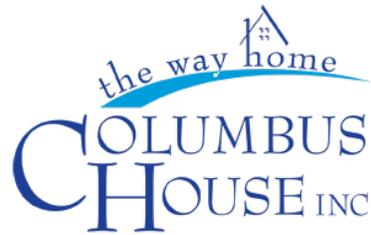


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Columbus House June E-News

Alison Cunningham, CEO, Announces Departure

After 21 years of devoted service to Columbus House, Alison Cunningham, CEO, is leaving at the end of the summer. Having dedicated over two decades of her career focused on the single mission of ending homelessness, Alison developed over 40 Columbus House programs, creating hundreds of supportive housing units in New Haven and beyond, and thousands of people have benefited from her commitment to this work. We are saddened to see her go but are grateful for her guidance, leadership and unyielding inspiration and wish her the best of luck in her new role working with students at Yale Divinity School.

[Read more](#)



Farewell to a Dear Friend

It is with great sorrow that we share the news of the passing of a dear friend. To say that Harry Huben was just a volunteer is like saying the Grand Canyon is just a canyon. A devoted, active member of the St. George Roman Catholic Church community, Harry has been involved with Columbus House pretty much since our inception back in 1982. Harry could be found leading the St. George volunteer meal service team every fourth Sunday to ensure that those in our care received a nutritious meal. Harry made it his mission to include young people in all that he did with Columbus House. Each year, Harry brought those making their confirmation to Columbus House so that they too would learn about compassion and to care for their neighbors the way Harry did. Many of those same students who served meals with Harry in their youth returned to work by his side well into their college years and beyond. [Read more](#)



Harry Huben (left) presented a check to John Brooks, Columbus House Chief Development Officer.

Non Profit of the Year – Wallingford Emergency

Shelter

The Wallingford Emergency Shelter has been selected as the 2019 Non Profit of the Year by The Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce for our outstanding support of the community at large and our service to those in need. Alison Cunningham, CEO of Columbus House accepted this honor during the Chamber's Annual Meeting and Awards Celebration Dinner on June 12.

We are thankful to Dee Prior Nesti, Garret Sheehan and the entire Board and staff of the Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce for their support of Columbus House and the Wallingford Emergency Shelter and their help in bringing the Wallingford community closer together.



Columbus House Board members and supporters attended the Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce's Annual Meeting on June 12th.

How Far Will Chris Ulbrich Go to End Homelessness?

Chris Ulbrich is embarking on a 256 mile trek on the Appalachian Trail to support the Wallingford Emergency Shelter. Starting July 1, Chris will set off on a 25 day journey, beginning in Connecticut, traveling through Massachusetts and ending in Vermont. Chris has generously offered to match up to \$10,000 in donations! The Wallingford Emergency Shelter provides shelter, case management, and vital services to families year-round, and to single adults during the winter months. Approximately 12 families with children and 50 individuals are offered life saving support each year.

[Learn more](#)



AFP Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Award

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) CT and Fairfield Chapters have selected winners for their National Philanthropy Day annual awards program. Columbus House volunteer Ella Stanley, who organized the grassroots fundraiser The Big Sleep Out (BSO) for two years in a row, is the 2019 winner of the Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Award! This category consists of nominees who ages range from 5-17. Ella was selected due to the positive impact her work with the BSO has had, for the leadership role she has taken with this annual event, and for her encouragement of philanthropic activities in others. Ella will be presented with the Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Award during the AFP's Awards Breakfast on National Philanthropy Day, Friday, November 8.



Ella (left) stands in front of the quilt made by participants at The Big Sleep Out 2018. Ella's work on the BSO helped her earn the Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Award.

The Carol Walter Supportive Housing Tenant Award

Partnership for Strong Communities (PSC) awarded their annual Carol Walter Supportive Housing Tenant Award to Joe White, a Columbus House client who has been permanently housed for four years. Joe earned this award because he demonstrates a commitment to advocacy for permanent housing solutions, exhibits leadership skills, and works to make his community a better place. The award was presented during PSC's Reaching Home celebration on June 13 and is named in honor of Carol Walter, a respected advocate in the area of housing and homelessness and former Executive Director of the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness. Congratulations, Joe!

[Read Joe's Story](#)



Joe's infectious smile beams during an interview with Columbus House four years ago, shortly after moving into his new home.

Wallingford Volunteer Meet & Greet

Meal servers, building beautifiers, landscapers and a variety of volunteers who devote their time to serve our clients at the Wallingford Emergency Shelter gathered on Saturday, June 1, for a morning mingle. Volunteers were able to meet each other as well as Columbus House staff for an informal gathering where they were thanked for their tireless service to the community. We are grateful for all who attended and to everyone who helps keep the Wallingford Emergency Shelter running smoothly.



The Higher Ground Golf Tournament is July 12th!

Join us for a fun day of golf - all are invited to play! Choose the "18 Hole Best Ball Tourney" or "9 Hole Fun Ball Event." Both include a golf cart and a delicious lunch! You can also join us just for lunch and the tiki bar. Prizes include a NEW CAR for a hole-in-one! All proceeds benefit programs to help local Veterans and families in need, including Columbus House's Homefront Initiative for Homeless Veterans. Sponsorships are available.

[Learn More and Register!](#)



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A Message from Alison

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Save the Dates!
 Visit www.columbushouse.org/events
 for updates on these and other exciting events to help end homelessness.



**Homerun for Heroes
 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.



**Enterprise Builders
 Charity Golf Tournament
 September 30th**

Enterprise Builders has chosen Columbus House's programs for Veterans to benefit from their 8th Annual Charity Golf Tournament! Join us at Lake of Isles, North Stonington, CT, for a great day of golf to help those who've served our country.

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

- The Church of the Redeemer
- Fosdick Corporation
- The Guilford Savings Bank
- William & Alexa Gunther
- Ion Bank Foundation
- Ben Ledbetter, Jr. & Deborah Freedman
- St. George Roman Catholic Church
- The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven
- The Spring Glen Church

The University Church in Yale
United Way of Meriden and Wallingford
Werth Family Foundation
Yalesville - Wallingford Lions Club, Inc.



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