

## Columbus House September E-News



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### Join us **TOMORROW!** **Friday, September 26** **The Flatts Live at Small Batch Cellars**

Invite your friends and family for an evening of music, dancing, and community – all in support of Columbus House and our mission to end homelessness. Join us tomorrow, Friday, September 26 at 6:30 PM at Small Batch Cellars in North Haven – tickets are just \$15 at the door!

Special thanks to The Flatts for bringing the music and to Small Batch Cellars for opening their doors to make this night possible.



### A Call for Grace: *Reigniting Paul Revere's lantern to be vigilant in America* An op-ed by Louis Gill, CEO

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### More Neighbors Facing Homelessness in Latest Point-in-Time Count

Connecticut's 2025 Point-in-Time Count shows 3,735 people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January, a 9.5% increase from last year. Unsheltered homelessness rose sharply, from 574 people in 2024 to 833 this year, a 45% increase.

Louis Gill, CEO, spoke to News8 WTNH about the urgent need for more services and resources to support our unhoused neighbors, especially as we head into the colder months.

[Watch Louis on WTNH](#)



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**Deadline to submit:  
October 1!**

### **Attention Wallingford Businesses!** **Your Business and Columbus House Can Benefit from the NAA Tax Credit**

You can reduce your business's state tax liability while supporting non-profits – like Columbus House – through the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credit Program. By donating to Columbus House, your business can earn up to 60% of the contribution as a tax credit!

Columbus House's life-saving Shelter & Services Programs in Wallingford are approved for this generous 60% tax benefit. [File this one page application by October 1 to take advantage of this substantial credit.](#)

[Learn more on the State's website](#)



### **October 4-5** **Celebrate Wallingford**

Join us at Celebrate Wallingford, a two-day festival filled with food, fun, and entertainment in downtown Wallingford. The event takes place Saturday, October 4, from 11:00 AM–6:00 PM and Sunday, October 5, from 11:00 AM–5:00 PM on Main Street and Center Street.

Stop by our table to learn more about Columbus House services for neighbors facing homelessness in Wallingford and beyond.

[Learn more](#)

### **A five-star review!**

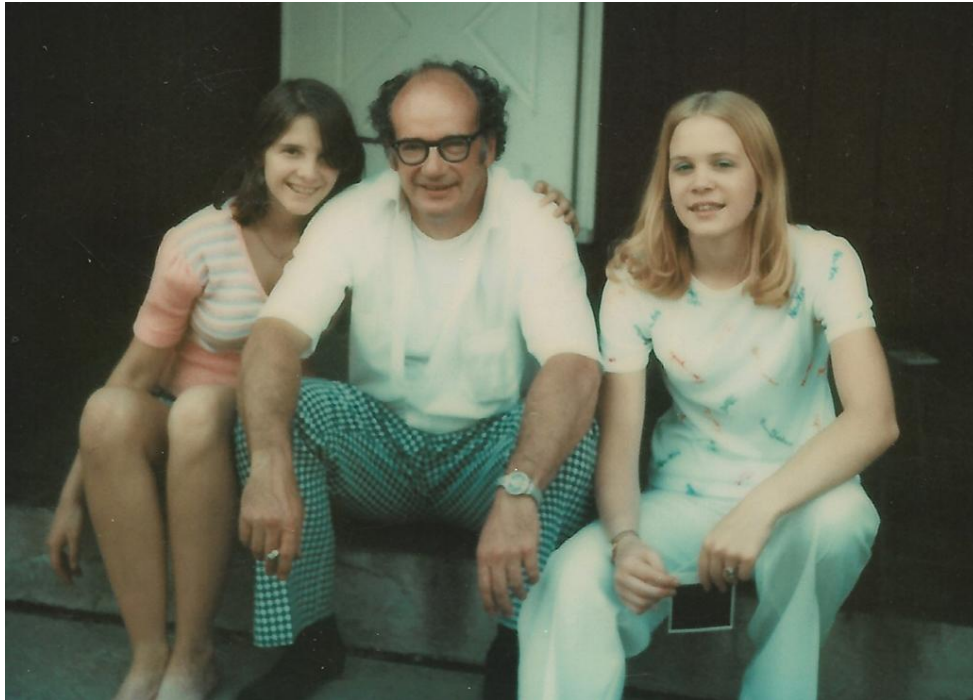
We're humbled by this client's feedback and thankful for the staff and supporters who make our Wallingford Emergency Shelter possible:



Highly recommend this shelter for families in need. The staff is really helpful and really care about what your needs and limitations are, and try to find a place for you to live relatively quickly. The town home they put the families in are really nice, you basically have a 2-bedroom townhouse all to yourself for you and your family and they really truly try to make you feel comfortable and make the experience better knowing that people are coming from different situations. And, the lady Mary, she is such a great person. All the staff I met are really friendly and make you feel welcome. They treat you and your family like humans should be treated. They are absolutely amazing people, especially Mary. If you are in need and have a family I would definitely recommend going there!!"



## October is National Estate Planning Awareness Month



Shelly (right), a longtime supporter, chose to include Columbus House in her will. She's pictured here with her sister and father, whom she credits with inspiring her to include a planned gift to ensure our work to end homelessness continues. [Read Shelly's story.](#)

Now is the perfect time to:

- ☐ Create or update your will



- ❑ Review beneficiary designations (retirement, life insurance, & bank accts.)
- ❑ Set or update powers of attorney and healthcare directives
- ❑ Explore tax-smart giving tools, like donor advised funds, appreciated stock, life insurance, or Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) if you're 70½+

Including Columbus House in your plans is a meaningful way to extend your care for neighbors facing homelessness well into the future.

Talk with your advisor about the options best for you, and visit our [website](#) to learn more about planned giving to Columbus House.

## Event Highlights & Happenings



Thanks to Sikorsky, a Lockheed Martin Company, and the Hartford Yard Goats for honoring our Veterans at the annual Homerun for Heroes! This year's event awarded \$30,000 to Columbus House and also supported our partners – the Connecticut Veterans Legal Center, Homes for the Brave, and House of Heroes Connecticut – helping us all provide vital programs and services for Veterans facing homelessness.

## Save these Dates!

**Tomorrow, Friday September 26:** The Flatts at Small Batch Cellars

**Saturday-Sunday, October 4 & 5:** Celebrate Wallingford

**Thursday, December 11:** Annual Meeting

**Sunday, April 12, 2026:** Chocolate to the Rescue

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



We were glad to join our partners, and grateful to all the volunteers, at the Interfaith Service Festival on Sept. 21 in West Haven at St. John Vianney Church, where the community came together for a day of service, fellowship, and fun – including creating 150 blessing bags for Columbus House clients.



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

Thank you to **some** of our partners who have gone above and beyond helping to end homelessness with their financial support from July 20 – September 20, 2025.

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The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven

The Ethel & Abe Lapidès Foundation

Dr. Anuruddha Walaliyadda

Werth Family Foundation

*We apologize if we inadvertently left out your name.*

**DONATE**

Your gift to Columbus House literally saves the lives of our most vulnerable neighbors. Each year, you help give 2,100 people – including older people, 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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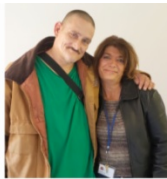
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