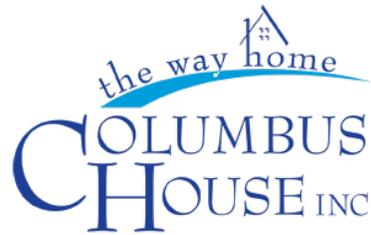


Thank you for helping to end homelessness!



Columbus House April E-News

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month – Volunteers, you are Shining Stars!

Each year thousands of Columbus House volunteers make a big impact on the lives of those we serve by serving meals, painting, helping at events, running donation drives, and countless other ways! Please watch our appreciation video to learn more. Thank you!



[Learn more](#)



Are you a Columbus House Volunteer? Did you receive your Volunteer Newsletter? If not, please [email us](#) and we'll make sure that you receive this one and future editions.

Groundbreaking Celebration for Veteran Housing in Middletown

The cold, wet morning didn't dampen the spirits of the 60 friends, supporters, partners, and Veterans who gathered to celebrate the groundbreaking of Shepherd Home on April 4th. With the help of many wonderful partners, Columbus House has begun the transformation of this historic 1920's nurses' quarters into 32 units of permanent supportive housing with a preference for Veterans.

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Cold Weather Shelters Coming to a Close

Columbus House offers three seasonal programs to accommodate those seeking shelter during the colder months: the New Haven Men's Overflow Shelter, the co-ed Wallingford Emergency Shelter (WES), and Abraham's Tent (AT). Overflow and WES open their doors in mid-November, and can shelter 75 and 17 people per night, respectively. AT begins in December, with different religious groups hosting up to 12 men for a week at a time, providing meals, fellowship, and camaraderie.

These programs rely heavily on the help of volunteers and religious organizations who readied the seasonal shelters, cooked and served warm meals, gave welcoming smiles and provided safe and stable accommodations. We are grateful to everyone who helped our neighbors during the coldest and darkest time of the year. We are happy to report that one man from AT is already in his own home and five more have their housing certificates in hand!

This year, WES will close on April 15th, and the New Haven Men's Seasonal Overflow Shelter will close on April 30th.



On March 25th, a dinner was held to celebrate the dedication of the religious groups that host Abraham's Tent

Chocolate to the Rescue Raised Critical Funds for Families Experiencing Homelessness

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the almost 200 guests who joined us at the Inn at Middletown for the 16th annual Chocolate to the Rescue event! We raised close to \$16,000 to benefit our Middlesex Family Shelter, including over \$1,100 for Welcome Kits – basic necessities for those moving into permanent homes. Everyone involved – participants, guests, judges, emcee Jim Masters, volunteers, musician, photographers, silent auction and wine donors, and sponsors – makes our work to end homelessness for families with children in Middlesex County possible.

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Spring Cleaning? Donate your gently used items to Helping Hands and we get money!

Helping Hands is a valuable Columbus House partner – and they can help you, too! Their warehouse is almost empty and they need more donations. Get to your spring cleaning and enjoy a nice, clutter-free home while helping Columbus House raise revenue for our programs for people experiencing homelessness. Remember, once sold, Columbus House receives a portion of the sale price on those items donated on our behalf. They even pick up! Give them a call 203-782-4800. Helping





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Tax Time

It's tax season – did you get yours done? Are you receiving a refund? If so, please consider [donating](#) all or part of your return to Columbus House. Your gift is essential and makes a real difference to our neighbors experiencing homelessness! Donate online or contact [John Brooks](#), Chief Development Officer.



Save the Dates!



The Big Sleep Out - April 28th

Join Ella Stanley, a high school sophomore in Guilford, for The Big Sleep Out on the Guilford Green! This event will help spread awareness about homelessness while raising funds for Columbus House. The event includes presentations, workshops, film screening, and a quilt project in addition to sleeping overnight on the green.

[Learn More and Register to Sleep Out!](#)



[April 28, 2018](#)

Do you ride? Join over 1,000 riders and have fun while helping to continue the greening of Columbus House by riding with or supporting us in the Rock to Rock Earth Day Ride!



[May 1 & 2, 2018](#)

Your gift to Columbus House goes further during this 36-hour online giving event to support Greater New Haven nonprofits!



[July 13, 2018](#)

Supporting Local Veterans and families in need is as easy as 1-2-3 during the Orange Congregational Church Higher Ground Golf Tournament!

Many thanks to some of our partners who have gone above and beyond helping us to end homelessness since our February 2018 E-News:

Dr. Peter & Maureen Herbert

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