Four decades of providing life-saving shelter, innovative programs and expanding services to our neighbors experiencing homelessness were highlighted during the 40th Anniversary Celebration at Edgerton Park on September 22. Just as the event began, the rain stopped and storm clouds parted to welcome nearly 130 friends – old and new –

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Guest Speaker, Adriana Copeman (l), shared her story of hope with guests at our 40th Anniversary Celebration. She is pictured with her daughter Ronice.

Columbus House’s 2022-2025 Strategic Plan

The Columbus House Board of Directors, staff leadership, and a non-profit consulting firm gathered observations of the organization from a variety of perspectives, including staff, community partners, industry experts, and clients to inform a new three year strategic plan for Columbus House.

1. Make Columbus House the Gold Standard for Quality Care in Housing Services
2. Generate Housing Opportunity through Advocacy and Real Estate Development
3. Strengthen Corporate Culture of Inclusion, Support and Accountability
4. Increase Public Support for our Mission and Philanthropic Giving
5. Evolve and Strengthen our Board of Directors

As part of our new strategic plan, we revised our mission statement to better reflect the scope of our work:

Columbus House serves people experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk by providing life-saving outreach, shelter and housing and by fostering their personal growth and independence. We advocate for and create affordable housing to end homelessness in our communities.
“Columbus House is absolutely at its core a communal effort. It is all of us pouring our energy and our dreams for a more just society and an opportunity for us to live out our own values serving our neighbors.” – Margaret Middleton, CEO

who marked the milestone occasion. Thanks to years of community partnerships and caring supporters, Columbus House has been able to increase capacity and vital services to individuals, families and specialized populations across four counties – helping our neighbors move out of homelessness and into affordable, permanent housing. We are grateful to you for helping us over the past 40 years and to all who helped make this event a success.

Check out the photos, watch the speakers, “walk” through the decades, and view our 40th Anniversary video at columbushouse.org/40years or scan the code!

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Volunteer Spotlight
Thank you for your dedication!

We can't thank you enough for continuing your volunteer service throughout the pandemic. While many activities, like cooking and serving meals in our New Haven Shelter, have yet to resume, you – our incredible volunteers – have remained dedicated to our mission. From helping to raise awareness, conducting drives, delivering food for our guests, organizing donations, sprucing up our grounds, and so much more, your time and talent make our work to end homelessness possible. We are so grateful! Learn more about how you can get involved at columbushouse.org/volunteer.

Individuals, groups, families, and friends all help our neighbors, and we are grateful! Clockwise from top left: Arun, a Quinnipiac University student at the Sikorsky Homerun for Heroes baseball game; mother and daughter Beth and Ella (r) with Volunteer Coordinator Sheree DiMario donating new backpacks; friends from Liberty Bank sprucing up the grounds at our Middlesex Family Shelter; Marjorie (l) and Deborah (r) delivering a recurring meal from Temple Beth Sholom to Food Service Assistant Chester; students from Dwight Hall at Yale Center for Public Service and Social Justice’s FOCUS program organizing donations at our New Haven Shelter.

Noteworthy News Briefs

Margaret Middleton joined Bernadette Welsh on the Community Works television show in September. Go to www.columbushouse.org/communityworks or scan the code to watch this great discussion on Columbus House’s mission and how YOU make our work possible!

Volunteers from the Awards and Recognition Committee, Yale New Haven Hospital Medicine Services, updated our Medical Respite lounge in memory of Kristen Cushing, the advanced practice provider for the program who passed away last year. A dedication with friends and family took place on November 2. Visit our social media channels for more on this special project.

We’re getting ready for cold weather! Tentative opening dates for winter accommodations include: Nov. 28 - New Haven Men’s Seasonal Overflow Shelter; Dec. 1 - Wallingford Emergency Shelter & Middlesex warming center (at the Wesley Inn & Suites Hotel); Jan. 17 - Hamden warming center (at The Keefe Center).
**Save the Dates**

March 4, 2023  
**Serving for Columbus House Tennis Tournament**

April 29, 2023  
**Rock to Rock Earth Day Ride**

Spring 2023  
**Chocolate to the Rescue!**  
Date TBD - Stay Tuned!

For the most up-to-date information on these and other events, visit columbushouse.org/events

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**Legacy Giving**

Did you know there are creative ways to make a legacy or planned gift in which Columbus House, you, and your loved ones all benefit? Discover how at: columbushouse.plannedgiving.org

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**Sixth Home Built in Yale School of Architecture Partnership**

What began as a five-year collaboration with the Jim Vlock Building Project to create one building each year to provide affordable housing for those who’ve experienced homelessness, culminated in a sixth unique home this September. An accessory dwelling unit (or ADU) was designed and built by the first year architecture students on the property of the third home. Learn more about this collaboration at columbushouse.org/homelesshoused.