



## Dear Friend & Neighbor,

November 2019

Every resident deserves the opportunity to live in a healthy, safe and dignified manner. Investing in the challenges facing each resident serves to strengthen the entire community. YOUR gift to Suffield Community Aid's annual appeal will make a difference in our Town's quality of life...as it has since 1903!

**Suffield Community Aid provides supportive health and social services that positively affect the wellbeing of residents during times of need.**

**Our success depends on YOU!**

Formerly known as Emergency Aid Association, Suffield Community Aid (SCA), is a distinctly unique non-profit organization. Folks reach out to Suffield Community Aid as that safe & welcoming place when they don't know where else to turn. Serving as a safety net, our goal is to help residents achieve self-sufficiency, preserve economic well-being and adjust to difficult circumstances and events in their lives.

You might be thinking, "*Who needs help in our prosperous Town?*" There are a number of reasons folks find themselves seeking SCA's supportive and confidential services. Perhaps it's a neighbor recently diagnosed with cancer, or a single mom trying to both work and afford day care for her children, or maybe it's an overwhelmed caregiver trying to find help for his aging parents.

SCA is there to offer help in situations that seem overwhelming. Here are just a few stories shared by residents who have received assistance thanks to your past support:



We are grandparents already caring for one grandchild and planning for our future. A few years ago we suddenly found ourselves caring for 3 more grandchildren under the age of 7! Keeping these children together and out of foster care was our priority. SCA provided fuel and food aid and helped us navigate insurance and legal questions. SCA provided these children with their first ever Thanksgiving meal and presents for Christmas as well as backpacks for school. We hope to one day be able to give back to this amazing community.

*Proving that no one is too young to make a difference, this is Logan. At just 7 ½ years old, and with the help of his family, he created Cake for Hope and made SCA his first beneficiary!*

Check with your employer about matching funds and consider SCA in your estate planning.



I am a single mom. I am educated, working full time, and excel at a job that doesn't pay much. It's still hard to make ends meet. When regulations changed and we no longer qualified for food stamps and reduced lunch, SCA was there to help. They made us feel important when days often felt bleak. SCA offers compassion and resources. They are not a crutch, they are a helping hand.

My tenant of 25 years went to SCA when he was no longer able to work. Diagnosed with stage 4 cancer, he was only 63. I was the closest person he had. SCA helped him get disability payments and made sure he had heating oil and meals-on-wheels. When he could no longer advocate for himself, I was appointed by the court. The assistance I received was invaluable in assisting me to help my friend.



*Delancy, braving the elements to collect pet food for SCA's Food Pantry on Election Day last year.*

Over the years, our community has come together and delivered a message of hope and inspiration to those needing it the most. We hope you agree that our work is important and offer your financial support to continue our efforts. Go to [www.suffieldcommunityaid.org](http://www.suffieldcommunityaid.org) and read our annual report for a comprehensive listing of the services we provide!

On behalf of the board and staff, we wish you a holiday season filled with peace, health and joy.

  
Janet Frechette  
Executive Director

  
David Colangelo  
President



P.S. An old Chinese proverb says, "A community will flourish when people plant trees under which they will never sit."  
**Please give as generously as you can so that we can help preserve the safety and dignity of some of our community's most vulnerable residents.**