



14th Annual

Chocolate to the Rescue!

Sunday, March 13, 2016

Location – Inn at Middletown (Middletown, CT)

To Benefit

Middlesex Family Shelter & Services

Columbus House is honored to host the *14th Annual Chocolate to the Rescue!* event to benefit our **Middlesex Family Shelter & Services**. This signature event, now in its 14th year, attracts some of the finest chefs in the area. The event is a must for the serious chocolate lover. We have had as many as 220 guests from Middlesex and New Haven Counties, the Shoreline and beyond attend this major fundraising event benefiting families experiencing homelessness.

Guests will enjoy some of the best chocolate creations in the region and will be able to vote for their favorites. While satisfying their chocolate cravings, they will also spend time browsing great auction items. All proceeds will benefit the Middlesex Family Shelter & Services of Columbus House.

The Need:

According to the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness, about a quarter of the almost **13,000 people** who experienced homelessness in our state last year are children and youth. In Middlesex County specifically, there are about **135 people** on the street or in shelters on any given night, including over **20 children** in families, almost all of whom are single-parent. For these families, the situation is dire.

The Solution:

The **Middlesex Family Shelter** has been providing shelter and related services to homeless and at-risk families with children since 1988. **Over 50 families with over 100 children** were served last year. Columbus House's shelter and services support families so they can move into permanent housing, with the shelter stay usually about 90 days.

Since 1982 Columbus House, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, has been working with city, state and federal agencies along with an entire continuum of non-profit service providers to help get people off of the streets, out of abandoned buildings, off of park benches and into the safety of a shelter. We have expanded our services to include comprehensive case management as well as transitional and permanent supportive housing for homeless adults, children & families, adults with mental illness, dually diagnosed women, those in the early stages of addictions recovery and homeless Veterans.

Please join us in the solution through **event sponsorship**. Your support of *Chocolate to the Rescue!* will help provide a safe place for homeless children and their families to stay and provide supportive services so they can secure suitable housing.

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2016 SPONSOR LEVELS & BENEFITS

\$5,000 - EXECUTIVE CHEF (1 sponsorship available)

- ✎ Prominent Sponsor recognition (w/logo) on invitation
- ✎ Prominent recognition (w/logo) on all Event print material
- ✎ Full page ad in Event program book, front inside cover
- ✎ 8 guests to the Event
- ✎ Sponsor logo and link on Columbus House Event web page for a limited time
- ✎ Prominent recognition (w/logo link) on all Event e-communications/e-news
- ✎ Prominent recognition (w/logo) in Columbus House newsletter
- ✎ Sponsor recognition on all Event press releases

\$2,500 - SOUS-CHEF de CUISINE

- ✎ Recognition (w/logo) on invitation
- ✎ Recognition (w/logo) on all Event print material
- ✎ Half page ad in Event program book
- ✎ 6 guests to the Event
- ✎ Sponsor logo on Event web page for a limited time
- ✎ Recognition (w/logo) on all Event e-communications/e-news
- ✎ Recognition (w/logo) in Columbus House newsletter
- ✎ Sponsor recognition on all Event press releases

\$1,000 - EXPEDITER

- ✎ Sponsor name on invitation
- ✎ Sponsor name on all Event print material
- ✎ 4 guests to the Event
- ✎ Sponsor name on Event web page
- ✎ Sponsor name on all Event e-communications
- ✎ Sponsor name in Columbus House newsletter

\$500 - PASTRY CHEF

- ✎ 2 guests to the Event
- ✎ Sponsor Name on Event web page
- ✎ Sponsor Name on all Event e-communications
- ✎ Sponsor Name in Columbus House newsletter

\$250 - CHEF de PARTIE

- ✎ 2 guests to the Event
- ✎ Sponsor Name on Event web page
- ✎ Sponsor Name in Columbus House newsletter

ADDITIONAL WAYS TO HELP HOMELESS FAMILIES:

- ✎ Make a tax-deductible contribution; buy tickets; contribute auction item(s); volunteer your time.

Homeless families in Middlesex County need your help now!



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2016 SPONSORSHIP RESPONSE FORM

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:

Please Check Appropriate Boxes

		Number attending
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$5,000 Executive Chef	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$2,500 Sous Chef de Cuisine	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,000 Expediter	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500 Pastry Chef	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250 Chef de Partie	_____

DONATION:

- Additional contribution to support the Middlesex Family Shelter \$ _____
- I would like to donate an auction item. Please contact me.

Name: _____ Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

- Check Visa MasterCard American Express

Name on Card: _____

Card # _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

*Please make checks payable and mail to: "Columbus House/Chocolate"
586 Ella T. Grasso Blvd., New Haven, CT 06519*

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