Winter at the Hotels

Seasonal Winter Shelters and Warming Centers are open! The Men's Seasonal Overflow Shelter is operating out of the same hotel as our Main Shelter – we are serving over 230 people nightly in New Haven alone. There are also 34 beds at the hotel in Middletown to accommodate those from the Wallingford Emergency Shelter and Middletown Warming Center.

Virtual Annual Meeting

News 8's Kent Pierce moderated an informative discussion with Dr. Sten Vermund, Dean, Yale School of Public Health and Columbus House staff: Margaret Middleton, CEO; Caroline Perez, Director of Housing Services; and Carl Reynolds, Employment Benefits Manager. Newly housed clients Larry and Peter shared their stories, and we presented the 2021 John S. Martinez Community Service Award to
our longtime friend and volunteer Karen Lenois. Take a look if you missed Larry, Peter, and Karen's videos or want to be inspired again.

Award Winners

We’re proud to announce that volunteer Megan Leubner won the Crisis Hero Award from the two CT chapters of the Association of Fundraising Professionals for her invaluable efforts during the pandemic. Megan is a student at Frank H. Netter M.D. School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University. John Brooks, Columbus House Chief Development Officer, also won the Outstanding Fundraising Professional Award for his longstanding dedication to fundraising and philanthropy. Read more about Megan and John and their commitment to making a difference.

Help End Homelessness With a Gift of Stock or a Qualified Charitable Distribution From Your IRA

Do you have stock that has significantly increased in value over the years? Consider making gifts of appreciated securities. You can still save capital-gain taxes by giving the securities to Columbus House provided that you have owned them for more than a year.

Are you at least 70½ years old and own one or more Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs)? You may be able to make contributions out of your IRA to qualified charitable organizations and take a tax break. Contact your financial advisor or charitable professional for more information.
Retirement Accounts (IRA's)? If you don’t need the income that the IRS requires you to withdraw (Required Minimum Distribution), consider a Qualified Charitable Distribution directly from your IRA to Columbus House. (You and your spouse could each contribute up to $100,000 annually without any income tax liability.)

Please note: Due to the pandemic, the IRS changed some rules covering RMD’s depending on your age and work status through the SECURE and CARES Acts. Please check with your financial advisor, visit the IRS website at or contact your IRA provider for exact instructions.

For more information, please contact John Brooks

For the rest of December, Columbus House will receive a $1 donation for every $10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet sold at the Stop & Shop at 150 Whalley Avenue in New Haven.

During January, the Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquets purchased at Stop & Shop at 460 Elm Street in West Haven CT will benefit Columbus House!
You can turn your old vehicle – running or not – into cash for Columbus House. All you need is the title! Learn more

Thank you to some of our partners who have gone above and beyond helping to end homelessness with their financial support from 10/22/21 through 12/19/21.

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