

Columbus House September E-News



Working to End Homelessness



Sign Up Now for the OCC Columbus House Scramble – Now October 18!

After being rescheduled due to weather in July, OCC's annual golf tournament will now take place on October 18. We hope you'll take advantage of this extra chance to register and join us at the Orange Hills Country Club for a fun and exciting day of golf in support of our work to end homelessness!

Play to win \$10K cash, \$25K towards a new Toyota courtesy of A-1 Toyota, and other great prizes. After the game, we'll meet up at Orange Ale House to celebrate the winners and indulge in an all-you-can eat pizza, wings, pasta, and salad luncheon!

[Register or sponsor now!](#)



Out Now!

We are excited to share Columbus House's Impact Report for 2023-2024, showcasing the incredible results of our collective efforts – including the 444 individuals who found a safe place to call home this year. To learn more about the transformative power of your generosity and the dedicated work of our staff, [dive into the full report now.](#)



Yearly Point-In-Time Count Shows Surge in Homelessness

In 2024, Connecticut saw a 13% rise in homelessness, marking the third consecutive year of increase. According to the state's annual point-in-time count, a snapshot of our unhoused neighbors, 3,410 people were experiencing homelessness on a single night this past January. Notable increases from the previous year were recorded in both families and adults over the age of 55.

No person in Connecticut – child or adult – should be without a safe place to call home. Please join us in pushing for stronger interventions from our legislature by urging your elected officials to permanently invest in affordable housing and homelessness services. [Learn more in an article by Ginny Monk in The Connecticut Mirror.](#)



FILE BY OCT. 1st!

Your Business and Columbus House Can Benefit from the NAA Tax Credit

You can reduce your business's state tax liability while supporting non-profits – like Columbus House – through the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credit Program. By donating to Columbus House, your business can earn up to 60% of the contribution as a tax credit! This partnership not only helps your business financially but also enables Columbus House to continue providing life-saving outreach, shelter, and housing services in our community.

Columbus House's Shelter & Services Programs in both New Haven and Wallingford are approved for this generous 60% tax benefit. [File this one page application by October 1 to take advantage of this substantial credit.](#)

[Learn more on the State's website](#) and contact Sarah Hoffman at 203-401-4400 x106 or shoffman@columbushouse.org for questions.

Thank You to the Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council!

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to the Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council for their steadfast support through their Operation American Soldier project. Since August 2022, this incredible partnership has



provided over \$20,000 in funding to support Veterans moving into new homes. Thanks to their generosity, we've been able to provide Welcome Kits that include essentials like cleaning products, toiletries, linens, and other household necessities to 50 Veterans.

We are honored to partner with an organization so committed to supporting those who have served our country. Thank you for making a difference!



□ Call for Volunteers □

As the holiday season approaches, Columbus House is looking for a weekly volunteer to lend a hand with important tasks such as receiving donations, sorting through contributions, and assisting with light office and paperwork duties. Your time and effort will make a big difference during this busy season, and we'd be grateful to have you join us!

Interested? Reach out to Sheree at 203-401-4400 x138 or sdimario@columbushouse.org today to learn more about how you can get involved! Thank you



Sikorsky Raises \$30K for Columbus House Veterans' Programs

Sikorsky, a Lockheed Martin company, once again demonstrated their commitment to our Veterans at this year's Annual Homerun for Heroes baseball game.

We were thrilled to connect with our generous supporters from Sikorsky and celebrate alongside our partners—The Connecticut Veterans Legal Center, Homes for the Brave, House of Heroes Connecticut, and Camp Resilience—who all benefit from this impactful event. Together, we remain united in our mission to make a difference for our Veterans.



Inspiring Day of Service

We're still reflecting on the incredible experience at the IWagePeace Interfaith Service Festival on the New Haven Green. It was a truly uplifting day, where a diverse community came together to share in service, learning, and conversation, capped off with a wonderful lunch. A multitude of projects to benefit the community included the

Evening Star Holiness Church
Fellowship Ministries Inc. volunteered
at the Interfaith Service Festival
outreach table.

assembly of 600 blessing bags for our neighbors
facing homelessness.

We look forward to joining everyone again next
summer!

□ Save the Dates

Saturday-Sunday, October 5 & 6, 2024: Celebrate Wallingford

Friday, October 18, 2024: OCC Columbus House Scramble

Thursday, December 5, 2024: Annual Meeting

Sunday, March 30, 2025: Chocolate the the Rescue

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



Looking for a career that makes a difference helping
others? Join our team! [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 July 8 – September 15,
2024.

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The Ethel & Abe Lapidés Foundation
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We apologize if we inadvertently left out your name.

DONATE

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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