

Columbus House June E-News

Second Home in HOMELESS:HOUSED Initiative Underway!

Keeping with our belief that everyone deserves the security and stability of a home, Columbus House has partnered with Yale School of Architecture's Jim Vlock Building Project. This five-year housing initiative will result in five two-unit homes, adding ten units of permanent housing for families and individuals to New Haven's affordable housing stock. Each modularly constructed, replicable home will be built upon a vacant lot and will feature sustainable building materials, custom Pella windows, and solar panels. First year architecture students in the graduate program consult with those we serve and consider their needs throughout the design process. The final design is chosen by Yale faculty and Columbus House leadership. The first home (top photo) was completed in November 2017 and both the individual resident and the family who moved into their new homes are doing well! The final selection for the second home (bottom photo) was recently made. Students have begun construction at Yale West Campus and the home will be ready to occupy by the fall. [Learn more about this exciting initiative and stay tuned for updates on the second home!](#)



Medical Respite Programs Save Lives and Money

In collaboration with Yale New Haven Hospital, Columbus House opened the first Medical Respite Program in Connecticut in 2013. To date, this is one of only 79 similar programs in the country. Located at our New Haven Shelter and Services building, Medical Respite offers 12 private rooms, recuperative care, and case management for people who are being discharged from the hospital with no home to return to. A study by Professor Donald Shepard of Brandeis University and Dan Shetler, Columbus House Data Scientist, was recently published: "Medical Respite for People Experiencing Homelessness: Financial Impacts with Alternative Levels of Medicaid Coverage." In an analysis of two hospitals, the study found that both were underestimating the number of patients experiencing homelessness, and both would save thousands of dollars per admission were they to implement a Medical Respite program. [Read the study](#)



Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Shows Continued Progress in Ending Homelessness

The Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) recently released their findings from the annual January PIT Count of those experiencing homelessness. The news for Connecticut is promising. A decline of 15% since last year occurred among the most vulnerable and chronic homeless - evidence that our targeted efforts continue to produce results. Many thanks to all who volunteered for the count - your support is crucial to the continued funding of our programs that end homelessness!

Read [CCEH's full report](#) and an [article in the New Haven Register](#) with quotes from our CEO.



Volunteers and Columbus House staff at the 2018 PIT Count. Photo credit: Thomas Breen, New Haven Independent.

Are You Ready for Summer?

Summer is often associated with fun and relaxation, but the change in season brings new concerns for those experiencing homelessness. The people we serve are in need of insect repellent, sunscreen, rain ponchos, umbrellas, t-shirts, and backpacks. Also, the families staying at our Middlesex Family Shelter would greatly benefit from a new picnic table for sharing summer activities and meals. If you can help with these items, please contact Sheree at sdimario@columbushouse.org or 203-401-4400 x138. Thank you! [See our full Wish List](#)



Our Spring Newsletter is on its way.
Can't wait? [Read it online today!](#)

Quentin Gives Back

Thanks to the support of friends like you, Quentin moved out of homelessness last year. It is now his mission to give back and help others. In February, with the guidance of Camille Roach, Columbus House Case Manager, he met with law makers in Hartford to appeal for the continued funding of programs that end homelessness. He also joined us and over 120 partner agencies and client advocates in April for the 2018 Homelessness & Housing Advocacy Days. [Read Quentin's inspiring story on page 2 of our Spring Newsletter](#)



Thank you to all who made these spring events a success!



The Big Sleep Out

Guilford High School student Ella Stanley organized "The Big Sleep Out" on the Guilford Green in April. Close to 75 registrants participated in workshops, attended speaker panels, and partook in activities that increased their awareness of the issues surrounding homelessness. This first-time grassroots fundraising event raised over \$6,000! A big thank you to everyone who participated!



Rock to Rock

This year, the Columbus House Green Team had nine cyclists who rode over 60 miles in the Rock to Rock Earth Day Ride on April 28. They raised over \$5,500 during this event that supports our greening efforts. We hope to see you next year!

What's on your summer reading list?

Take one of our picks to the beach! Our staff compiled a list of books that focus on homelessness and related issues. They're not the lightest reads, but they won't disappoint! Plus, you can get *As I Sat on the Green* for FREE! Call us at (203)401-4400 x131 to schedule a time to pick up your copy at our New Haven Shelter.

[As I Sat On The Green](#)

Living Without a Home in New Haven, Editors: Alice Mattison, Patricia Benedict, Lezley Twobears

[The Glass Castle](#)

A Memoir, by Jeanette Walls

[Evicted](#)

Poverty and Profit in the American City, by Matthew Desmond

[The Bridesmaid's Daughter](#)

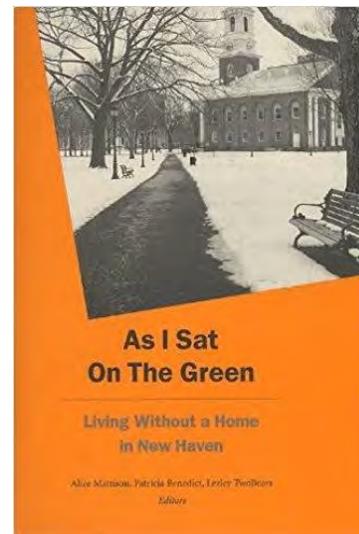
From Grace Kelly's Wedding to a Women's Shelter—Searching for the Truth About My Mother, by Nyna Giles

[Cold New World](#)

Growing Up in a Harder Country, by William Finnegan

[An Unquiet Mind](#)

A Memoir of Moods and Madness, by Kay Redfield Jamison



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Save the Dates!

Support our Veterans at these fun summer events!



The Higher Ground Golf Tournament
July 13th



Homerun for Heroes
August 11th

Join us for a fun day of golf - all are invited to play! Choose the "18 Hole Best Ball Tourney" or "9 Hole Fun Ball Event." Both include a golf cart and a delicious lunch! You can also join us just for lunch and the tiki bar. Prizes include a NEW CAR for a hole-in-one! All proceeds benefit programs to help local Veterans and families in need, including Columbus House's Homefront Initiative for Homeless Veterans. Sponsorships are available. [Learn More and Register!](#)

Join us for Sikorsky's annual Homerun for Heroes at Hartford Yard Goats Stadium (new location!) for an evening of baseball, fireworks, and fun! A portion of the proceeds will benefit our programs for Veterans experiencing homelessness. [Learn More!](#)

Visit us at these events to learn more about our work to end homelessness!



June 9-17, 2018
HOMELESS:HOUSED

Join us for a week long interactive exhibit organized by Columbus House and the Yale School of Architecture. The exhibit takes place on the New Haven Green at a student designed pavilion during the Festival of Arts and Ideas. Alison Cunningham, Columbus House CEO, will present at the kick-off on Saturday, June 9th, from 1:00 - 2:00 pm.



June 30 & July 1, 2018

Shop for a cause! From 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, visit us at Big Lots in East Haven (78 Frontage Road) to learn how the hot summer months affect those experiencing homelessness and how you can help our clients while getting your 4th of July supplies!



October 6 & 7, 2018

Visit our table and learn about our work to end homelessness during Celebrate Wallingford - a two-day event full of food, fun, and entertainment in Wallingford, CT.

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

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Garden Homes Fund
KeyBank
Ben Ledbetter, Jr. & Deborah Freedman
Liberty Bank Foundation
St. George Roman Catholic Church
Subway Franchise World Headquarters
The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven
The Guilford Savings Bank
The Keiser Foundation
The Spring Glen Church
The University Church in Yale
United Way of Greater New Haven
United Way of Meriden and Wallingford

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