



The Suffield CARES mission is to provide for short-term emergency assistance to the residents of the Suffield Township community in order to lend a helping hand. It is headed by the executive board of the Suffield CARES committee under the general umbrella of the Suffield League. The Suffield League is a charitable organization and is identified through the federal government as a 501C3 organization. Funds for the organization are raised through various fundraisers and donations. All donations made to Suffield CARES will only be used to support short-term emergency needs for residents of Suffield on an application basis. All transactions of Suffield CARES are solely up to the executive committee and based on the following criteria:

- Applicants must complete an application to show the critical need.
- Need must be a short-term emergency need such as shut off notice from the electric/gas company, eviction notice, or medical emergency.
- Applicants must accept a member of the executive committee to their home to discuss the need and pick up the application.
- Once the need is determined to meet the named criteria, the committee will determine the amount which will be given to the applicant. (Based on the current budget and need)
- When a check is issued from Suffield CARES, it must contain the signatures of two executive committee members and be written directly to the company/organization to which the debt is owed. No checks will be issued to the individual applicant.
- Applicants may only receive assistance one time per calendar year.

It is the desire of this committee to begin operations in the **Fall of 2009**. Additional information and applications can be obtained by contacting Chief Rasnick at the Suffield Fire Station at 628-9240 or Principal Shawn Bookman at the Suffield Elementary School at 628-3430.

Contributions can be made to: Suffield Cares, 1256 Waterloo Rd.