

# SUFFOLK OTB + JAKE'S 58 CHARITABLE GIVING PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Suffolk OTB is a public benefit corporation committed to responsible and ethical financial practices to best serve our state and local taxpayers. The value we place in service extends to policies and practices that foster dignity and mutual respect, contribute to the betterment of the surrounding community, and guide how we carefully invest for a sustainable future.

The mission of our Charitable Giving Program is to support programs and initiatives that assist people and communities and improve the health and well-being of area residents. We do this through charitable grants, volunteerism, and our unique Donate Your Change initiative.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Suffolk OTB will consider granting applications from organizations that meet the following criteria:

- Provide proof of qualifying non-profit tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.
- A completed grant application available online at <u>www.jakes58.com/charities</u>.
- Non-profit organizations located in or serve the communities of Suffolk and Nassau counties.
- Comply with all applicable state and federal laws regarding non-profit organizations including registration and reporting.
- Serve the community without discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability or veteran status or sexual orientation.

Corporate policies, budget limitations, and/or state and federal laws may prevent Suffolk OTB from providing support to some organizations or events, such as:

- Organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability or veteran status, or sexual orientation.
- Programs that are not located or serve communities in Suffolk and Nassau counties.
- Individuals, including support for specific students, scholarships, researchers, travel funds or expenses, conference fees, and/or medical procedures.



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## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

- All applicants must fill out the form at <u>www.jakes58.com/charities</u> and email additional documentation to Lorraine Pappas, Special Assistant to the President, at lpappas@suffolkotb.com.
- Applications for grants and sponsorships are reviewed monthly by a committee. Requests for raffle items are typically processed within two weeks.
- Only a certain number of applications can be approved each month.
- On occasion, we receive requests to support events or programs that may not fit the general criteria of our charitable giving program. These requests will be evaluated based on their merits and impact on the communities we serve.

### Suffolk OTB will NOT make charitable grant donations to:

- Individuals.
- Political organizations or causes.
- Churches or religious organizations unless the grant is earmarked for services that directly benefit the general public.
- School programs unless the grant is earmarked for services that directly benefit the general public.
- Individual youth sports teams, youth groups, and scouting troops; however, the overseeing organizations may apply for a grant if they are a registered non-profit.

## **RAFFLE REQUESTS**

Raffle items are provided for charitable purposes only; however, we do not require non-profit tax-exempt status to be eligible for a raffle item. We have a limited number of raffle items available, and they will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. Raffle requests are made using the form at <u>www.jakes58.com/charities</u>.

Questions may be directed to Lorraine Pappas, Special Assistant to the President, at lpappas@suffolkotb.com.