

Letter to Editor – The Suburban and Wayne Times AND Main Line Life  
For April 10, 2008 edition

Dear Editor:

The community has spoken – and it really does care! Tredyffrin & Easttown Care was started in 2005 in response to Hurricane Katrina, and became an official 501c3 in 2006 with a mission to help families in need in and around Tredyffrin and Easttown townships. Since then, with support, it has helped well over 50 local families when times have been difficult.

These past few weeks your support has been especially obvious, and we can't thank you enough. The Good Sports benefit on March 15 was an incredible success with well over 400 people in attendance. And more than 200 came to the new Panera Bread café on April 5 for our thank you party.

Imagine not having a car in this community – how do you get to the grocery store or take your child to the doctor, let alone get to your job? This area does not offer good public transportation and surprisingly many families in our area DO struggle with this problem. T&E Care plans to use some of the funds raised at the Good Sports benefit to help a few families get used cars, so hopefully they can have the same ability we all have to get around. (Any leads on used cars would be appreciated!) The donations raised at Panera will be used to support some of the 12 families displaced by the recent fire at the William Henry Apartments in East Whiteland.

There is one more upcoming event for you to consider supporting. The TE North MOMS group is sponsoring a Shop in Paoli Day for this Saturday, April 12. If you go shopping at specific stores in Paoli between 10 and 4, a percent of your sales will go to T&E Care. Many thanks to The Blue Tulip, Polka Dots, Chico's, Julie's Gold Ribbon, Terra Culture Gifts, and the Van Cleve Collection for their incredible generosity with this fund raiser. Paoli Hardware, Talbots, Paoli Nails, and Gentlemen's Choice are also donating gift cards to T&E Care. Remember to mention T&E Care when you shop in order for us to receive the donation. These donations will also be used to help the fire victims.

Many thanks to the Good Sports, Panera Bread, and TE North MOMS for organizing these terrific events on behalf of T&E Care. Even more thanks to all those in the community who supported the events. You have made, and will continue to make a difference in the lives of many local families!

As always, keep an eye on our website ([www.tecare.org](http://www.tecare.org)) for updates on needs, or sign up for our email alerts at [information@tecare.org](mailto:information@tecare.org).

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