Accessible Community Spaces.

We hope this toolkit will aid Germantown residents in identifying and organizing information about community resources and enable neighbors to make effective safety and disaster plans. This guide can also be accessed online at <https://centerintheparkphila.org>. Together, we build a stronger, more resilient community, prepared for any challenge that may arise.

*Center in the Park is a nationally accredited non-profit senior community center in Germantown whose mission is to **promote positive aging and foster community connections for older adults whose voices are critical instruments in shaping its activities and direction.***