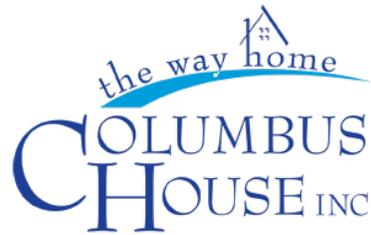


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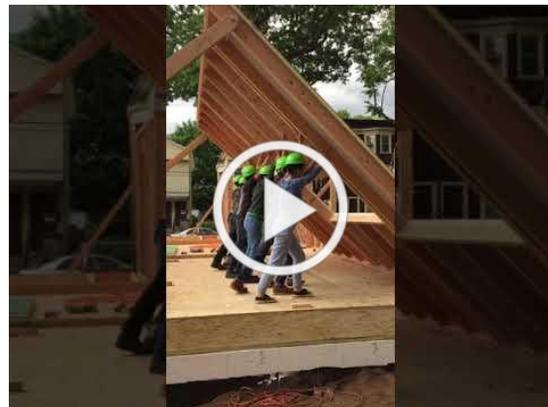
We're CARF accredited!

What does that mean? In April, a team of surveyors from CARF International (The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) conducted an in-depth on-site consultative assessment of three of our service areas – Supportive Services for Veteran Families/Rapid Re-Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing and Medical Respite. The surveyors determined that these programs are of the utmost quality in enhancing the lives of the people we serve. As a result, a three year accreditation, the highest attainable, was awarded to Columbus House. We couldn't be more proud of our staff, or grateful to our partners and supporters who allow us to uphold our standards, making this success possible!



[Read the full press release](#)

Did you see the walls go up on the second home in our HOMELESS:HOUSED building project with Yale School of Architecture?



Sharing Solutions to End Homelessness at Home and Abroad



Our Outreach and Engagement (O&E) team was shadowed for two weeks by Ed Addison, a London, England-based Case Coordinator, to learn our best practices and share his as part of the Transatlantic Practice Exchange, a project that “aims to develop future leaders in the homelessness sector and establish transatlantic good practice connections.” An initiative of the Homeless Link (UK), the National Alliance to End Homelessness (US), and funded by the Oak Foundation, the partnership enabled Ed to join New Haven O&E staff on outreach missions and learn about our diverse array of services offered to those experiencing homelessness.

[Read more about the project.](#)



M'Liss D'Angelo of Columbus House (center) and Abby Parsons of The Kent Center for Human & Organizational Development in RI (right), both lead SOAR specialists in their state, hosted the first interstate SOAR meeting at Columbus House. By sharing across state lines best practices about this complicated process, their goal is to ensure that more people gain access to the benefits that will help them stay housed or avoid homelessness. The next meeting is scheduled for October.

What is SOAR? For a complete definition of SOAR visit our [website](#).

Learn more about M'Liss' work on SOAR's [website](#).

Last year, your generosity helped Columbus House Outreach and Engagement (O&E) staff enroll over 300 people who are living on the street into services designed to end their homelessness. Watch how!



Homes Are Out of Reach for Many in Connecticut

Lack of affordable housing is a major cause of homelessness. To make rent on a modest two-bedroom apartment in our state, a person must earn \$24.90 per hour in a full-time, 40 hour per week job, according to the latest *Out of Reach* report by the National Low Income Housing Coalition. Someone earning minimum wage would need to work 99 hours per week - or 2 1/2 full-time jobs - to avoid spending more than 30% of their income on housing. Connecticut has the 9th highest housing wage in the nation. Check out the interactive dashboard and read the full report on NLIHC's [website](#).

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A minimum wage worker in Connecticut must work 99 hours per week in order to afford a 2 bedroom apartment.

Workplace Giving & Volunteering is a Win-Win!

Columbus House benefits from workplace giving

initiatives and volunteers - and we are grateful! Just one of the many businesses that encourage their employees to give their time and talent to support our mission, Watson, Inc., in West Haven offers robust giving and volunteer opportunities to their employees. Whether stuffing bags full of holiday gifts, serving meals at our shelter or providing vegetable plants from their community garden, the employees at Watson, Inc. make an impact on the lives of those we serve throughout the year. What's more, according to a study in May, programs like Watson's are truly beneficial to all parties involved. Benevity, Inc., a "global leader in online workplace giving, matching, volunteering and community investment software," found that **worker turnover is reduced by 57% for employees actively engaged in company giving and volunteering efforts.**

[Read the full report](#)



Employees at Watson, Inc. in West Haven are encouraged to give and volunteer for Columbus House and other organizations. Here they stand with 260 bags they stuffed with holiday gifts for those we serve last winter.

Looking to get your company involved in our mission to end homelessness? Visit our [website](#) to learn more, or contact Sheree at 203-401-4400 x138 or sdimario@columbushouse.org



Check us out on Instagram!
[@columbushousect](#)

Thank you for supporting our Veterans at these summer events!



The Higher Ground Golf Event

Over 30 golfers came out to support our Veterans on July 13th for the Higher Ground Golf Event. Over \$12,000 was raised! [Learn more.](#)



Homerun for Heroes

A little rain didn't stop Sikorsky and Teamsters Local 1150 from presenting the proceeds of their Homerun for Heroes baseball game. [Learn more.](#)

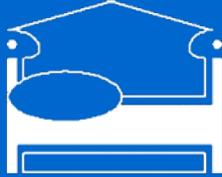
Save the Dates

Visit us at these events to learn more about our work to end homelessness!



Saturday & Sunday, October 6th & 7th

Visit our table and learn about our work to end homelessness during Celebrate Wallingford - a two-day event full of food, fun, and entertainment in Wallingford, CT. [Learn more](#)



**Wallingford Emergency Shelter
Open House**

Friday, October 26th | 8-9:30 am

Visit our Wallingford Emergency Shelter for an Open House! More info to follow. Stay tuned for more info at www.columbushouse.org/events



Monday, October 15th

Join us for an open house for the completion of the second of five homes in the HOMELESS: HOUSED building project. More info to come! [Learn more about HOMELESS:HOUSED](#)



2018 ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, December 6th

Join us for a complimentary buffet breakfast as we celebrate you and all who make Columbus House possible! [Learn more](#)



Do you shop online at Amazon? If so, go to smile.amazon.com first, where you can select your charity of choice (Columbus House!) to receive a donation. AmazonSmile Foundation will donate half of 1% of your eligible purchase price to Columbus House.

Many thanks to some of our partners who have gone above and beyond helping us to end homelessness since our June 2018 E-News:

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