



Safety Net Resources At Clayton State

STUDENT FOOD AND HOUSING INSECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Charged with assisting the university in enhancing its programs and services related to addressing student food and housing insecurity.
- In 2016, Lakers Care and Share place was established to provide students information related to food and housing insecurity.
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture defines food insecurity as a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life.
- A national study conducted by the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness indicates that almost half of college students report that they have experienced food insecurity.
- Students who experience food insecurity often also suffer from housing insecurity, such as difficulty paying the rent, mortgage, or utility bills.
- **65% of food insecure students report experiencing some type of housing insecurity.**
- The National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness study found that these students tend to have problems buying textbooks, have had to miss class, and have even dropped class.

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID THROUGH THE BATEMAN LOAN PROGRAM

- This program is distributed through the Bursars Office and the funds are overseen by the Foundation.
- This program is designed to help students who experience an emergency during the semester- some examples include a car breaking down that would prevent a student from attending class, avoiding eviction, or any other related emergency.
- This loan has also been used to pay tuition for students who have run out of financial aid eligibility and are in their last semester.
- Continuing students with a minimum gpa of 2.0 are eligible. Students must have completed at least one semester and the loan needs to be paid off by the end of the semester.
- The average loan is **\$786**

BATEMAN CONTINUED

- Students can use this loan up to 3 times during their tenure at Clayton State. The maximum loan is \$1500.
- The loan application can be found on this webpage <http://www.clayton.edu/bursar/Bateman-Loans>
- In addition to the traditional Bateman Loan, there are some gap funds available for students with low balances. This money is offered on an individual basis through the Bursars Office.

MANGLITZ EMERGENCY FUND

- The Student Emergency Fund was established to help students with basic necessities when an unexpected emergency occurs. Loans have aided students needing temporary accommodations, food, medicine, transportation and health care.
- This fund is administered by the Dean of Students.
- Since the start of the fund (2016), there have been disbursements to ***20 students for a total amount of \$17,636***. This includes both loans and grants.
- The average disbursement has been **\$882**.
- Recipients have a **2.35 average institutional GPA** (current).

EMERGENCY HOUSING IN LAKER VILLAGE:

- The Dean of Students can request a temporary housing assignment for a student.
- Emergency Housing can be paid from the student emergency fund or by the student, depending on the situation.
- Break Housing is offered between the Fall and Spring for Laker Hall residents only, because it closes for the break.
- Laker Village residents sign a full nine-month contract with no closing in between semesters.

LAKER CARE CLOSET

- Established in 2011 as an initiative of Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity, Campus Life, and Counseling and Psychological Services to address food and clothing insecurities on campus.
- The Laker Care Closet allows the Clayton State community the opportunity to serve its own population by providing our students who express a need for basic living necessities such as food and clothing.

LAKER CARE CLOSET

- The Laker Care Closet gets **10-15 unique requests** a year and an **average of 5 students** access the closet more than once.
- Food items are the greatest need
- Communication about the closet has been via word of mouth and through departments who make requests on behalf of students.
- Requests are filled as they come in via email at **LakerCareCloset@clayton.edu**
- The Laker Care Closet has a website and a video that you can access here:
- **<http://www.clayton.edu/campus-life/volunteerism/laker-care-closet>**

CSU MEAL SHARE PROGRAM:

- The Meal Share program has helped about **125 students** this academic year.
- Approximately **375 meals have been donated**, including the “seed” meals from the Aladdin in-kind annual support.
- In addition to the webpage <http://www.clayton.edu/family-resources/meal-share-program>, there are signs posted on the Nessies food pantries with QR codes for making donations and for requesting meals.
- There have also been several emails sent recently to students.
- There is a desire to place links to the website on webpages of various service areas

NESSIE'S PANTRY:

- These are miniature food pantries in seven locations across campus, where students in need can obtain small food items when they are on campus and do not have enough funds to buy food.

THE BOOST CHILDCARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM:

- This program offers a child care subsidy of up to **\$125.00 per week** per child for children who are four years of age and under (not currently eligible for Georgia's Lottery Funded Pre-k) and are the child of a Clayton State University Junior or Senior.
- Eligible student parents must currently have a 2.0 GPA and be a Pell recipient.
- <http://www.clayton.edu/family-resources>.
- Since its inception, the Clayton State University BOOST Program has served **83 student parents (90 children)** for a total investment of over **\$462,000**.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

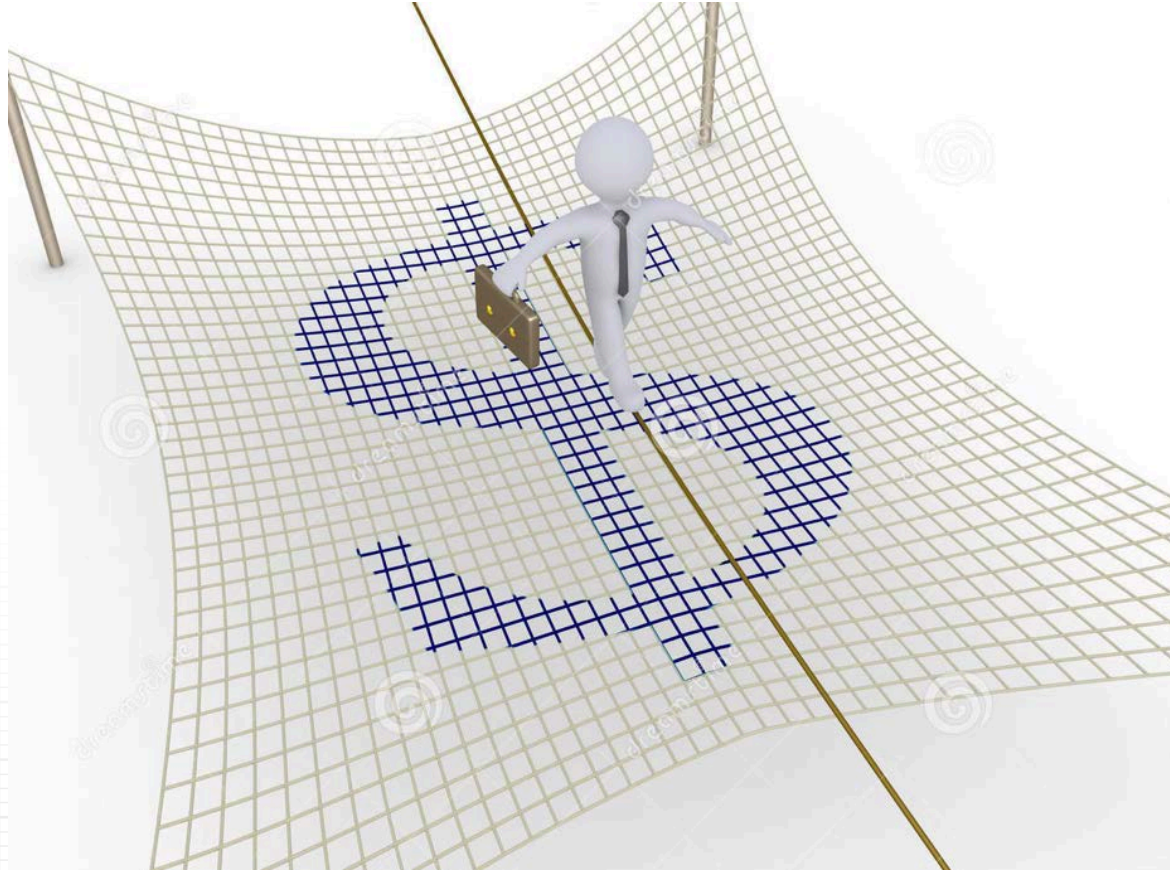
- **No-cost or low-cost health services** with access to a primary care physician through University Health Services <http://www.clayton.edu/uhs/>
- **No-cost counseling** with access to therapist, a psychologist and a psychiatrist through Counseling and Psychological Services <http://www.clayton.edu/counseling>
- **Laptop Loans-** The Dean of Students can help determine this need in conjunction with the Office of Information Technology

EXTERNAL RESOURCES

- **Food and Clothing Resources** (Embedded links)
- **Community Food Pantries**
- **United Way**
- **Housing Resources** (Embedded links)
- **VA Housing Resources**
- **United Way**

STUDENT AND FAMILY RESOURCES

- Many of the Student Safety Net Resources that are available to assist students who find themselves experiencing a hardship related to their ability to continue their studies at Clayton State University can be found on the Family Resources web page <http://www.clayton.edu/Family-Resources> and the Lakers Care and Share web page <http://www.clayton.edu/about/administration/student-affairs/lakers-care-and-share>



QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

- Did we overlook any safety net resources?