

What SCA is Spotighting this Month:

Mobile Mammography—Reserve Your Appointment Today!

The Mobile Mammography van will be at McAlister on Saturday, April 12 providing screenings for women. Please call SCA to register for your appointment today: (860) 668-1986.

Bereavement Group Coming to SCA in March: Masonicare is partnering with Suffield Community Aid to offer a 6-week, in-person support group for people who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The group will meet at SCA, 450 South Street, Suffield, beginning Friday, March 14 from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM. This program is offered at no cost. Register prior to March 10 by calling 860-500-4000. Choose option #4 and ask for the Hospice Bereavement Coordinator.

Spring/Easter Basket Program: Thanks to the generosity of our local Girl Scout Troops and community partners, SCA will have spring baskets with toys, candy, and goodies available for income eligible Suffield families. Please call SCA if you're interested (860) 668-1986.

James F. Coggins, Jr. Community Service Award- Open to Applicants!:

In memory of our late volunteer and Board member, James F. Coggins, Jr., Suffield Community Aid (SCA) offers a \$1,500 award to a graduating Suffield high school senior who demonstrates selflessness, generosity, and concern for the Suffield community through their volunteer activities. Jim was highly engaged and passionate about the Suffield community and neighboring towns. Applicants for this award must live in Suffield but do not need to attend Suffield High School for consideration (e.g., may attend Suffield Academy, Loomis Chaffee, etc.). Applicants are required to submit a 500-word (max.) essay supporting their selection to SCA at 450 South St. Suffield, CT 06078 or by email at maryc@suffieldcommunityaid.org. The deadline to apply is: Monday May 5th by midnight.

Jane Purtil Fuller Scholarship for Nursing or Social Service Candidates:

To recognize the many contributions of our past employee and long-time supporter of Suffield Community Aid, the Board of Directors dedicates an annual needs-based scholarship in memory of Jane Purtil Fuller. This \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating Suffield high school senior pursuing a nursing or social service field of study (e.g., social work, psychology, criminal justice, counseling, etc.). Applicants must live in Suffield but do not need to attend Suffield High School for consideration (e.g., may attend Suffield Academy, Loomis Chaffee, Northwest Catholic High School, etc.). Applicants wishing to apply are encouraged to complete the common application at Suffield High School or call SCA at (860) 668-1986.

Kathy Ostrowski Memorial Nursing Scholarship:

Kathy Ostrowski was a beloved Suffield resident and former SCA Board member who had a passion for helping others within and beyond her commitment as a nurse. SCA

awards a \$1,500 needs-based scholarship to a graduating Suffield High School senior pursuing a nursing or social service field of study. Seniors who do not reside in Suffield but attend high school in Suffield will be considered (e.g., VoAg Program at SHS, Suffield Academy, etc.). Applicants wishing to apply are encouraged to complete the common application at Suffield High School or call SCA at (860) 668-1986.

Suffield Community Aid “Forward Focus” Scholarship

Created in 2024, the SCA Board of Directors established this \$1,500 scholarship to offer graduating Suffield High School seniors financial support as they pursue job and educational goals post-graduation. Applicants must live in Suffield but do not need to attend Suffield High School for consideration (e.g., may attend Suffield Academy, Loomis Chaffee, etc.). This needs-based scholarship is offered to seniors who have committed to a trade or vocational school, 2-or-4 year college, or other identified job readiness program. Applicants are required to submit a 250-word (max.) essay supporting their selection to SCA at 450 South St. Suffield, CT 06078 or by email at maryc@suffieldcommunityaid.org. The deadline to apply is: Monday, May 5th by midnight.

Some Ongoing Program and Updates:

- SCA is still accepting applications for the State of CT’s Energy Assistance Program.
- SCA sponsors blood pressure screenings on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month, from 11-12, at the Suffield Senior Center.
- March 11th: Parkinsons Peer Support Group from 11-12 at SCA. Call SCA to register.
- Parkinsons Peer Support Group at Suffield Community Aid (450 South St.) on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. February’s group will be held on March 11th from 11am -12pm. Please call SCA to register.
- March 20th-Social Services Consultations at KML with Lauren Marino, LMSW (register on KML’s website through the Library calendar). If that day is not possible feel free to call SCA to schedule an alternate time.



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Principal Gina D. Olearczyk dropped off 684 items for the SCA Food Pantry. Students and staff at Spaulding gathered all these items as part of their Souper Bowl Challenge. Way to go team!