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### ***Scituate Community Christmas and Scituate Alliance of Natural Disaster Services Join Forces***

Merger enables more efficient allocation of resources in the wake of community crises

SCITUATE, MA – April 26, 2023 - Today, [Scituate Community Christmas](#) (SCC) announced it has officially merged with Scituate Alliance of Natural Disaster Services (SANDS) to better serve the growing needs of Scituate residents. With shared organizational values and similar goals, the collective leadership team recognized an opportunity to combine resources to more efficiently serve the community. As a result of this new merger, SANDS will maintain a committee under the leadership of SCC. To learn more, visit [HERE](#).

Both organizations would not exist without the vision and guidance of founder Susan Phippen. Susan humbly dedicated much of her life to the betterment and preservation of Scituate. SANDS was established in 2012 and has been instrumental in spearheading emergency shelter operations, executing Community Dumpster Days, and providing much needed assistance to hundreds of families who were displaced as a result of a natural disaster.

Established to provide the critical infrastructure needed in the event of a community crisis, SANDS will continue to offer financial resources for programs and groups that focus on preparedness, response, and recovery. Together with SCC, SANDS is in an even better position to more efficiently identify priority areas of need in the wake of a crisis, and allocate resources to support community members.

*"This is an exciting time for SANDS as we formalize and deepen our relationship with Scituate Community Christmas and renew our partnership with Scituate's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)," said Becky Malamut, SANDS Committee Chair. "Combining the resources, talents, and expertise of these organizations will allow us to better serve our community. We truly are stronger together."*

## **Committee Members**

Katina Bentley, Member  
Dave Bortolotto, Advisory, CERT  
Kelly Butterworth, Advisory, SCC Volunteers  
Cara Esch, SCC Managing Director  
Roger Grenier, Member  
Becky Malamut, Committee Chair  
Kathleen McCarthy, Member  
Kaitlyn Oberle, Member  
Bill Schmid, Advisory, FEMA  
Kim Stewart, Member

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If you or someone you know needs help, please contact us [HERE](#).

## **About Scituate Community Christmas:**

Founded in 1989 by philanthropist Susan Phippen, Scituate Community Christmas is a non-profit, volunteer-driven organization dedicated to supporting Scituate families and individuals during times of hardship at Christmastime and throughout the year.

For more than three decades, Scituate Community Christmas has diligently worked to inspire the values of kindness, compassion, philanthropy, and volunteerism, cornerstone to the mission, and has served thousands of community members. Through year-round programming and active partnerships with local non-profits, Scituate Community Christmas is dedicated to lifting up those friends and neighbors in times of crisis. The [Susan Phippen House](#), home of Scituate Community Christmas, provides a central location for outreach and giving while connecting people with charitable organizations to promote the common good. Scituate Community Christmas boasts the Guidestar Platinum Seal of Transparency.

To learn more, visit [www.scituatecommunitychristmas.org](http://www.scituatecommunitychristmas.org). Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).