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Columbus House October E-News

Welcome Kits Provide a Warm Welcome Home

Each month, our Permanent Supportive Housing Programs help an average of four people move out of homelessness into their own safe, affordable home. A Welcome Kit provides them with basic household necessities, including cleaning, kitchen, and bathroom supplies, and often the most important item – a bed.

[Learn how you can give a warm welcome home](#)



Alison Cunningham, CEO, receives William Sloane Coffin Award for Peace and Justice from Yale Divinity School

The Yale Divinity School will present awards to four distinguished alumni at their 2018 Convocation and Reunions to take place on October 18th. The Coffin Award, given to honor the life and ministry of the former Chaplain of the University, is awarded to “someone who shares Coffin’s passionate and prophetic witness, a courageous devotion to the dignity and worth of all persons, and who has made a notable contribution to the work of peace and reconciliation.” We’re so proud of Alison Cunningham, our CEO, for receiving this special



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Do You Love CHOCOLATE?

We are excited to announce that the 17th Annual Chocolate to the Rescue to benefit our Middlesex Family Shelter will be held on Sunday, March 24th, 2019 at the Inn at Middletown! International Chocolate Day is October 28th. To celebrate we are offering a special ticket sale. Buy 2 tickets and GET ONE FREE to Chocolate to the Rescue!

(Remember, tickets to Chocolate to the Rescue make great gifts!) This special ticket sale will take place on October 27th & 28th at columbushouse.org/chocolate



Seasonal Shelters and Warming Center to Open Starting November 15th

Each winter, thanks to our generous supporters and partners, Columbus House is able to increase its capacity to provide safe, warm accommodations, along with case management and housing services to our neighbors experiencing homelessness. The Men's Seasonal Overflow Shelter in New Haven opens on November 15th to serve an additional 75 men per night through April. Through the Abraham's Tent Program, a different house of worship will host twelve men for a week, providing beds, meals, and fellowship from mid-December through March. The Wallingford Emergency Shelter will open on December 3rd to offer beds, meals, and case management for approximately 50 single adult men and women throughout the winter. Also this year, Columbus House will partner with St. Vincent de Paul Middletown, South Congregational Church, Church of the Holy Trinity, and Saint John Church to manage a Warming Center in Middletown starting in late November. Thank you to all who make these lifesaving programs possible!



Volunteers serving a meal at the seasonal Wallingford Emergency Shelter last winter. Interested in serving this season? Contact Sheree at 203-401-4400 x 138 or sdimario@columbushouse.org

36 New Voters

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, staff, and a generous grant from the National Voter Registration Day organization, Columbus House participated in the national effort to register new voters on

September 22nd. We had a great turnout – 36 of our guests registered to vote!



Congratulations Employment and Enrichment Center Graduates

Nine students celebrated the completion of our Employment & Enrichment Center (EEC) program on September 21st. After weeks of learning computer, writing, and job search skills, among others, a special lunch was enjoyed with family, friends, and staff. Thank you to our supporters who make programs like EEC possible. Congratulations graduates, we are so proud of you!



Graduates of the 2018 EEC program proudly display their certificates of completion.

Join Us Friday, October 26th, for an Open House

Join invited guests of distinction, including elected officials, representatives from the Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Meriden & Wallingford and business leaders from throughout the Wallingford area for a complimentary breakfast and open house at our Wallingford Emergency Shelter. 8:00 - 9:30 AM. RSVP required.

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Light breakfast fare generously provided by Alyssa's Cakery, Center Street Luncheonette, Choate Rosemary Hall, Colony Diner, and Starbucks of Wallingford. Tent provided by Taylor Rental. Thank you to our event task force: Brittany Barbaro, Matt Cammarota, Tarn Granucci, Joe Pajor, Jack Selmecki, Wes Ulbrich, and Nickie Whitehouse.

Visit us this Weekend at Celebrate Wallingford

Visit us to learn about our work to end homelessness during Celebrate Wallingford – a two-day event full of food, fun, and entertainment in Wallingford, CT on Saturday & Sunday, October 6th & 7th. [Learn more](#)



Save the Dates!



Tuesday, November 27th is Giving Tuesday

Join us for this global day of online charitable giving to support our work to end homelessness.



2018 ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, December 6th

Join us for a complimentary breakfast as we celebrate you and all who make Columbus House possible! [Learn more](#)

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

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