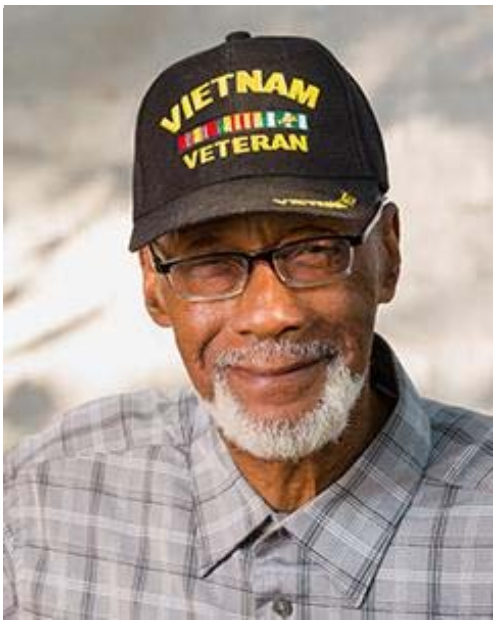
Thank you for helping to end homelessness!

Columbus House June E-News

Because of YOU, we were able to serve over 600 Veterans like Hershel last year



Upon meeting Hershel, a 73-year-old, two-tour Vietnam Veteran, you immediately recognize a very intelligent, articulate, driven, and compassionate man. His one bedroom apartment is spotless, though quite warm summer day. Hershel is on a fixed income and cannot afford air conditioning. In fact, not very long ago, Hershel was homeless. When asked to share his story he obliged with a mesmerizing account of his life.

Read Hershel's Story in our 2016 Annual Report

Join us at the Arts & Ideas Festival through June 24th



Festival-goers at the pavilion designed by Yale School of Architecture students
Photo by Winston Yuen

To raise awareness of the issue of homelessness and engage the community in bringing help and hope in responding to the need, Columbus House has partnered with Yale School of Architecture to have a week-long presence at New Haven's Festival of Arts and Ideas from June 17-24.

Learn more

Register today for the July 14th Higher Ground Golf Tournament!



Tiki Bar at the 2016 Tournament

Join us Friday, July 14th, for a fun day of golf at Orange Hills Country Club. All are invited to play! Cart and a delicious lunch are included (lunch only option is $30/person). A tiki bar will feature mixed drinks, along with beer, and soda. Prizes include a NEW CAR from A-1 Toyota for a hole-in-one! All proceeds benefit local Veterans and families in need, including Columbus House's programs for Veterans.

Learn more & register today

Alison Cunningham, CEO, receives Barbara Geller Career Achievement Award



Thank you to Partnership for Strong Communities for a beautiful and inspirational evening at the 2017 Reaching Home Celebration Dinner and Housing Awards, celebrating all the great work being done to end homelessness in Connecticut! Congratulations to our CEO, Alison Cunningham, on receiving the Barbara Geller Career Achievement Award, to our good friend Paula Crombie of Yale New Haven Hospital on receiving the The Rev. Schuster Advocacy Award, and to all of the other amazing awardees for their tireless advocacy and efforts to end homelessness in our state!

Read Alison's words from the Reaching Home Celebration Dinner and Housing Awards

Save the date: Saturday, August 19th, 12 pm

Save the date and plan to join us at The Ballpark at Harbor Yard for Sikorsky's 7th Annual Homerun for Heroes Bridgeport Bluefish charity baseball game. Proceeds benefit local agencies serving Veterans, including Columbus House's Harkness House for Veterans experiencing homelessness. Stay tuned at columbushouse.org for updates!

In case you missed it...

Many thanks to all who gave close to $12,500 to Columbus House through The Great Give 2017

April was Volunteer Appreciation Month, see how we celebrated our wonderful volunteers

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, CVS, & Walgreens - any denomination
- 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