





Each of us will have to review and evaluate our situation to determine how the new tax law will impact us, preferably with a trusted advisor. If you are like most people who make charitable contributions, you're motivated to provide an end to an injustice, help find a cure for a disease, protect the vulnerable, save the environment, support education, or make sure the arts survive and flourish. In short, you want to make a difference!

Fortunately, you can still do that. With every change comes opportunity. Please review your financial and tax situation. Maybe your take-home pay has increased. If so, please consider donating that increase to Columbus House. Proceeds from life insurance policies, distributions from IRA's and pension plans are but a few ways you can continue to contribute while possibly retaining favorable tax benefits.

Remember - the tax laws have changed but the need for your support remains. Please contact John Brooks, Chief Development Officer at 203-401-4400 x 108 if you have any questions about your contribution, how it is used or the work that we do to one day end homelessness. Thank you!

## Thank You for Making our 2017 Annual Meeting a Success

During our Annual Meeting, we thanked and celebrated all those who assist with our mission of ending homelessness. Insights Speaker, Hershel, left our guests inspired with his account of experiencing homelessness. Keynote speaker Sharon Kugler, Yale University Chaplain, shared encouragement and hope, quoting the essay, "We Were Made For These Times," by Clarissa Pinkola Estes. We presented the 2017 John S. Martinez Community Service Award to Stephen Peterson, Liberty Bank and North Guilford Congregational Church, and bid farewell to retiring Board members Mark Fopeano and Cathy Velez. We are grateful to our generous event sponsors for their support. The event took place on December 7, 2017 at the New Haven Lawn Club.



[Watch Hershel's insights speech and find a link to "We Were Made for These Times"](#)

[View photos from the Annual Meeting on Facebook](#)

## Serving for Columbus House Tennis Tournament

On January 27th, about 50 tennis enthusiasts enjoyed a fun night of competition at the Tennis at Yale University: Cullman-Heyman Tennis Center, all in support of our programs to end



homelessness. Thank you to the participants, volunteers, sponsors, and co-hosts who made the 3rd annual "Serving for Columbus House" Benefit Tennis Tournament a success, raising close to \$7,000 to support our work! Special thanks to Dr. Bruce Cha and Jim and Melissa Barra for hosting this fun event! Title Sponsor: Harte Nissan; Court Sponsor: Endodontics; Champion Sponsors: Robin & Tam Le, and Dennis & Cathy Cha; Friend Sponsors: Argiro Family, Jim & Melissa Barra, Custom Engraving, Halsey Associates, Mike & Jennifer McCleery, and James Sachs.

## Mark your calendars!

**March 18, 2018**

[Chocolate to the Rescue!](#)

Inn at Middletown, 1:00-4:00 PM

**April 28, 2018**

[Big Sleep Out](#)

Guilford Green

5:00 PM - 8:00 AM Sunday, April 29

**April 28, 2018**

[Rock to Rock](#)

Cycling fundraiser

**May 1 & 2, 2018**

[The Great Give](#)

A 36-hour online-giving event

**Ongoing!**

[Sit Ups For Columbus House](#)

Join Amanda Craig and her friends by raising awareness and funds for Columbus House while getting in shape!



## Looking to do a Drive?

Get your friends, family, and colleagues together for fun fundraising by holding a "drive" for Columbus House. You can help by making [Welcome Kits](#) for those entering permanent, supportive housing. Or you can collect items from our [Wish List](#) - basic necessities for clients in our shelter - of which we are always in need.

Please remember to give us a ring before you bring!

Questions and donation delivery times should be directed to [sdimario@columbushouse.org](mailto:sdimario@columbushouse.org) or (203) 401-4400, ext.138, before arriving with donations. We would also like to hear from you if you are interested in running a drive.



## Many thanks to some of our partners who have gone above and beyond helping us to end homelessness

(November 16, 2017 - February 21, 2018)

A-1 Auto Service Inc.  
Norman & Margery Andrews  
Anonymous  
Eric Baum & Danielle Antin-Ozerkis  
Beirne Wealth Consulting  
BIC Corporation  
BlumShapiro Foundation, Inc.  
Peter & Ann Bruchansky  
Janet Caligan  
City Missionary Association of New Haven  
The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven:  
    ERJ Fund  
    Hodgson/Leventhal Fund  
    Daniel L. Jones Fund  
    Richard & Alice Baxter Fund  
Community Health Charities New England  
Connecticut Container Corp.  
Connecticut Mental Health Center  
Dr. Leo & Kathleen Cooney  
Country Enterprises, LLC  
Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation  
William Kohlhepp & Peggy Dillinger  
Dr. Robert D. Dubrow & Melinda A. Tuhus  
Robert & Judith Edsall  
Endodontics, LLC  
Steve and Amy Eppler-Epstein  
Simon Etzel  
Gary & Melissa Fountatin  
Henry Gates  
GE Foundation  
William and Jean Graustein Fund  
William & Alexa Gunther  
Elizabeth Hall  
Harte Nissan, Inc.  
Heritage Capital LLC  
Joseph King, Jr. & Amy Justice  
Patrick & Nancy Kennedy Family  
Key Bank  
Knights of Columbus  
The Ethel & Abe Lapidus Foundation  
Robert & Catherine Lisak  
Mark & Kris Mooseker  
Anne Marnic  
Melville Charitable Trust  
Joseph G. Altonji & Cynthia E. Nethercut  
Network for Good  
North Haven Congregational Church

Michael Palmieri  
William Reese  
Reid & Reige Foundation  
John & Lupi Robinson  
John & Maureen Schaeztl  
Smart Family Foundation  
The L. Suzio York Hill Companies  
Stacy Neal & Katherine Thomas  
Trinity Church on the Green  
United Illuminating Holdings Corp. Foundation  
United Way of Greater New Haven  
United Way of Meriden and Wallingford  
Stephen Votto  
Patricia Wales  
Wallingford Rotary Foundation  
Webster Bank  
Werth Family Foundation  
Pam Werth  
Yale-New Haven Health System, Community & Government Relations  
Yale University Library Staff Association  
Yale University, Office of New Haven & State Affairs

## Donate

[Columbus House | 203-401-4400 x131 | info@columbushouse.org](http://www.columbushouse.org)  
[www.columbushouse.org](http://www.columbushouse.org)

STAY CONNECTED:



Columbus House Inc., 586 Ella T. Grasso Blvd., New Haven, CT 06519