

COLUMBUS HOUSE

ANNUAL REPORT

TOGETHER
WE ARE
ENDING
HOMELESSNESS

2015

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

The background image shows the interior of a homeless shelter. In the center, there is a yellow and grey couch. To the left, a bed with a striped pillow is visible. The walls are covered in colorful graffiti, including the words 'BUMP' and 'RICK'. On the floor, there are various items like a black bag, a pair of white sneakers, and some orange fabric. The overall scene depicts a crowded and makeshift living space.

**CT ENDS
CHRONIC
HOMELESSNESS
FOR VETERANS**

**THE 100 DAY
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IS A SUCCESS!**

**GETTING TO
FUNCTIONAL
ZERO**

ZERO: 2016



**“WE’VE ENDED
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BUT THERE IS
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AHEAD OF US.”**

A MESSAGE FROM ALISON CUNNINGHAM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

THE NEWS IS OUT! Connecticut is on the path to end homelessness! The Point in Time count shows that the number of people who are homeless was down across the state in 2014. In August, 2015, the Governor announced that Connecticut is the first state to end chronic homelessness for Veterans. Our collective goal is to end all chronic homelessness by the end of 2016, and we are well on our way to achieving that goal thanks to state and federal funding, strong political will, a fierce determination to get there, and to you, our loyal supporters.

Some of you may be wondering what this means when you see a shelter full of people while volunteering to serve a meal, or when you see lots of people who appear to be homeless hanging around the New Haven Green, or when you just heard a report on the news about the increase in youth homelessness.

Definitions are important in understanding our goals. A person is “chronically homeless” if he/she has been homeless for 12 consecutive months or has had 4 episodes of homelessness over the past 3 years, AND has a disability, i.e. a chronic medical condition, mental illness, long term substance use, etc. Chronically homeless make up roughly 25% of the total homeless population but use about 80% of the resources, such as shelter beds, case management services, emergency and institutional care. Malcolm Gladwell’s Million Dollar Murray story published several years ago in the New Yorker illustrated just how quickly costs can add up for a person who cycles in and out of shelter, jail, hospitals and other institutional care. (<http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2006/02/13/million-dollar-murray>)

“ZERO” DOES NOT MEAN THAT NO ONE WILL EVER BECOME HOMELESS AGAIN BUT DOES MEAN WE HAVE THE SYSTEMS IN PLACE TO HELP THEM MOVE OUT OF HOMELESSNESS QUICKLY.

In 2001, the Bush Administration announced a goal of ending chronic homelessness in the United States in ten years.¹ In New Haven, Middletown and other areas of the state, we applauded that goal by creating our own “Ten Year Plans to End Homelessness.” These were broad, sweeping plans using the resources we had in place and building an advocacy agenda for more. We knew then that the solution to ending chronic homelessness would depend on the development of more permanent supportive housing, that is housing with case management supports to help people maintain their housing and enhance their quality of life.

In 2010, the Obama Administration reaffirmed this goal and refined it,¹ putting time lines on the goals to end chronic homelessness by 2017, to prevent and end homelessness among Veterans by 2015, to prevent and end family homelessness and youth homelessness by 2020, and to set the path to finally end all forms of homelessness. These goals were set within a comprehensive plan created by the US Interagency Council on Homelessness, and resources were committed to help us reach these new, ambitious goals.

These more recent federal commitments have resulted in increased resources dedicated to this population, particularly permanent supportive housing. The number of permanent supportive housing units has grown by 59 percent nationally since 2007. In the same time period, the number of chronically homeless individuals has decreased by 30 percent.¹

Following the path set by the federal government, our own state agency leaders, statewide coalitions and advocates created Opening Doors CT, a new statewide plan that defined our goals and identified the necessary resources. With committed support from state leadership, the number of permanent

supportive housing units increased to over 3000 units across Connecticut in 2015. This increase along with other resources has helped us reduce the number of chronically homeless adults state-wide.

CT ENDS CHRONIC VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

Connecticut is the first state in the country to end chronic homelessness among Veterans. Through extensive planning and additional resources, we have been able to ensure that Veterans who have had long or multiple episodes of homelessness are now housed with case management services. There were only 2 chronically homeless Veterans counted in New Haven in February, 2015, and by now, they are at home in their own apartments. The availability of permanent supportive housing through VASH (VA Supportive Housing) certificates has increased to a total of just over 700 units across the state. Columbus House services, in particular our Support Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program, and our housing subsidies have supported efforts to reach this goal.

ZERO: 2016

Zero: 2016 is an initiative to end Veteran and chronic homelessness by the end of 2016. It is led nationally by Community Solutions and locally by the Partnership for Strong Communities (PSC) and Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH).

In January, 2015, 40 Connecticut providers and 9 state and federal partners joined Governor Malloy in signing on to Zero: 2016. Communities across Connecticut are now collaborating and creating new strategies to reach the goals of this initiative. These unprecedented partnerships have better equipped providers to assess the needs of people experiencing homelessness and move people into permanent housing. In July, just six months after the launch of Zero: 2016, Connecticut

providers had housed 447 Veterans and 274 individuals experiencing chronic homelessness.²

THE 100 DAY CHALLENGE IS A SUCCESS

In New Haven, not only did we sign on to Zero: 2016, but we were the first community in the state to work with the Rapid Results Institute in the 100 Day Challenge to End Chronic Homelessness. Through that effort, we renovated the systems by which a person moves from homelessness to being housed, reducing the time it takes for a person to move on by removing barriers along the way. Our results are impressive. There were only 78 chronically homeless single adults counted in February 2015, marking a significant reduction from our count of close to 200 when we started this focused effort in July, 2014. We are well on our way to achieving the goal of ending chronic homelessness among singles before the end of 2016.

This is great news and cause for real celebration! We've ended Veteran chronic homelessness and are closing in on the goal of Zero: 2016. But there is still more work ahead of us.

GETTING TO FUNCTIONAL ZERO

Our next and most daunting goal is to end family homelessness and create the path to ending all forms of homelessness. But until we end the war on poverty, there will always be people at risk of

becoming homeless. The cost of living in New Haven is skyrocketing, and people who work at entry level jobs simply cannot keep up. They often have to choose between paying their rent and feeding their children or keeping their car running. These are tough choices for people living so close to the edge, and for some, those choices lead to losing their homes. So perhaps we cannot literally end homelessness. People will still show up at our doors seeking shelter. But what we can do is strive to get people out of homelessness more quickly. If we can get a person or family out of the shelter in 60 to 90 days, that's a huge success. "Zero," or "functional zero," does not mean that no one will ever become homeless again; it means we will have the systems in place to help them move out of homelessness quickly.

Columbus House is committed to ending homelessness, whether it's one person at a time or for the entire community. We will continue to offer emergency shelter as we have done since we opened the doors in 1982. But we will also continue to seek out new ways to deliver services and develop housing options so that people can get out of homelessness quickly. That's our commitment to the people we serve and to you, the people who support us. ■

¹ National Alliance to End Homelessness, www.naeh.org

² CT Coalition to End Homelessness, www.cceh.org



**OUR NEXT AND MOST DAUNTING GOAL
IS TO END FAMILY HOMELESSNESS.**

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE



**COLUMBUS
HOUSE SERVES
OVER 3,000
PEOPLE
PER YEAR**



**VOLUNTEERS
AND
KITCHEN STAFF
SERVE OVER
100,000 MEALS
EACH YEAR**



**OVER 1,000
VOLUNTEERS
FROM DOZENS
OF COMMUNITY
GROUPS SUPPORT
OUR CLIENTS
EACH YEAR**



**18 CHURCHES
AND SYNAGOGUES
PROVIDE SHELTER
FOR COLUMBUS
HOUSE CLIENTS
THROUGH
ABRAHAM'S TENT
EACH YEAR**

L-R: Student volunteers from Dwight Hall at Yale paint the fence at Recovery House; Columbus House Board members serve a meal at our New Haven shelter; Abraham's Tent volunteers spend time with clients at Spring Glen Church, Quinnipiac University students help prepare a meal at our New Haven Shelter

A MESSAGE FROM ROBERT McGUIRE BOARD CHAIR

CONNECTICUT IS BLESSED with many caring, smart and ambitious citizens who put their energy toward helping people in need and to making their communities stronger.

Speaking on behalf of the Columbus House Board of Directors, I know we all feel blessed to work with an organization at the center of much of that energy. On a regular basis we get to witness:

Community groups preparing dinner for our shelter residents virtually every night, without fail, for over 33 years.

Hundreds of volunteers from local congregations rallying every winter to host our shelter residents as part of the Abraham's Tent project.

Dozens of volunteers in the 100 Day Challenge turning out to search the streets overnight and finally house some of the people who have been most challenging to serve.

Parades of workplace teams, students and other community groups showing up at our facilities, day after day, to do the painting, landscaping and repairs necessary to make homes.

Professionals of all kinds planting themselves at conference tables for countless hours to offer the evaluation, advice and organization necessary to make Columbus House succeed.

This tremendous outpouring of compassion and hard work is coordinated with a staff whose experience, training and dedication can't be beat, and with a larger community of nonprofits and government agencies that gets better every year at coordinating services.

Together, you are reducing homelessness in Connecticut and putting a stop to it for some of the toughest cases. Take a breath and think about that for a minute. Look over the details in this report, and give yourself an "attaboy." After generations of seeing this problem grow in communities around the state, you are turning the tide.



Robert McGuire speaks at the ribbon cutting ceremony for Val Macri Apartments, a 17-unit complex for low-income and formerly homeless residents in New Haven that opened in January 2015. Columbus House owns the building and provides case management services.

That's happening because there's something special about Columbus House. It effectively mixes the expert work of professional staff, the community volunteerism it was founded on and coordination with other state and community partners.

However, I also want you to look over this report and notice how much more we have to do. We're steadily working our way back toward the roots of homelessness, and those roots are getting more difficult to pull up. But this community has shown it has the caring, the smarts and the ambition to do that hard work.

The original Board 33 years ago knew – and the Board today knows – that the community itself is the key to ending homelessness. No nonprofit agency can do it alone, and we count ourselves lucky to be working with you.


Thank you very much for joining this mission. We look forward to celebrating more success with you in the next year.

Robert McGuire

I HAVE LESS STRESS, I SMILE MORE, I



AM ABLE TO GO WHERE I WANT TO



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A HOME OF HIS OWN AND A SMILE ON HIS FACE

JOE IS A PERSON WHO WAS DEEMED **CHRONICALLY HOMELESS** because of his history of being without “a place to call home” for so long and his disabling bouts with depression and anxiety. Joe wanted to share his story because he felt it would help others experiencing homelessness find hope. He proudly invited us to conduct an interview in his new apartment.

This is his story.

Joe grew up in Danbury with his mother, stepfather, brother and sister in an unstable household. Joe’s mom was in and out of the hospital, struggling with her own mental health issues. Joe still remembers the nightmares after visiting her. But even during that chaotic time, Joe made every attempt to lead a normal life. Joe fondly remembers his first job, at age 14, when he worked at a Community Action camp with young children. He remembers the excitement of his first \$78 paycheck and of having money in his pocket. The experience fueled Joe’s determination and dreams for the future. Joe also enjoyed his days at Danbury High School. His goal was to become a State Trooper or Police Officer.

However, life at home continued to be difficult and confusing. Joe’s stepfather was hard on him and often told Joe to leave. At the age of 17, Joe became homeless after his stepfather kicked him out of the house for good.



HOMELESS AT 17

Joe's options were limited to staying with friends, living on the streets or in abandoned buildings. Joe secured a job that would pay enough for him to find a place to stay. He was able to pay friends to let him sleep on the couch or find other temporary arrangements. Even with full-time work, he could not afford his own apartment.

By the time Joe turned 18, he had a girlfriend and a baby girl to support. A full-time job and family responsibilities prevented him from returning to school. He desperately tried to support his small family, but without a stable home, his daughter was eventually taken away by the Department of Children and Families (DCF). Joe deeply regrets missing out on those years of his daughter's life. Joe and his girlfriend continued to live together and had two more daughters. The relationship ultimately ended and Joe found himself on the streets once again.

Joe had resisted doing drugs to this point, but the stress of losing his family, dropping out of school, trying to hold down a job, and being homeless finally got to him. He decided to just try the drugs his friends were using, hoping for a bit of relief, and maybe a little fun. "That night taking crack left me with a string through my life that from time to time ended me up being homeless, not being able to keep a job, not being able to go in the next day because you're drained, tired, exhausted. It seemed all good at first, it seemed like you could manage everything, like you could make it, but eventually it takes a toll on you, and somewhere along the way you give up, and you begin to sink."

Joe moved to another town, stayed with his sister for a while and worked odd jobs, but his drug use continued. When his sister asked him to leave, he stayed wherever he could – in shelters, with friends or on the streets. He got his meals at area soup kitchens.

Joe witnessed a lot of suffering and abuse while living on the streets. He knew the streets were dangerous, but he managed to avoid being a victim. "I get along with everybody. When I do have stuff, I share." The worst part of being on the streets for Joe was being estranged from his family. "When a person is on the street, homeless, others don't know what they're going through, what they are acting on."

POSITIVE CHANGE

The spring of 2011 marked a turning point in Joe's life. He wanted to end the drug use, and he yearned to find a place to call home. He entered a residential recovery program in New Haven where he received temporary housing and support. Joe finally stopped using drugs.

Joe was in the program for 3 years and said he found his strength in God. "God was the one that helped me to get off drugs and open my eyes and see that there is no one really around to help you and you have to take the resources that you do get and use them wisely."

Although the drug use ended, his struggles continued. After successfully completing the program, Joe still had no place to call home. He was hospitalized for depression several times and

ended up once again sleeping on a bench on the New Haven Green most nights.

In the summer of 2014, Joe entered Columbus House's New Haven Emergency Shelter at the suggestion of a friend. That fall, Joe was one of 12 men selected to participate in Abraham's Tent, an interfaith program where area religious organizations provide shelter, meals and fellowship for 12 Columbus House clients, for one week each, with support from Columbus House staff and hundreds of dedicated volunteers during the winter months.

"Abe's Tent encouraged my faith more, reminded me to grab hold of God again, to not give up hope. I knew that God wanted to give me hope and a future."

When Abraham's Tent ended in March, Joe moved back to the Columbus House shelter where he continued working with his case manager to secure income and housing. Joe praises the case managers that helped him, Tasha, Donna, and Christine. "Case

managers are great... They walked with me each step of the way, keeping me encouraged. At times I felt like giving up, at times I felt like it wasn't going to happen, and they told me keep my head up, keep pressing forward. And before I knew it, they were like – you're next on the list for housing, and I was so excited."

A PLACE TO CALL HOME

Since Joe got his apartment, his life has changed dramatically. Most days, Joe wakes up as early as 4 am to read his Bible and sing hymns. He says it lifts his spirits and gets him through the rest of the day. He likes to read, write poetry, and has ideas to write stories.

Joe's apartment is sparsely furnished and he wants to keep it simple. With Columbus House Welcome Kit funds, he went on a shopping spree with his case manager. He bought what he needed to make his new apartment feel like home – pots and pans, a few dishes, bath towels, bed linens and other necessities. Joe is so thankful to be in his own, affordable



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Friday 18th/2015 Time 8:32 PM

The day I came into Columbus House
I already knew who I needed for
A Case Worker Tashapeters She's A Fighter
When it Comes to Getting Clients Housed

Stacey Cypher excellent person
really Cares about her Clients as well
and goes to BAT for each Client that's
Turned over to her, knowing to be heard and get
things Happening for her Clients.

Christina Walked With me each step
of the Way, also Encouraging me to hold on
things are Happening. She Fell and Broke
a bone the day before I was to sign my
lease and get my Key. Do you know
limping in all She Came In only so
I Could sign my lease and get my Key
APT 40 I still am so Happy and Grateful.

Tyisha made sure I had my
Security deposit, and made sure things were
In place, also played a major Roll in me
Getting Housed

Dona McCormick She's now my Case Worker
The day I moved In we went to Walmart
Columbus House paid 250.00 of all kinds of
Household needs my Cart was so Full, Could
only Smile 😊 Columbus House there reaching hearts.

PAGE 2

Kevin my payee I must say he
Knows a time of Waiting, and also a
Time of action, and I Can pull
him a side any time and he's a Great
Encourager as well.

EEC and the list goes on
Mark always Encouraging me, telling
me your there it's going to happen
you Will get housed I'm like every one
else.

Don Great person Encouraging
me to believe and know it's Working out.
EEC is A Great Class free learning skills
about Computers, and such A friendly
Group of people. And they have people
Come in teaching about Health, money
managing and Healthy eating.
and most of all they have Classes on
Getting JOBS, Resumes, Cover letters
and they actually take the Class out
in Vans Job Hunting and Applying
Tuesdays and Thursdays.

THE LIFE OF A HOMELESS MAN

by Joseph White

Sometimes,
I like to pretend,
I'm away from the office,
Out getting a bite to eat,
Or just taking some time
To cool off a bit.
But with no place
To return to
Those thoughts fade,
And soon again
It's only you,
Watching people branch off
To their different destinations
While yet, you're on this journey,
Hoping to find a home.

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Dona McCormick is such a Caring
person, and every one loves her at
Columbus House all the Clients but
Chase her down, She's more like A friend
I Says to her there's my Church
What the lawyers office O.M.G I still
Can't stop laughing.

Came out Kitchen Crew Great Team
Lots of Love, I'm thinking of the
Watermelon on some of those hot days
and winter day the Hot Chocolate and
all the yummy Cakes, Donuts, and
meats, and Ice Cream we would get
"I Love Columbus House" 😊
I have Great Respect for Each and
Every STAFF Member.

JOE WROTE THIS THANK YOU TO
STAFF AT COLUMBUS HOUSE AFTER
MOVING INTO HIS OWN HOME.

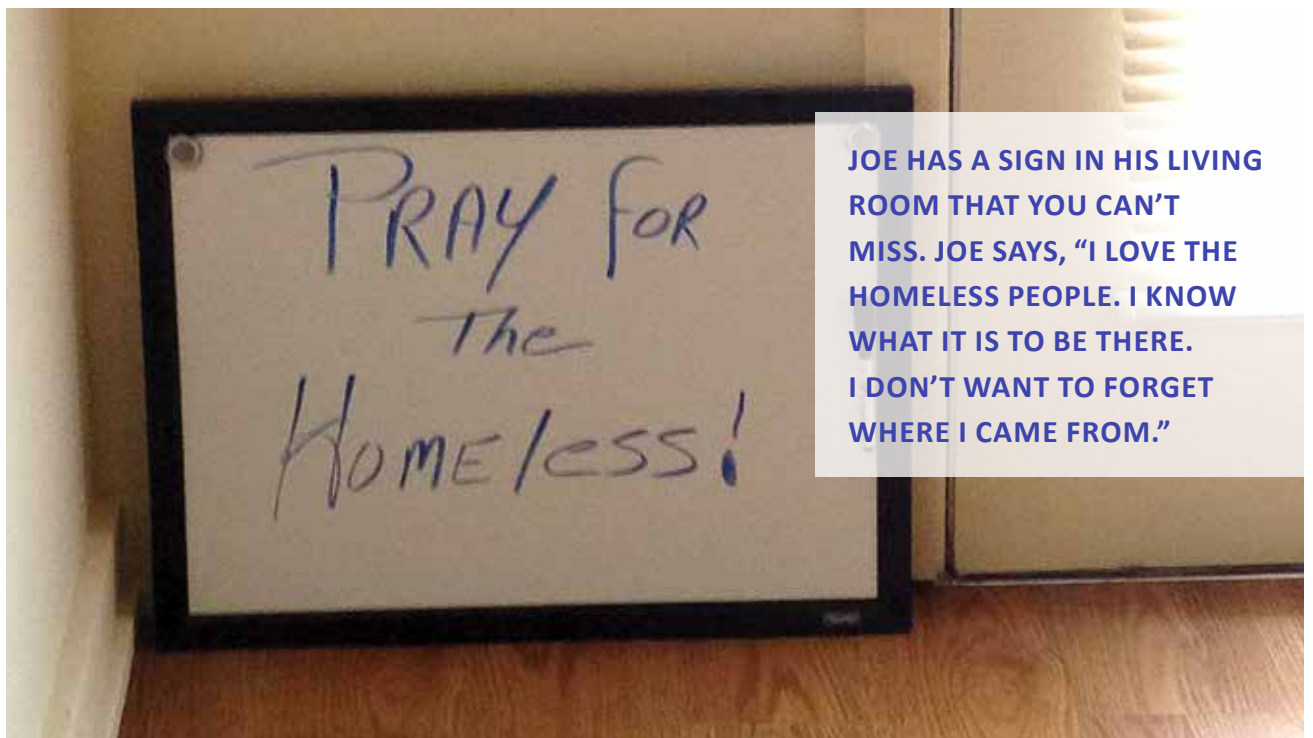
JOE LIKES TO READ, WRITE POETRY, AND HAS IDEAS TO WRITE STORIES. HE WROTE “THE LIFE OF A HOMELESS MAN” WHILE LIVING ON THE STREETS.

apartment. With his housing settled, he now finds it easier to manage his health issues and is able to keep his doctors' appointments.

He would like to get a bicycle and check out some of the different trails around town. He is also interested in sewing, and one day, he wants to buy a machine of his own. “I have less stress, I smile more, and I'm able to go where I want to go. Life is so much more enjoyable, and my life has changed also because the daughter that wouldn't talk to me for so long... so one day a knock comes at the door, and I open up the door and I say... ‘Oh my God!’ It was my daughter. I was so excited, so happy... It was just so great!” That smile was exceedingly evident as he talked about his daughters and his two grandsons.

Yes, Joe can smile again, and he does so quite often. His smile radiates across the room. With his infectious positive attitude, he is making new friends at the church he recently joined. He has kept in touch with friends he made at Columbus House. During our visit, his neighbor phoned to see if he was free yet. She comes over for coffee every day. Joe explains that she supplies the coffee and Joe has the coffee pot. They enjoy each other's company.

Joe has a sign in his living room that you can't miss. It says “Pray for the Homeless.” Joe says, “I love the homeless people. I know what it is to be there. I don't want to forget where I came from.” Joe's message to others who are homeless: “You can make it. You will make it!” ■



COLUMBUS HO



SIKORSKY AIRCRAFT INVITES VETERANS TO THEIR ANNUAL "HOMERUN FOR HEROES" BRIDGEPORT BLUEFISH BASEBALL GAME. MR. B (R) ATTENDED AS A GUEST WITH ANDREW BLACK (L), COLUMBUS HOUSE SSVF MANAGER, ON AUGUST 29, 2015.

Mr. B spent 24 months in the US ARMY as a Material Storage and Handlings Specialist at Fort Stewart, GA. He was honorably discharged in 1980 after serving for 3 years. Mr. B put his military experience to good use and worked in various warehouse jobs for over 30 years. In 2012 he fell on hard times. Through no fault of his own (employer cut-backs) he lost his full-time job and subsequently his car. A friend referred Mr. B to Columbus House's Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) because he was at risk of losing the room he was renting in Middletown. Andrew Black, SSVF Program Manager, worked with Mr. B to create a housing stabilization plan. He then reached out to Mr. B's landlord to share the plan thereby assuring that Mr. B would avoid eviction. SSVF paid 5 months of Mr. B's rent, allowing him more time to look for employment. He was connected to the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) to apply for health care benefits and to the Connecticut Department of Social Services to increase his S.N.A.P (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) allowance. After several months of job applications and TEMP agency visits, Mr. B still had no prospects. Andrew and Mr. B submitted an application to the CT Veterans' Home in Rocky Hill. The application was approved and in July, 2014, Mr. B moved into the home. He also secured full-time work at the hospital on the Rocky Hill campus – saving his money while getting his life together. During the VA's September 2015 Stand Down event, Mr. B met with an attorney who assisted him in overcoming some past legal issues that were one of his most difficult obstacles to securing employment.

COLUMBUS HOUSE offers a broad array of programs and services for individuals, families with children, and Veterans who are experiencing homelessness in Hartford, Middlesex, New Haven, and New London counties. All of our programs serve those experiencing homelessness or those at risk of homelessness. Many of our programs also include services for special populations such as families with children, people living with or at risk of HIV/AIDS, disabilities, addictions, seniors, and Veterans.

OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

Outreach and Engagement programs offer services to homeless and at risk of homelessness populations. Columbus House provides a range of services that may include case management, service linkage, crisis intervention, connection to housing opportunities, and transportation.

SHELTER SERVICES

Columbus House provides shelter for women, men, Veterans, and families. Shelter services include case management, including referrals to mental health and substance abuse treatment programs, employment training programs, education, health services, and housing.

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Permanent Supportive Housing provides quality, affordable housing for individuals who may have few, if any, alternatives. To help people reach this goal, Columbus House supportive housing staff implement an array of support services assisting tenants in achieving needed residential stability and, whenever possible, necessary linkages with their families, and the community at large. The overall goal is to provide an environment that allows tenants to create a sense of real home to avoid returning to homelessness, increase employment readiness and opportunities, and enhance their financial position and personal well-being.

HOUSE PROGRAMS & SERVICES

INCOME SECURITY

Income Security programs serve individuals and families at risk of or experiencing homelessness. Columbus House services support those with disabilities or those at an economic disadvantage to retain and/or gain income. The goals of these programs are to reduce poverty, alleviate some of poverty's adverse consequences, and/or enhance income security.

HOUSING SECURITY

Housing Security programs serve individuals and families at risk of or experiencing homelessness. Columbus House services support those with disabilities or at an economic disadvantage to access housing and remain housed. The goals of our housing programs are to increase housing stability and eliminate a return to homelessness.

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MISSION IS TO
SERVE PEOPLE
WHO ARE
HOMELESS
OR AT RISK OF
BECOMING
HOMELESS
BY PROVIDING
SHELTER AND
HOUSING
AND BY FOSTERING
THEIR PERSONAL
GROWTH AND
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**"MIDDLESEX FAMILY SHELTER
STAFF WERE WELCOMING AND
UNDERSTANDING TO OUR
SITUATION. WE WERE ABLE TO
SECURE AN APARTMENT AND
FIND JOBS. THERE WERE LOTS
OF DISTRACTIONS AND LOTS
OF STRESS. BEING TOGETHER
THROUGH THIS, WE WERE ABLE
TO HELP EACH OTHER AND WORK
TOGETHER FOR OUR DAUGHTER."**



**"I'M NOT A
GRANDMOTHER YET,
AND I WANT TO BE ONE."**

JRONEAUR, PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING



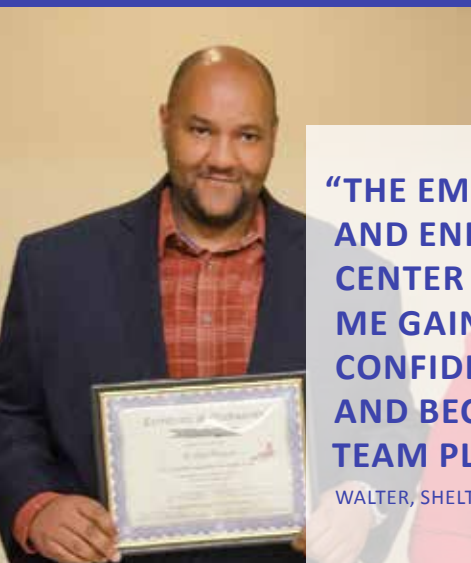
**"I'M SUCCESSFULLY IN
MY APARTMENT AND
I'M VERY HAPPY.
I HAVE COLUMBUS
HOUSE TO BE GRATEFUL
TO, AND I WANT TO
THANK YOU ALL."**

MARIA,
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING



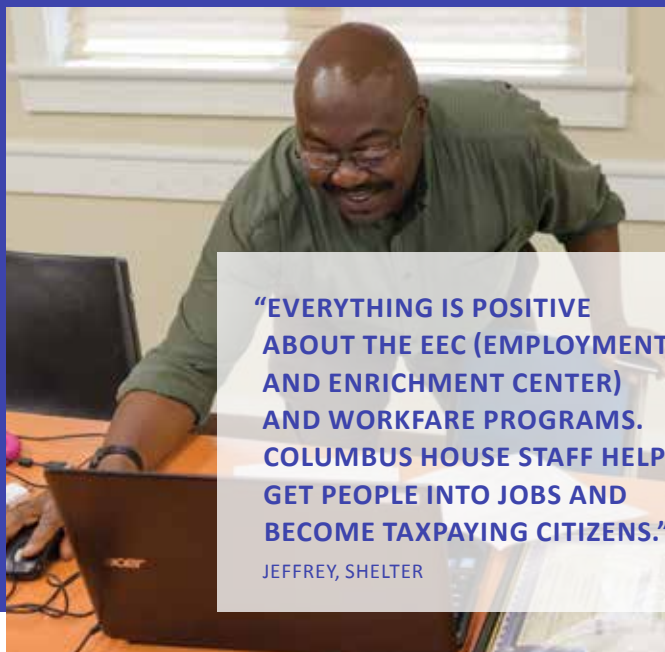
**"IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME
SINCE I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY
TO BE IN THE KITCHEN
BY MYSELF
AND CONCENTRATING
ON MY COOKING."**

MR. M, PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING



**"THE EMPLOYMENT
AND ENRICHMENT
CENTER HELPED
ME GAIN
CONFIDENCE
AND BECOME A
TEAM PLAYER."**

WALTER, SHELTER

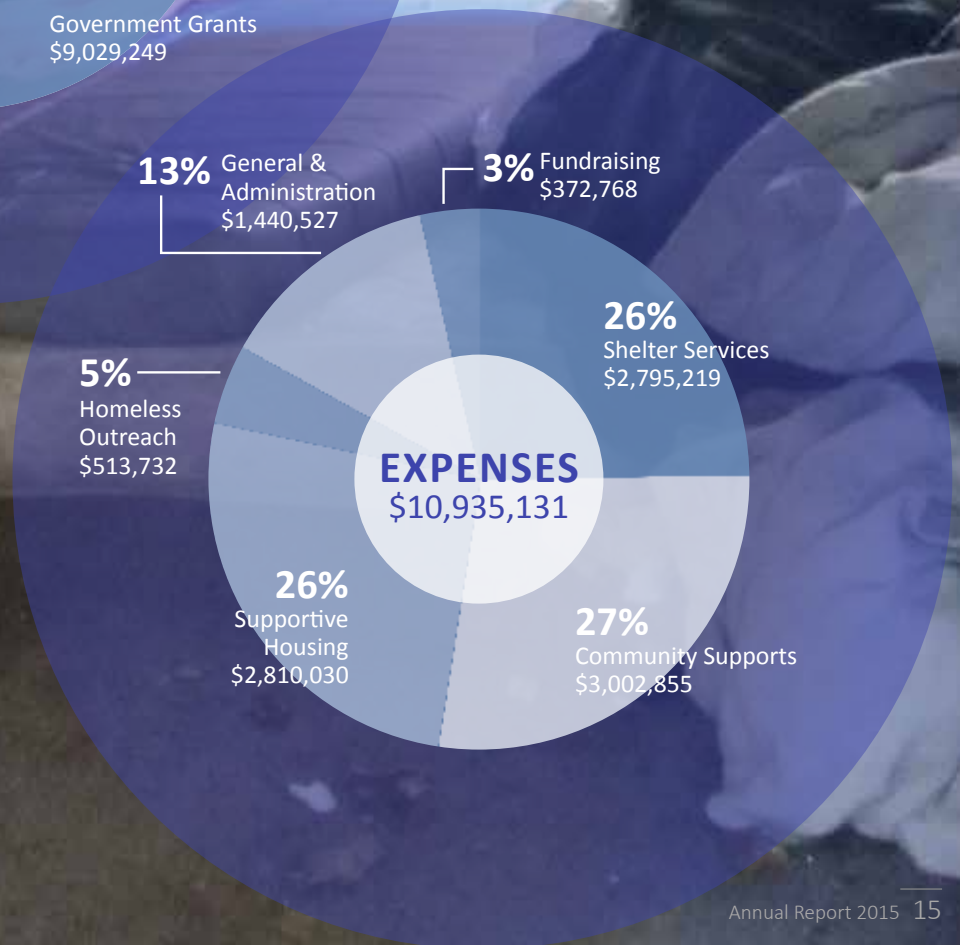
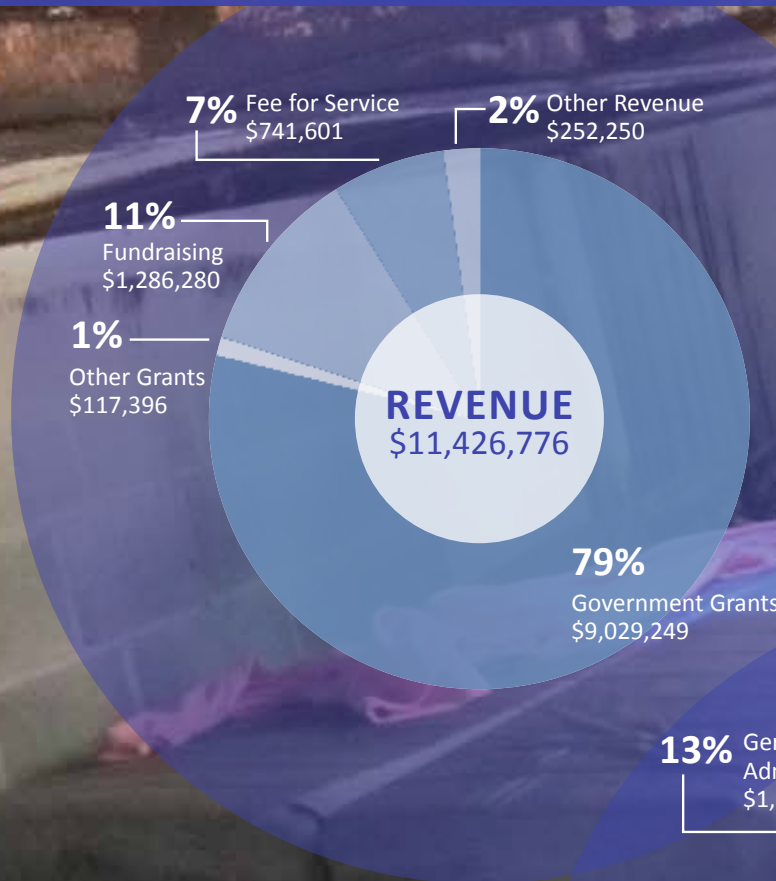


**"EVERYTHING IS POSITIVE
ABOUT THE EEC (EMPLOYMENT
AND ENRICHMENT CENTER)
AND WORKFARE PROGRAMS.
COLUMBUS HOUSE STAFF HELP
GET PEOPLE INTO JOBS AND
BECOME TAXPAYING CITIZENS."**

JEFFREY, SHELTER

2015 FINANCIALS

OPERATING REVENUE & EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH 2015 (AUDITED)



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We gratefully acknowledge those donors who made contributions to Columbus House between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015. If we have inadvertently omitted or misspelled your name, please accept our apologies and notify the Development Office at 203-401-4400, ext. 131.

ABRAHAM'S TENT HOST SITES

BEKI: Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel
Bethesda Lutheran Church
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Church of the Redeemer
Congregation B'nai Jacob
Congregation Mishkan Israel
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 Citizens Bank
 GE Foundation
 Guilford Savings Bank
 Pfizer Foundation United Way Campaign
 PSEG/Power of Giving Campaign
 Terex Corporation
 Travelers Community Connections
 Unilever United States Foundation
 United Illuminating Holdings Corp. Foundation

ORGANIZATIONS—FINANCIAL

City of Bridgeport
 Community Health Charities
 Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness, Inc
 Division of Public Defender Services
 Dunbar Women's Fellowship
 Dwight Hall at Yale
 Fairfield College Preparatory School
 Frontier Employees Community Services Fund
 Haddam-Killingworth National Honor Society
 Helping Hands Community Thrift Store & Furn. Bank
 Hiram Lodge No 1 A. F. & A. M.
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 Ladies Home Missionary Society
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 The Military Order of the Purple Heart Department of CT
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 United Way of Rhode Island
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 West Haven High School
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 Yale Graduate and Professional Student Senate
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 Yale University Library Staff Assoc.
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 Church of St. Mary
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 First and Summerfield United Methodist Church
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 Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
 Monroe Congregational Church
 Orange Congregational Church
 Promise Land Church of God
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 Spring Glen Church
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 St. Basil's GOC Philotochos Soc.
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 St. George Roman Catholic Church
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 St. Thomas Episcopal Church
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 The University Church in Yale
 Trinity Church on the Green
 Union Temple Church
 United Church on the Green
 United Churches of Durham
 United Methodist Women of Connecticut District
 Vertical Church

MEAL SERVERS

Amity Regional High School
 Anointed Tabernacle Ministries
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Antoine was a Residential Supervisor with Columbus House. Quiet and friendly, he was well-liked by staff and clients alike. He will be deeply missed.



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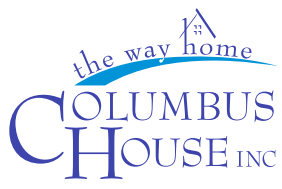
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