

Columbus House August E-News

HOMELESS:HOUSED is Underway

HOMELESS:HOUSED is an innovative, five year project between Columbus House and Yale School of Architecture that will produce five two-unit homes designed specifically for those experiencing homelessness. Each house will accommodate a small family and an individual, providing our most vulnerable residents with permanent, supportive housing that can be replicated, is sustainable and low impact. One house will be constructed per year - the first house is currently under construction and will be ready for residents this fall, 2017.

[Learn more about this innovative project on our website](#)



Congratulations to Andrew for receiving the Triumph Award!

Andrew (R), a 17-year Air Force Veteran, recently received a Triumph Award for "displaying the courage, commitment, and resolve to improve his quality of life while being a positive influence for others" from the WorkPlace, our partner that educates and trains for a selfsufficient workforce. When Andrew was medically discharged from duty in 2015, he fell on tough times. Thanks to your support, Andrew and his family of six stayed at our Wallingford Emergency Shelter while he worked to find a job and permanent home. With the help of Kevin Paulin (L), Columbus House's Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program Employment Specialist, Andrew secured a job (and was unable to make the WorkPlace awards ceremony)! Congratulations, Andrew - we are very proud of you and wish you the best!

[Learn more about Columbus House's programs for Veterans](#)



Homelessness down 24% in Connecticut - Alison Cunningham, CEO, comments

The 2017 Point-In-Time Count - a one-night in January snapshot of CT's homeless population - showed a 24% decrease in the state's homeless population since the first count in 2007. These numbers, released by the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness, provide critical information when we apply for funding for our programs to end homelessness. Alison Cunningham, Chief Executive Officer of Columbus House, commented "We have reached this milestone only because the resources have been made available to provide housing, services and service coordination for the most vulnerable among us, including families with children." Read the article from the CT Mirror with more quotes from Alison.



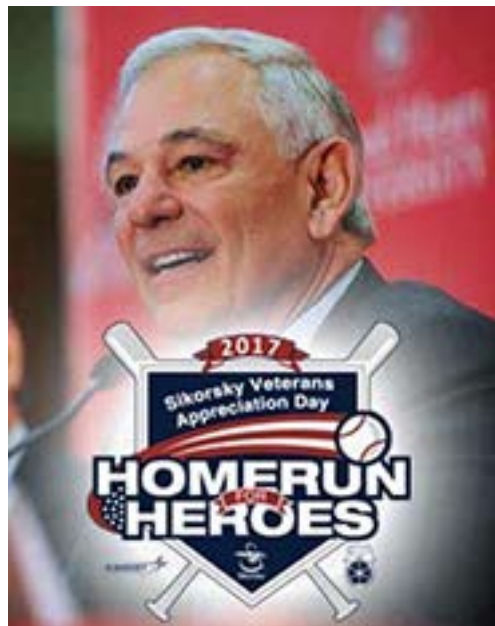
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[Read an in-depth article from the CT Mirror with quotes from Alison Cunningham](#)

Join us Saturday, August 19th for Homerun for Heroes

Sikorsky, Lockheed Martin, and Teamsters Local 1150 will sponsor the 7th Annual Homerun for Heroes Bridgeport Bluefish Baseball Game on Saturday, August 19, 2017, at 12 p.m., to benefit military Veterans organizations in Connecticut, including Columbus House's programs for Veterans. Among other exciting festivities, this year's event will feature a special appearance by Bobby Valentine, Former Major League Baseball Player, Manager, and Broadcaster.

[Click for more information and tickets](#)



Thank you to all who made the Higher Ground Golf Tournament a Success

Unseasonable cold and rain did not deter golfers during the Higher Ground Golf Event, who played to support programs for local Veterans and families in need, including Columbus House's programs for Veterans.

[Read more and find a link to photos on our website!](#)



Many thanks to our partners in ending homelessness

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Liberty Bank Foundation
Rotary Club of Guilford
TD Charitable Foundation
The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven
United Way of Meriden and Wallingford
Werth Family Foundation

Looking to do a Drive?

Get your friends, family, and colleagues together for fun fundraising by holding a "drive" for Columbus House. You can help by making Welcome Kits - bedroom, bathroom, kitchen and cleaning basics - for those entering permanent, supportive housing. [Learn more about what is included in a Welcome Kit.](#)

You can also collect items from our [Wish List](#) - basic necessities for clients - of which we are always in need.

Please remember to give us a ring before your bring!

Questions and donation delivery times 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.



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