Close to 50 of our neighbors – who would otherwise be outside in the brutal cold – have a warm, safe place to take refuge this winter thanks to your support. On January 8, we opened two winter emergency programs. The Hamden Warming Center is operating through March 31 out of the Keefe Center in partnership with the Town of Hamden. Meanwhile, thanks to the help of local communities of faith, a re-imagined Abraham's Tent is serving up to ten men at our Wallingford Emergency Shelter. Many thanks to all who are making these programs possible!

Pictured are just a few of the volunteers who've been helping out at Abraham's Tent. L-R: St. John's youth group, members of the Ulbrich family, Most Holy Trinity Church.

Welcome New Board Member: Caroline Beltre

A former Columbus House Permanent Supportive Housing Case Manager, Caroline currently serves as an Assistant Property Manager at Pennrose. She is a fierce advocate for solutions to homelessness and brings critical knowledge of the issue to our board, "As a person with lived experience of homelessness, domestic violence, and drug addiction, my purpose is to live fearlessly and boldly in my pursuit of equality for those who have been marginalized. Assisting them to persevere through their challenges to gain resiliency, confidence and ultimately, to find their voice."
We're so grateful to Caroline for volunteering her time to guide us in advancing our mission!

Join us for Tennis on March 16

Enjoy a fun afternoon of tennis to support our work to end homelessness! Tickets are only $50 per player and you can choose between Doubles Tournament or Friendly Play. The Serving for Columbus House Tennis Tournament takes place from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM at the Yale Indoor Tennis Courts, Cullman-Heyman Tennis Center, 279 Derby Avenue, West Haven. Sponsorships are available! Sponsor, support, and register now on our website.

A Special Thank You to the Werth Family Foundation

Last year marked fifteen years of partnership between Columbus House and the Werth Family Foundation, whose total giving has surpassed one million dollars! Over the years, the Werth family foundation has provided funding for emergency shelter repairs, support for our Homeless: Housed Vlock Building Project, and general operating funds in support of our “boots on the ground and immediate service” programs in the greater New Haven area. We are so grateful for their steadfast support of our mission to end homelessness.

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’" – Martin Luther King, Jr.

At Columbus House, we're fortunate to witness the transformative power of service to others every day. We were particularly moved by your outpouring of support in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. From serving meals, making lunches, filling snack bags, and creating Welcome Kits, to spending quality time with our guests and organizing donations, there's no bounds to the impact you made in honor of Dr. King's legacy. Thank you!

Visit Facebook, Instagram, or LinkedIn to see all the groups who participated on MLK Day.

ICYMI: Annual Meeting

On December 7, we held our first in-person Annual Meeting after a four year hiatus at the
New Haven Lawn Club. We were so inspired by our speakers, Sarah Fox, CEO of Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness, and Cody, a Rapid Rehousing client; and by the 2023 John S. Martinez Awardees: Ulbrich Stainless Steel & Special Metals, The Foote School, and Penelope Jordan.

Miss the event or want to reflect on the inspiring morning? Watch Cody's speech, get a link to photos, and view our generous sponsors on our website.

New Year's Resolution: ADVOCATE

In 2023, you called, sent letters, and advocated in person, implored your legislators to invest in our life-saving work. You brought homelessness to the forefront of their minds and we are witnessing meaningful results. We are so grateful!

On January 12, the Governor announced the formation of an Interagency Council on Homelessness, and on the 17th, the Legislative Assembly included homelessness in their "Major Issues for 2024" document. Our collective voices achieved these successes and it is only together that we can continue to make and impact.

Please plan to join us for Connecticut’s 2024 legislative session which runs February 7 – May 8. Stay tuned for advocacy alerts via email, on our website, and on social media. Thank you!

Did you see our latest newsletter?

Message from Margaret, CEO | Housing Heroes | New Building | Abraham’s Tent | Thanksgiving, and more!

Click to read now!

Save the Dates!

April 7, 2024: Penelope's Lemonade Stand
April 14, 2024: Chocolate to the Rescue!
May 1 & 2, 2024: The Great Give

Visit our website more information on these and other events!

Thank you to some of our partners who have gone above and beyond helping to end homelessness with their financial support from October 16 – December 31, 2023
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Joseph King, Jr. & Amy Justice
Key Bank
Wilson & Carole Kimnach
Alvin Klevorick & Susan Bender
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Michael Vollmar & Paulette Rosen
Webster Bank
Werth Family Foundation
Yale University Library Staff Association
Yale University, Office of New Haven & State Affairs
Rudy & Carla Zimmermann

We apologize if we inadvertently left out your name.
Your gift to Columbus House literally saves the lives of our most vulnerable neighbors. Each year, you help give over 3,300 people – including seniors, families with children, and Veterans – the tools and support they need to end or prevent their homelessness.

We are grateful for your dedication to our mission: to serve 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.

Federal Employees – did you know you can give to Columbus House through the Combined Federal Campaign? Visit cfcgiving.opm.gov/welcome click “Find A Charity” and enter our number - 99082.

Will your employer match your gift to Columbus House? Click to find out!  
Make a lasting impact on ending homelessness with planned giving.  
Donate your old clunker – running or not – to help end homelessness!

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