

Columbus House November E-News



Make a gift.
Volunteer.
Raise awareness.

♥ Giving Tuesday is Almost Here!

The holiday season is here, and GivingTuesday is your chance to make a difference in the lives of neighbors facing homelessness. This global day of giving is an incredible opportunity to support your community by donating, volunteering, or spreading the word about the challenges and solutions to homelessness.

Will you join us? **Please make a gift to Columbus House on December 3** and together we can look forward to the day when everyone has their own safe, affordable home.

Thank you!



Steve, pictured receiving a John S. Martinez Community Service award at our 2017 Annual Meeting, gives quarterly to Columbus House through his IRA.

□ Creative Giving: Impact Lives and Your Taxes

Steve, a longtime friend, volunteer and supporter, shared his insights on how creative gifts—like IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)—can help sustain programs for neighbors facing homelessness while offering potential financial benefits.

"My motivation for charitable giving has always been based on an awareness of need, and a commitment to stewardship and gratitude—not its impact on my tax returns. As an older person with an IRA, supporting Columbus House through a QCD, which goes directly from my IRA to Columbus House, is an ideal way to sustain my support for its programs. This method of giving is easy, timely and automatic. And, while it does have an impact on my tax returns, its impact on my social and spiritual well-being is much greater."

Are you interested in making an impact like Steve's? Consider exploring creative giving options like IRA QCDs, appreciated securities, or legacy gifts this holiday season. To learn more, contact your financial advisor or Sarah Hoffman, Chief Development Officer, at shoffman@columbushouse.org.



❄ Winter Programs

This winter, Columbus House is gearing up to provide warm, safe spaces for neighbors without homes. From December to April, a 40-bed family triage center will operate near our New Haven shelter, and the Hamden Warming Center will reopen in January at The Keefe Center. Plus, our New Haven shelter will remain open 24/7 during the cold months.

These essential programs come with big challenges for our resources. Your support—whether donating, volunteering, or contributing items—makes all the difference.

Lee and Peter from Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven delivered the proceeds of a drive for the family triage center. Can you help too? [Download a flyer for urgent needs.](#)

Please reach out to Sheree at 203-401-4400 x 138 or sdimario@columbushouse.org for volunteer opportunities.

Together, we can ensure no one is left out in the cold.



Many seasonal positions open!

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

the way home
COLUMBUS HOUSE INC *2024 Annual Meeting*

Keynote Speaker
TERENCE FLOYD
VP at Wells Fargo and Board President of Partnership for Strong Communities

2024 JOHN S. MARTINEZ COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDEES

- Insights Speech: **CAROLINE BELTRE**
Columbus House Board Member
- Baron, Kiku, Michael & Matthew Jones
- Saint John XXIII Parish Midnight Run Group
- The Smart Family Foundation of New York

□ Join Us December 5th

Join us for our Annual Meeting on Thursday, December 5, from 7:30 to 9:00 AM at the New Haven Lawn Club as we reflect on the past year and explore new solutions to end homelessness. Don't miss keynote speaker Terrence Floyd, Vice President and Senior Social Impact Specialist at Wells Fargo, who brings over 20 years of expertise in affordable housing and community development. Hear meaningful insights from Columbus House Board Member Caroline Beltre, and help us celebrate the 2024 John S. Martinez Community Service Awardees: the Jones Family, the Saint John XXIII Parish Midnight Run, and the Smart Family Foundation.

Registration is required and space is limited. Please RSVP to Phalakorn at 203-401-4400 x131 pphonyothee@columbushouse.org by December 2.

[Learn more on our website.](#)

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Falisha, a single mother of three, recently shared her heartfelt story of stability and hope. [Learn how you helped make a difference for Falisha and her children.](#)

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- Every Votes Counts
- Summer Fun
- Monthly Giving Story
- And more!

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In the News

- [Volunteers package 500 Thanksgiving meals for those in need in Connecticut](#)
- [Army veteran chose YSPH for collaborative environment and opportunities](#)
- [New Haven area's unsheltered population more than doubled this year, officials say](#)

Save the Dates

Tuesday, December 3, 2024: Giving Tuesday

Tuesday, December 3, 2024: InMOTION Mobile Clinic at New Haven Shelter

Thursday, December 5, 2024: Annual Meeting

Sunday, March 30, 2025: Chocolate the the Rescue

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

Thank you to *some* of our partners who have gone above and beyond helping to end homelessness with their financial support from September – November 24, 2024.

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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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