Homes for Over 300 People

Thanks to your ongoing support, over 300 of our neighbors – including 84 Veterans – have transitioned out of homelessness and into permanent homes since mid-March! They are safe in affordable apartments and living independently. As the need for our services increases, we will do all we can to get our neighbors housed. Thank you for your continuing partnership.

3 Months – 600 Visits

Over 600 people visited the Drop-In Center during the three months it operated at Columbus House. The Drop-In provided those living outside during the pandemic with case management and basic necessities like food, PPE, toiletries and showers. Thanks to valuable partnerships with the City of New Haven, Cornell Scott Hill Health Center, The Connection – Center for Behavioral Health Chapel Street, Connecticut Mental Health Center, Liberty Community Services, Marrakech, Inc., and United Way of Greater New Haven, medical and mental health services, including COVID-19 tests, were also provided. We are grateful to everyone who helped support this life-saving effort.

Clients Return to Shelters

Many clients transitioned to our New Haven Shelter throughout September. Operating at half our normal capacity and adhering to CDC guidelines, Columbus House has altered our guest areas for social distancing and encourages those staying with us to remain indoors for everyone’s safety. Three meals per day are now provided as well as bi-weekly COVID-19 testing in addition to our robust array of programs and services to help get them on the path to independence.

Opportunities for a limited number of on-site volunteers will be available soon – stay tuned!
FYI – All of our seasonal shelters (Men’s Overflow - New Haven, Wallingford Emergency Shelter, Middletown Warming Center, Hamden Warming Center) are opening soon.

Yale Partnership Continues to Create New Affordable Homes

Throughout the pandemic the Yale School of Architecture Jim Vlock Building Project has continued. Former students are constructing the fourth building which consists of two one-bedroom apartments for those experiencing homelessness. Once complete, Columbus House will have four buildings in The Hill neighborhood of New Haven providing affordable apartments for two small families and seven individuals. By the end of the project, 11 units of permanent, sustainable housing will be added to our inventory of affordable housing.

We are so grateful to Alex, Adam, Tack (the dog), Helen, Emily, and Rhea who worked tirelessly to build this year’s home!

Cars for Columbus House!

Are you or someone you know looking to donate a car to charity? Columbus House has partnered with Vehicles for Charity, a respected national non-profit, to help us turn your old car into funds to help end homelessness! All donated vehicles will be sold at auction or for scrap and Columbus House will receive 80% of the net proceeds. Please contact info@columbushouse.org if you have questions.

Ready to donate? Have your title handy and click here! Thank you!

Annual Meeting to Inspire!

Our most popular “event” is just around the corner and we don’t want you to miss out! You’ll hear from Columbus House CEO Margaret Middleton about the challenges and triumphs of running a multi-site homeless services agency during a global pandemic and learn what the future holds for those experiencing homelessness. We’ll honor those who roll up their sleeves and get involved by granting the John S. Martinez Community Service Award. You’ll hear inspirational stories from the honorees about their experiences helping those
who come through our doors. And, we are very excited to announce that we will be joined by a very special guest, Lauren McGowan, Senior Director of Ending Homelessness & Poverty for United Way of King County, WA. Lauren will share her very personal story of the impact that homelessness had on her life. Our Annual Meeting will start on December 1. Please mark your calendar. You don’t want to miss this moving virtual event.

The 2020 John S. Martinez Community Service Award recipients will be announced soon.

Traditionally, our Annual Meeting is held at the New Haven Lawn Club with over 200 guests. Due to the pandemic, we will instead host several days of online inspiration.

Are You And Your Family Protected?

More than half of all Americans do not have a will or estate plan even though most believe that one is important.* Why not? People believe they don’t own enough assets, they’re not sure how to get started, it takes too much time and/or costs too much. But having an updated will and estate plan is critical – it protects your family and assets and ensures your money goes where you want it – including your favorite charity. The week of October 19th is National Estate Planning Awareness Week - this is a good time to revisit your plan or get started if you don’t have one. Learn how you can leave a lasting legacy by including Columbus House in your estate plan. Please visit our website or contact John Brooks, Chief Development Officer, at jbrooks@columbushouse.org or 203-401-4400 x108 for more information.

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the Rescue – of which $3,000 was raised from the online auction! Although we couldn't sample delicious chocolate creations, you still helped families with children experiencing homelessness. We truly appreciate all who made this event a success!

**A Virtual Homerun**

Although we couldn't gather in person for the annual Homerun for Heroes baseball game hosted by Sikorsky, Lockheed Martin, and Teamsters Local 1150, the virtual event was a success in raising much-needed funds and highlighting Veterans in a special video tribute. Overall the event raised $84,000 for Connecticut organizations serving Veterans and nearly $20,000 supports Columbus House’s programs for Veterans experiencing homelessness. We are thankful to everyone who makes this annual event a success!

**Save the Dates!**

**October 14 & 15**
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Boscov’s donates 5% back to Columbus House when you mention us in-store at the register or at the check-out online!

**November 1–30**
Columbus House will receive a $1 donation from each purchase of the $2.50 reusable Community Bag at the Stop & Shop store located at 150 Whalley Avenue, New Haven CT throughout November!

**Vote by December 31!**
We’re participating in the Target Circle program! You can vote for us and help direct Target’s giving to benefit Columbus House. For full program details and restrictions visit Target Circle.

**December 1 is GivingTuesday!**
Save the date for this international day of online charitable giving – you can help us turn #GivingTuesday into #GivingHomesDay and tune in to our virtual Annual Meeting!

Thank you to some of our partners who have gone above and beyond helping to end homelessness with their financial support since our August E-News:

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