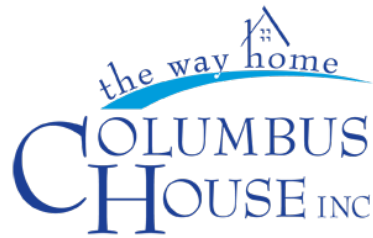


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Columbus House April E-News

Volunteers Show the Magic of Kindness

We're grateful to our wonderful volunteers throughout the year, and we're doing some special celebrating during April for Volunteer Appreciation Month. Check out our [Volunteer Appreciation Video](#), read our [Volunteer Newsletter](#), and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to learn more about how volunteers make a tremendous difference for those experiencing homelessness. Thank you, volunteers, for being so magical!



Ending Family Homelessness Through Chocolate

More than 200 people gathered and over \$18,000 was raised for the Middlesex Family Shelter during our *Chocolate to the Rescue* event at the Inn at Middletown. Ten area chocolate artisans showcased their creations for our guests and professional judges who voted for their favorites. New Haven's Chip in a Bottle won two awards - both the People's and Critic's Choice for Most Creative Chocolate Creation, Marjolaine Pastry Shop, also in New Haven, earned the People's Choice Most Amazing Chocolate Flavor award and Eddy's Bake Shop in Ansonia won the Critic's Choice for Most Amazing Chocolate Flavor. New chocolatier Tall Order Treats joined returning participants Purple Carrot Foods, MELT Chocolatier, ION Restaurant, Perk on Main, Tschudin Chocolates & Confections, and Sweet Sage Bakery. Spoke + Spy Ciderworks provided samples of their hard ciders for guests to enjoy while they bid on silent auction prizes - all to benefit the families who stay at our Middlesex Family Shelter. This emergency housing program provides beds and case management for up to 50 families per year. Thank you to everyone who participated in this event and helped families who are experiencing homelessness.



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Serving for Columbus House Raised close to \$8,000

On March 16th, 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 4th annual "Serving for Columbus House" Benefit Tennis Tournament a success! Special thanks to Dr. Bruce Cha and Jim and Melissa Barra for hosting this event!

Title Sponsor: Harte Nissan; Court Sponsor: Dennis & Cathy Cha and Endodontics; Champion Sponsors: Jim & Melissa Barra and Tam & Robin Lee; Friend Sponsors: Halsey Associates, Jennifer & Mike McCleery, and James Sachs. Special thanks to Custom Engraving – David Chew, for donating the event trophies, and to Racquet Koop in Woodbridge for donating the tennis balls for the event.



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Bagel Breakfasts

Fresh baked bagels and cream cheese will be provided to our New Haven Shelter residents once per month thanks to Olmo ("elm" in Italian), a new restaurant by former Caseus Fromagerie owner Jason Sobocinski. The monthly donations of several dozen bagels will be delivered for an indefinite period of time, giving our guests a special treat for breakfast.



Liberty Bank & QU's Big Event Help Shepherd Home

Columbus House has been a longtime beneficiary of Quinnipiac University students' efforts during their annual day of service – the Big Event. This year, QU students helped move a generous donation of furniture, including conference tables, desks, chairs, and more from Liberty Bank in Middletown to our newly renovated Shepherd Home. Thank you to the students and Liberty Bank for supporting our work to end homelessness!



Enhanced Safety at our Annex Building

Both client and staff safety have been enhanced in our Annex Building, thanks to the help of volunteers with HomeFront who donated their time and resources to create a safe and welcoming environment for clients who are waiting for appointments with their Case Manager. With their expertise, they transformed the entrance of 592 Ella T. Grasso Boulevard (right across the street from our New Haven Shelter) into an inviting space with large windows and tempered glass allowing safe access to our Outreach & Engagement receptionist. The team also took care of some ceiling repairs during the renovation. We are grateful to HomeFront, a volunteer-driven community facility repair program, who helped make this necessary transformation possible.



Before



After

Join us April 27th for Two Exciting Events: Rock to Rock Earth Day Ride & The Big Sleep Out

On Saturday morning, join Columbus House's Green Team for the Rock to Rock Earth Day Ride in New Haven. Fun for the whole family and all levels, you can choose a 5-mile family parade route to a Metric Century! After your ride, enjoy food trucks, live music, yoga, a green expo and more. In the early evening, head over to the Guilford Green for The Big Sleep Out. There you can engage in educational and hands-on activities designed to raise awareness about homelessness, listen to speakers discuss their experiences with homelessness, enjoy dinner with other participants, and even sleep out on the Guilford Green! All ages are welcome. Visit our website to join, support, and learn more about the [Rock to Rock Earth Day Ride](#) and [The Big Sleep Out](#).



Save the Dates!



The Great Give 2019



Higher Ground Golf



Saturday, August 3rd

Homerun for Heroes

May 1st & 2nd

Help us win prizes and support our work to end homelessness through The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven's 36-hour online giving event. A portion of all gifts will be matched by a \$55k match pool!

Event

July 12th

This annual day of golf for all levels is hosted by Orange Congregational Church and is held at the Orange Hills Country Club. The event benefits local Veterans in need. Save the date! More info to come.

August 3rd

Enjoy a fun day of baseball hosted by Sikorsky, Lockheed Martin and Teamsters Local 1150 at the Hartford Yard Goats stadium to benefit military Veterans organizations, including Columbus House's Harkness House for homeless Veterans.

News from our partners in ending homelessness

Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness:

[Annual Homeless Data Shows 10% Fewer People Used Homeless Shelters than in Previous Year, 40% Fewer Since 2012](#)

Partnership for Strong Communities:

[Governor Lamont's Budget Proposal Preserves and Expands Critical Homeless Programs – Pauses New Affordable Housing Bond Authorizations](#)

Partnership for Strong Communities urges you to contact your legislators and tell them how important state investments are to our efforts to end homelessness and expand affordable housing in Connecticut. You can find your legislators [here](#) and download a fact sheet on the economic benefits of affordable housing development [here](#).

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

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