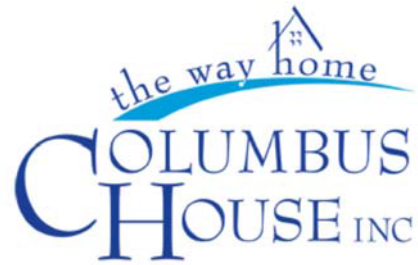


Thank you for helping to end homelessness!



Columbus House April E-News

Thank you for making 'Chocolate to the Rescue!' a success!

The weather on Sunday, March 26, may have been a little gloomy, but, inside the Inn at Middletown, spring was abloom and the sweet smell of chocolate filled the air. Over 150 guests enjoyed chocolate delicacies from eight of the region's finest chefs, bakers, and chocolatiers; voted for their favorites; sipped champagne; enjoyed beautiful music; and perused an array of silent auction items, all to support our Middlesex Family Shelter. Thanks to everyone - our guests, volunteers, silent auction and wine donors, musician, emcee, photographer, and sponsors, for raising \$18,000 to help families with children experiencing homelessness in Middlesex County.



[See the WINNERS and photos from Chocolate to the Rescue!](#)

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month! Watch how volunteers brighten our days!



Celebrating Three Years of Medical Respite Success

On February 23, 2017, Yale New Haven Hospital hosted a celebration marking three years of partnership and success with our Medical Respite Program. A video showcasing testimony from two people who benefited from the partnership and a slideshow, "Medical Respite Care: Reducing Readmissions, LOS, and ED Visits of People Experiencing Homelessness," were shown.



[Watch Amenzo and Douglas tell their story and view the presentation to learn how Medical Respite is helping to end homelessness](#)

Save the dates!

[Click a date to learn more](#)

April 7 - Compassion Counts: A Community Conversation

April 22 - Rock to Rock Earth Day Ride

May 2 - The Great Give 2017



Looking to do a drive for Columbus House? Here are the items our clients need most:

- New socks
- New men's boxer underwear (sizes medium, large & x-large)
- New women's underwear (sizes 7 through 12)
- New t-shirts (all sizes, for men & women)
- ChapStick
- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellent
- Men & women's deodorant
- Full size toiletries (dry shampoo, shaving cream, disposable razors, aftershave, shampoo, soap, toothpaste)
- Travel soap, wash cloths, bath towels & toothbrush holders
- \$25 Stop & Shop gift cards
- \$25 Walmart gift cards
- Gift cards to Big Lots, Kmart
- Gift cards to CVS & Walgreens
- New twin bed blankets
- Pocket planners (small checkbook size)



All questions about items you would like to donate should be directed to sdimario@columbushouse.org or (203) 401-4400, ext.138, before arriving with donations. We would also like to hear from you if you are interested in running a drive.

[Visit our online wish list to learn more about our ongoing needs](#)