Shepherd Home Restoration Recognized with Award of Merit

Creating affordable housing is a key component to ending homelessness and a core part of our mission. While we have built numerous homes over the years, the restoration of Shepherd Home remains one of our proudest achievements. This ambitious transformation of a vacant 1925 nurses’ quarters into 32 units of supportive housing for Veterans experiencing homelessness was honored with an Award of Merit at the 2024 Connecticut Preservation Awards ceremony on May 9. Chief Real Estate Officer, Carl Rodenhizer, accepted the award alongside the project team whose expertise and hard work made this remarkable restoration possible.

Many thanks to Preservation Connecticut for the recognition and congratulations to Carl, Northeast Collaborative Architects, Martinez Couch, GN CB, RZ Design, and Enterprise Builders on this well-deserved honor!

Learn more about Shepherd Home on our website!

Penelope Raises Over $5k at Annual Lemonade Stand

On April 7, Penelope celebrated her birthday with her 4th Annual Lemonade Stand, raising an impressive $5,000 for Columbus House. Supported by her family, friends, and a generous 40% match from her father’s employer, Best Buy, Penelope’s efforts have contributed over $15,000 to end homelessness over the past four years. This young philanthropist’s dedication and generosity continue to inspire us all!

Learn more about Penelope’s effort by watching her John S. Martinez Community Service Award acceptance speech at our 2023 Annual Meeting and visiting her Instagram page.
Rick and Alan of Spice320 took both the Critics’ and People’s Choice awards for Most Creative Chocolate Creations with their journey of spices and chocolate from around the world.

Chocolate to the Rescue Raises $22K

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to all who participated, attended, sponsored, volunteered, and donated auction items for this 21st annual event on April 14th at the Crystal Ballroom in Middletown! The vital funds you raised for our Middlesex Family Shelter help provide a safe space for families experiencing homelessness as they get on the path to a permanent home.

Visit our website to see the winners, participants, sponsors, a link to photos, and more!

Thank You, Great Givers!

Over 130 supporters like you contributed over $22,000 to Columbus House during The Great Give, a 36-hour online giving event! Every donation was partially matched by grants from The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven or The Valley Community Foundation. Your generosity helps provide essential services to 2,300 people each year, including individuals, families, youth, seniors, and veterans, to prevent or end homelessness.

Watch the video to learn how your gift makes a great impact.

Summer Wish List

As the season changes, our neighbors experiencing homelessness face new urgent needs.

Can you help? Visit our updated wish list to see all the necessities we’re collecting.

For more information, questions, to organize a drive, or to schedule a drop-off, please contact Sheree at sdimario@columbushouse.org or 203-401-4400 x138.

Thank you for your support!

Have you protected your family and your legacy from the unforeseen?

It’s never too soon to start planning your legacy. Visit our website for a free comprehensive toolkit to jumpstart your estate planning. After ensuring your loved ones are cared for in your plans, we hope you will keep Columbus House in mind as well.

Our long-time friend and supporter, Shelly (pictured right, with her father and sister), recently shared how her father’s legacy was the inspiration for including Columbus House in her estate plans. Be on the lookout for Shelly’s story in our upcoming print newsletter!
Your Advocacy Made an Impact at the Capitol

Thanks to the dedication of our partners, supporters, and staff, a one-time ARPA allocation of $4.5M was awarded to Connecticut’s homeless services sector as the 2024 legislative session closed on May 8. This positive step forward proves your efforts have put us at the forefront of lawmakers’ minds, and we are so grateful. But our work is far from finished.

We ask that you continue your impactful outreach to lawmakers as we prepare to fight for adequate and permanent funding during the 2025 legislative session. Follow us on social media or on our website for advocacy alerts.

In the News

➡️ CT Must Address Housing and Homelessness (Read in the CTMirror)
➡️ Penelope’s Lemonade Stand (watch on FOX61)

Save the Dates

Sunday, June 30, 2024: Guilford Rotary Lobster Fest
Friday, August 9, 2024: OCC Columbus House Scramble
Sunday, August 18, 2024: Homerun for Heroes
Saturday-Sunday, October 5 & 6, 2024: Celebrate Wallingford
Thursday, December 5, 2024: Annual Meeting
Sunday, March 30, 2025: Chocolate the the Rescue

Visit our website more information on these and other events!

Looking for a career that makes a difference helping others? Join our team! View & apply for open positions at Columbus House now!

Thank you to some of our partners who have gone above and beyond helping to end homelessness with their financial support from March 25 – May 29, 2024.

American Eagle Financial Credit Union
Anonymous (2)
Scott & Robin Chasse
Mary Dolan
John L. & Pauline E. Huwiler Memorial Fund
Michael & Pamela Jordan – Penelope’s Lemonade Stand
Liberty Bank
Liberty Bank Foundation
Dwight & Maureen Lopes
M&T Charitable Foundation
Middlesex United Way
New London Elks 360
NFP
Savings Bank of Danbury Foundation
St. George Catholic Church
Ellen Taylor  
The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven  
The Israel & Adele Gordon Fund

We apologize if we inadvertently left out your name.

DONATE

Your gift to Columbus House literally saves the lives of our most vulnerable neighbors. Each year, you help give 2,300 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.

Double Your Donation  
Legacy Giving  
Donate Your Car

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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