



SUFFOLK AME CARES FOUNDATION

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IN BUILDING
THE SUFFOLK AME CARES FOUNDATION

“ GIVING IS NOT JUST ABOUT
MAKING A DONATION, IT IS
ABOUT MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

- KATHY CALVIN
FORMER CEO OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOUNDATION, 2013-2019

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WHO WE ARE:

THE SUFFOLK AME CARES FOUNDATION is a registered non-profit 501(c) 3 organization established in 2022 by **SUFFOLK AME-THE SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES UNION**. (www.suffolkame.com)

With approximately **10,000 active and retired** Suffolk County workers, **THE SUFFOLK COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (SUFFOLK AME)**, is the largest independent union in the State of New York. **SUFFOLK AME** negotiates and enforces equitable contracts for its membership and helps ensure a skilled, dedicated, and educated workforce for Suffolk County.

Made up of over 30 different Unit Boards ranging from Consumer Affairs and Civil Service, Crossing Guards, DPW, and Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services, to Vector Control, Suffolk County Community College, the Department of Social Services, and more, our members perform the literally hundreds of jobs needed to keep Suffolk County operational on a day-to-day basis, and our Union works to advocate on their behalf every single day.

The purpose and mission of **THE SUFFOLK AME CARES FOUNDATION** is to be of **financial, emotional, and meaningful assistance** when needed to our union members, the community, and other worthwhile purposes we see in need of our assistance.

THE SUFFOLK AME CARES FOUNDATION supports causes that benefit our friends, neighbors, and loved ones not only through our own events and initiatives but also by working closely with local organizations to identify community needs and make a positive impact on society. Many **SUFFOLK AME** members even have their own non-profit organizations, which **THE SUFFOLK AME CARES FOUNDATION** is proud to support.

"THE SUFFOLK AME CARES FOUNDATION helps empower our members to give back to the communities in which they live and work and to support the causes they care deeply about, building upon the spirit of altruism that thrives amongst our ranks. In addition to serving our friends, neighbors, and loved ones throughout the community, THE SUFFOLK AME CARES FOUNDATION gives our members one more way to support one another. When our members experience unforeseen circumstances that disrupt their lives, we can stand in solidarity and offer support through AME CARES."

- DANIEL LEVLER-PRESIDENT OF SUFFOLK AME.

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**NO ACT OF KINDNESS,
NO MATTER HOW SMALL,
IS EVER WASTED.**

- AESOP

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CONNECTING COMMUNITY THROUGH COMPASSION: THE SUFFOLK AME CARES FOUNDATION

OUR INITIATIVES

THE SERENITY GARDENS PARK AT BROOKWOOD HALL EAST ISLIP, NY.

SUFFOLK AME is a leading donor and contributor to the **SERENITY GARDENS** project. The park will serve as a **first-of-its-kind park** and outdoor environment specifically designed for **special needs groups**, while at the same time, providing a soothing environment for all.

Situated on the beautiful grounds of Brookwood Hall Park in East Islip, **SERENITY GARDENS** benefits from a picturesque location that complements its mission. **The park will cater to people who are visually and/or hearing impaired, on the autism spectrum, or suffer from Alzheimer's disease or dementia, and will be inviting to seniors, veterans, and the general public.**

This park will not only serve **SUFFOLK AME** members and their families by providing a welcoming atmosphere that is accessible to everyone, but it is our very members who provide the programs and services that our **seniors, veterans, and special needs groups** depend on to thrive.

SERENITY GARDENS represents a significant step towards fostering an inclusive and accessible community in Suffolk County, complimenting the work our members already perform each and every day. **SERENITY GARDENS will offer an exceptional opportunity for individuals from all walks of life to experience the profound benefits of nature in a safe and welcoming space.**



ISLIP TOWN SUPERVISOR ANGIE CARPENTER, SUFFOLK AME PRESIDENT DANIEL LEVLER, AND OTHERS BREAKING GROUND AT SERENITY GARDENS. CREDIT: JOHN ROCA.



A RENDERING OF SITE PLANS AT SERENITY GARDENS. CREDIT: JOHN ROCA.

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THINK OF GIVING NOT AS A
DUTY, BUT AS A PRIVILEGE.

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- JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER JR.

ISLIP BREAKS GROUND ON SERENITY GARDENS AT BROOKWOOD HALL AS TOWN FOCUSES ON GREATER ACCESSIBILITY AT PARKS.

NEWSDAY-July 19, 2023

By Brianne Ledda

Islip Town's first sensory garden is on track to open by the end of this year, officials said at a groundbreaking ceremony last week, part of an effort to beautify and improve accessibility at town parks.

The Parks Foundation of Islip, a private nonprofit focused on the beautification of Islip Town-owned parks, has already started construction on the 1-acre park at Brookwood Hall, which will be geared for people with different abilities.

Called Serenity Gardens, the park will include four sections catering to people with visual and hearing impairments, Alzheimer's or dementia, those on the autism spectrum, seniors, and veterans. The garden will include features designed to heighten senses, including fragrant plants and flowers, a garden with a Braille system for the blind, and a walking labyrinth made of stones. Sensory-walking materials such as mulch, tactile pads, rubber, and gravel, where parkgoers can take off their shoes and experience the textures through touch, will be used, Newsday previously reported.

"It's really neighbors helping neighbors," said John King, chairman of the Parks Foundation. He said the land, which was previously unused, is being provided for free through a lease with the town. The \$2 million project has been in the works since 2019 and is entirely funded through donations and sponsors such as the Entenmann's Foundation and SUFFOLK AME, said Islip Supervisor Angie Carpenter. It's the first major project undertaken by the Parks Foundation.

"We all need a place that's clean, that is visually appealing," she said. "We need spaces that are close to our hearts."

"THE SERENITY GARDEN is happening because of the efforts of some very caring individuals in our town," Carpenter said on July 12.

Audrey Smith, executive director at Long Island Select Healthcare who specializes in care for people with disabilities, praised Islip's plans for the Serenity Gardens but said Long Island towns could be doing more to improve accessibility.

FROM THE ISLIP BULLETIN:

At the groundbreaking ceremony, President of Suffolk AME, Dan Levler, emphasized the importance of designing projects for people of all abilities. "This was a perfect opportunity to find a way to address a need within our population and work with a larger, very busy group of people to achieve something that I think is going to be great," shared Levler. "I think it will be a destination for a lot of people, and very much provide the serenity that the name speaks to."

- DANIEL LEVLER-PRESIDENT OF SUFFOLK AME

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THE UNSELFISH EFFORT
TO BRING CHEER TO
OTHERS WILL BE THE
BEGINNING OF A
HAPPIER LIFE FOR US.

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- HELEN KELLER

OUR INITIATIVES

THE MAYDAY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Each year, the Mayday Music Festival serves as a celebration of the contributions of all working men and women, while simultaneously raising awareness for the continued success of the Labor movement as it evolves into the modern era.

A wholly non-profit endeavor presented in partnership between **SUFFOLK AME** and the **Long Island Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO**, the Mayday Music Festival is a family-friendly single-day music festival, with all net proceeds funding charitable causes.

In addition to fostering a sense of solidarity amongst our local brothers and sisters in Labor, the Mayday Music Festival gives back to a number of causes, from providing scholarships for union members and their families to helping to put food on our neighbors' tables through our support of **Long Island Cares: The Harry Chapin Food Bank**. In addition to donating a portion of proceeds from the event, the Mayday Music Festival also serves as an in-person Food Drive for Long Island Cares, allowing guests to bring a non-perishable food item for donation at the festival entrance.



OUR INITIATIVES

THE ANNUAL SUFFOLK AME GOLF INVITATIONAL

Our annual Golf Invitational offers a fun-filled day on the greens while also supporting a worthy cause. It provides an excellent opportunity for networking and building connections among individuals and organizations committed to making a difference. This event brings together a vibrant mix of people, all united in their dedication to supporting the **AME SCHOLARSHIP FUND**.

Each year, friends, colleagues, and our brothers and sisters in Labor from around the County join us for our highly anticipated annual Golf Invitational. With a healthy turnout from State and Local Elected Officials, Community Leaders, and our fellow leaders from the world of Labor, proceeds from our Golf Outing are generously donated to the **AME SCHOLARSHIP FUND**. **Suffolk AME SCHOLARSHIPS** are given annually to both our members and the children and grandchildren of **Suffolk AME** members as part of our efforts to ensure a skilled, dedicated, and educated workforce for Suffolk County.



THE 2022 SUFFOLK AME GOLF INVITATIONAL AT THE BAITING HOLLOW COUNTRY CLUB- BAITING HOLLOW, NY.

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THE GREATNESS OF A
COMMUNITY IS MOST
ACCURATELY MEASURED BY
THE COMPASSIONATE ACTIONS
OF ITS MEMBERS.

- CORETTA SCOTT KING

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TOGETHER, WE CAN DO GREAT THINGS.

WITH YOUR GENEROUS DONATION WE THANK YOU WITH THE FOLLOWING:

HELPING

WITH A \$50 DONATION YOU RECEIVE:

- Personalized Thank You Letter from the SUFFOLK AME CARES FOUNDATION.

SUPPORTER

WITH A \$250 DONATION YOU RECEIVE:

- Our custom-designed SUFFOLK AME CARES FOUNDATION key chain.

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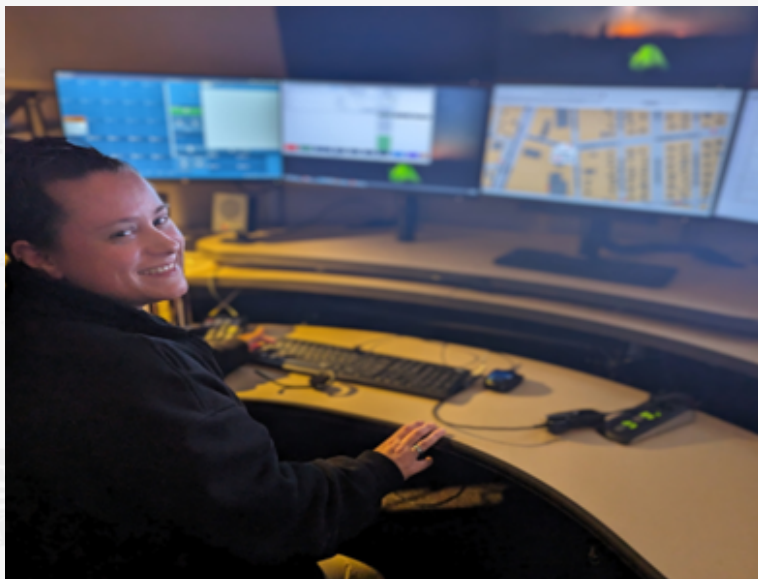
WITH A \$500 DONATION YOU RECEIVE:

- A custom-designed SUFFOLK AME CARES FOUNDATION Aluminum Sport Bottle.

COMPASSION

WITH A \$1,000 DONATION YOU RECEIVE:

- Our custom-designed SUFFOLK AME CARES FOUNDATION Aluminum Sport Bottle.
- Our custom-designed SUFFOLK AME CARES FOUNDATION keychain.



SUFFOLK AME UNION MEMBER- 911 EMERGENCY SERVICES.



SUFFOLK AME UNION MEMBER-BRIDGE OPERATOR

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WITH YOUR GENEROUS DONATION WE THANK YOU WITH THE FOLLOWING:

SHARING

WITH A \$2,500 DONATION YOU RECEIVE:

- 2 custom-designed SUFFOLK AME CARES FOUNDATION Aluminum Sport Bottles.
- 2 custom-designed SUFFOLK AME CARES FOUNDATION keychains.

GENEROSITY

WITH A \$5,000 DONATION YOU RECEIVE:

- 3 custom-designed SUFFOLK AME CARES FOUNDATION Aluminum Sport Bottles.
- 3 custom-designed SUFFOLK AME CARES FOUNDATION keychains.

PROVIDER

WITH A \$10,00 DONATION YOU RECEIVE:

- 2 custom-designed SUFFOLK AME CARES FOUNDATION Aluminum Sport Bottles.
- 2 custom-designed SUFFOLK AME CARES FOUNDATION keychains.
- Your name on the appreciation plaque at SERENITY GARDENS. **Donation must be made prior to sign installation*

WONDERFUL

WITH A \$25,000 DONATION YOU RECEIVE:

- 5 custom-designed SUFFOLK AME CARES FOUNDATION Aluminum Sport Bottles.
 - Your name on the appreciation plaque at SERENITY GARDENS. **Donation must be made prior to sign installation*
 - Be our honored VIP guests at a luxury fully catered Suite Night at MADISON SQUARE GARDEN for up to 17 people for Billy Joel's 100th appearance on March 28, 2024.
- *This MSG Luxury Suite is offered to the 1st \$25,000 donor.*



SUFFOLK AME UNION MEMBERS-SPECIAL PATROL BUREAU AVIATION UNIT.



SUFFOLK AME UNION MEMBERS-CROSSING GUARDS.

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AMAZING

WITH A \$50,000 DONATION YOU RECEIVE:

- 5 custom-designed SUFFOLK AME CARES FOUNDATION Aluminum Sport Bottles.
- 5 custom-designed SUFFOLK AME CARES FOUNDATION keychains.
- Your name on the appreciation plaque at SERENITY GARDENS. **Donation must be made prior to sign installation*

• A Luxury fully catered Suite Night at MADISON SQUARE GARDEN for up to 17 people at a 2023-2024 NY Knicks or NY Rangers game or an upcoming Concert (Suite availability permitting). ** This MSG Luxury Suite is offered to the 1st \$50,000 donor.*

THE BEST

WITH A \$100,000 AND ABOVE DONATION YOU RECEIVE:

- 5 custom-designed SUFFOLK AME CARES FOUNDATION Aluminum Sport Bottles.
- 5 custom-designed SUFFOLK AME CARES FOUNDATION keychains.
- Your name on the appreciation plaque at SERENITY GARDENS. **Donation must be made prior to sign installation*

• 2 Luxury fully catered Suite Nights at MADISON SQUARE GARDEN for up to 17 people at a 2023-2024 NY Knicks or NY Rangers game or an upcoming Concert (Suite availability permitting). ** The two MSG Luxury Suites are offered to the 1st \$100,000 donor.*

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Your thoughtfulness, support, and generous donation to **THE SUFFOLK AME CARES FOUNDATION** is greatly appreciated and will definitely make a difference in our work and efforts to support the people and families in need and the other important areas and projects that need our assistance.

THANK YOU



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THANK YOU

YOU CAN EASILY MAKE YOUR GENEROUS DONATION BY EITHER CREDIT CARD, PAY PAL OR CHECK BY GOING TO OUR WEBSITE :

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