

Columbus House October E-News

Fond Farewell to Alison

Over 250 people gathered to celebrate Alison Cunningham's longstanding commitment to Columbus House at a celebration held on Sept. 19 at The Spring Glen Church, UCC in Hamden. Friends and supporters offered heartfelt tributes to our former Chief Executive Officer on stage, in person and via video tributes. We thank everyone who helped make this a memorable evening for Alison, and we thank Alison for her tireless efforts, compassion, inspiration and visionary leadership over the past two decades. [View photos](#) from the event!

You can be a part of Alison's legacy by participating in the [Alison Cunningham Growth & Independence Fund](#).



Welcome Kits

After a decade of homelessness, U.S. Marine Corp. Veteran Vernon (right) moved into his own apartment. When he arrived, his new home was filled with all of the essentials needed for his new life of independence. Every month, thanks to your support, we help our neighbors like Vernon end their experience with homelessness and move into permanent homes. Welcome Kits provide the basic household supplies needed to make a fresh start.

You can help welcome someone home with a Welcome Kit – [learn how!](#)



Columbus House (and New Haven) Loses a Champion

We were saddened to learn of the loss of another close friend to Columbus House. Cheever Tyler passed away in August at the age of 81. The New Haven Register described Cheever as "... one of the city's most exuberant and tireless promoters." We couldn't agree more.

Cheever was well-known and respected throughout New Haven, the city he loved. He was a caring and influential man who did so much for his community and for Columbus House. A lawyer by trade, Cheever used his influence, connections and compassion to make New Haven a better place to live and work. He served on numerous non-profit boards and worked tirelessly to help those who needed it the most.

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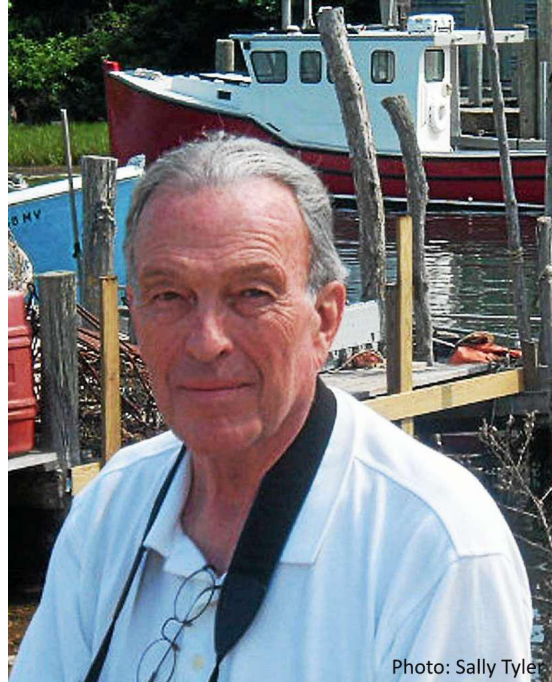


Photo: Sally Tyler

Home on Plymouth Street

Three one-bedroom apartments are now part of Columbus House's arsenal of affordable housing in the Hill section of New Haven, as they make up the third building in our Homeless: Housed collaboration with Yale School of Architecture. The first two buildings were comprised of studio and efficiency apartments; at the end of this five year initiative Columbus House will have a total of 11 units of affordable housing designed specifically for those who are moving out of homelessness.

[Learn more about our Homeless: Housed building initiative and watch a video of the newest home on our website.](#)

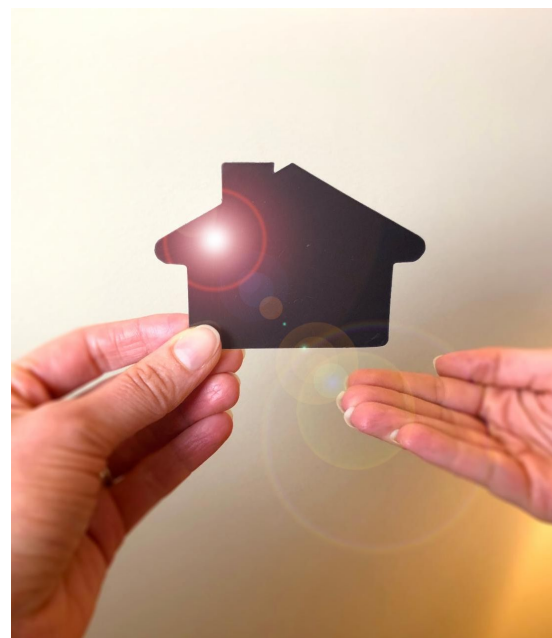


Are You And Your Family Protected?

More than half of all Americans do not have a will or estate plan even though most believe that one is important.* Why not? People believe they don't own enough assets, they're not sure how to get started, it takes too much time and/or costs too much. But having an updated will and estate plan is critical – it protects your family and assets and ensures your money goes where you want it – including your favorite charity.

The week of October 21st is National Estate Planning Awareness Week - this is a good time to revisit your plan or get started if you don't have one. Learn how you can leave a lasting legacy by including Columbus House in your estate plan. Please visit our [website](#) or contact John Brooks, Chief Development Officer, at jbrooks@columbushouse.org or 203-401-4400 x108 for more information.

*2017 AARP survey



Enterprise Builders Golf Tournament

Friends and supporters gathered at Lake of Isles in North Stonington for the 8th annual Enterprise Builders Charity Golf Tournament on September 30. The National Anthem and The Presentation of Colors took place with a full round of golf, dinner and a raffle - all to benefit the Veterans Columbus House serves and work Vessels for Vets. Veteran "Ambassadors" were in attendance during the event. Anthony, a U.S. Navy Veteran who has received support from Columbus House, was scheduled to attend and relay his story. Unfortunately, due to ongoing health issues, he was unable to be there in person, but his story was told to a moved audience. You can learn more about Anthony on our [website](#).



Celebrating Wallingford

Volunteers, Board members and staff represented Columbus House during Celebrate Wallingford, an annual weekend event which took place on October 5th & 6th. Food and fun were ample, and many civic groups had informational tables to raise awareness about their work in the community. We were happy to welcome new and old friends to discuss the impact the Wallingford Emergency Shelter makes and are grateful for the ongoing community support.

The Wallingford Emergency Shelter is The Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce's 2019 Non Profit of the Year!



Save the Dates!

Visit www.columbushouse.org/events

for updates on these and other exciting events to help end homelessness.



Silver Trek October 19, 2019

Grab a team and solve timed challenges at Silversmiths Park on the Quinnipiac River. Benefits our Wallingford Emergency Shelter!



Annual Meeting December 5, 2019

Join us for a complimentary buffet breakfast as we celebrate you and all who make Columbus House possible! Sponsorships available.



Chocolate to the Rescue March 22, 2020

Save the date!
Enjoy the region's finest chocolate while helping families with children experiencing homelessness.

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

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