



Columbus House March E-News



Register NOW and join us Saturday for Tennis! On Saturday, March 8, enjoy a fun afternoon of tennis to support our work to end homelessness! Tickets are only \$75 per player. The event takes place from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM at the Yale Indoor Tennis Courts, Cullman-Heyman Tennis Center, 279 Derby Avenue, West Haven. Register by *tomorrow*, March 4 – choose between Doubles Tournament or Friendly Play: [Register to play, sponsor or support!](#)

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Special Thanks to:



22nd Annual Chocolate to the Rescue!

Join Us for Chocolate to the Rescue!

Join us on Sunday, March 30, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Crystal Ballroom in Middletown!

This exciting annual event showcases decadent chocolate creations by local culinary experts, including Bear's Smokehouse, Donovan Family Confections, LiLu's Customized Catering, MELT Chocolatier, Perk On Main, Sweet Harmony Cafe & Bakery, and Sweet Sage Bakery. Sample and vote for your favorites, mingle with guests, and bid on unique silent auction items—all while helping families facing homelessness.

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A Fond Farewell to Sarah Hoffman

We want to take a moment to express our deep gratitude to Sarah Hoffman, Chief Development Officer, who officially stepped down from her role at Columbus House on February 28, 2025. Over the past seven and a half years, Sarah has played a vital role in advancing our mission—first as Grants Administrator and later as CDO.

Her leadership has helped secure millions in new and renewed funding. Sarah's dedication and belief in our work have left a lasting impact, strengthening Columbus House for years to come.

As we navigate this transition, we are pleased to welcome Bob Serow as Interim CDO who brings extensive experience and a deep understanding of our mission.

Thank, you, Sarah, for your incredible contributions. We wish you all the best in your next chapter!



Urgent Need: Household Items for Veterans

We've recently welcomed new neighbors to Harkness House for Veterans experiencing homelessness, and our supply of household essentials is running low. If you're able to help, we could really use donations like:

- Toilet paper
- Hand soap
- Dish detergent
- Paper towels

Every little bit makes a big difference! If you'd like to donate, please contact Sheree at 203-401-4400 x138 or sdimario@columbushouse.org.

Thank you, as always, for your kindness and support for our residents!



Reflecting on Our Shared Impact

At our recent all-staff meeting, we celebrated the dedication of our team—those who have been with us for years and those just starting. Their work across our 35+ programs coupled with your enduring support makes it possible for Columbus House to serve over 2,100 people annually.

Stories of resilience filled the room—clients moving into permanent housing after years of hardship the relief in someone’s eyes as they step into a warm shelter on a freezing night. These moments remind us why we do this work. Thank YOU for being a vital part of making them happen!

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Transforming Lives: Columbus House and YNHH's ongoing impact through Medical Respite Program – By Carmen Chau
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Saturday, March 8: Serving for Columbus House Tennis Tournament

Tuesday, March 11: InMOTION Mobile Pharmacy & Clinic

Sunday, March 30: Chocolate the the Rescue

Wednesday-Thursday, May 7-8: The Great Give

[Visit our website more information on these and other events](#)



Join our team!

Looking for a career that makes a difference helping others? [View & apply](#) for open positions at Columbus House now!

Thank you to *some* of our partners who have gone above and beyond helping to end homelessness with their financial support from January 1 – February 25, 2025.

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Your gift to Columbus House literally saves the lives of our most vulnerable neighbors. Each year, you help give over 2,100 people – including older adults, families with children, and Veterans – the tools and support they need to end or prevent their homelessness.

We are grateful for your dedication to our mission: to serve people experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk by providing life-saving outreach, shelter and housing and by fostering their personal growth and independence. We advocate for and create affordable housing to end homelessness in our communities.



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Legacy Giving

Make a lasting impact on ending homelessness with planned giving.



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Donate your old clunker – running or not – to help end homelessness!



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