



CIRCLE OF HOPE

Helping to build a brighter future for people in need

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Coming Up

DROP-OFF TIMES:

Monday
9:00 - 11:00 am

Tuesday
9:00 - 11:00 am
3:00 - 5:00 pm

Wednesday
9:00 - 11:00 am
3:00 - 5:00pm

Thursday
9:00 - 11:00 am

Saturday
9:00 - 11:00 am

Special Requests

- Baby clothes
- Children's fall jackets
- Women's fall jackets

Dear Friends of Circle of Hope,

On the last Saturday in September the Needham Common was a lively and energetic place to be, as Circle of Hope launched Full Circle, our first-ever volunteer event for young children and families. It was a huge success, thanks to our generous sponsors (please [see the list](#) on our website) who provided the resources to make this day possible.

The culmination of months of planning, organization, and dedicated work, Full Circle was the creation of Clair Windsor, Vice Chair of Circle of Hope's board. As a mother of three children under six years old, Clair embodies the spirit of "Raising Caring Kids" every day. She and her amazing leadership team wanted to bring volunteer opportunities to other families like theirs and share the joy of helping people through age-appropriate, hands-on activities for children.

Stay tuned in the coming months for more ways to engage your family and friends in Circle of Hope's mission promoting the health and dignity of people in need.

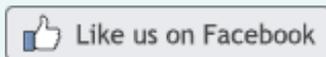
This month we also share the news about our "Hometown Hero" Kalsie King, supporting Circle of Hope with a generous donation from Blue Hills Bank. Kalsie chose Circle of Hope to receive this gift because she knows personally how we will stretch these precious resources to help many people. She's such an inspiration!

Thank you, all, for widening our Circle and sharing the hope.

With deepest thanks,



To make a financial donation to Circle of Hope, [click here.](#)



You Must Hear This..

"I am just so thankful there is an event like Full Circle where my kids can see that they are important members of our larger community and can be change-makers, and what a positive difference they can make in a single morning."

Brian Tempel
Westwood

Go To Crew Success Story

Thank you so much to the people who dropped off bags of baby clothes and donated online in response to our urgent "Go To Crew" request.

We can still use your

Barbara P. Waterhouse

Barbara Waterhouse
Executive Director



Full Circle Leadership Team (left to right): Christine Holland, Claire Steigner, Stephanie Matern, Clair Windsor, event creator and Vice Chair COH Board.

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A child's "I made a difference today!" sticker from Full Circle.

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in Full Circle. The family event, which took place on Saturday, September 24, was a resounding success! Over 300 people came to volunteer together, many of who were children between the ages of two and ten years old. Kids packed a total of 205 dignity bags at the "Basics Brigades" station, created gratitude flags at the "Appreciation Station," decorated donation bags at the "Bundle Up" station, and more. Parents had the unique opportunity to begin talking with their young children about homelessness and service to others, and to

help! We are in **urgent** need of additional baby clothes as well as in-season **fall clothing** for children, women and men in all sizes.

learn about volunteer and donation opportunities at Circle of Hope. To support these conversations, parents received Circle of Hope's brochure "[How to Talk to Your Child about Homelessness and Poverty](#)" (available on our website). We even had gorgeous fall weather with sunshine and blue skies throughout the morning.

Thank you so much to all of the wonderful volunteers who dedicated their time on Saturday morning to be at Full Circle. We greatly appreciate your incredible efforts. We are also deeply grateful to Clair Windsor, Vice Chair of the Board, who planned and coordinated Full Circle. Clair's inspiring vision, organized planning and hard work led to a truly wonderful day in the Needham community!

Spirit of Giving

We are so excited to share that one of our volunteers, Kalsie King, was recently named a "Hometown Hero" by Blue Hills Bank! In addition to being featured in the 2017 "Hometown Hero" calendar, Kalsie got the opportunity to donate \$1,000 to a charity of her choice, and she chose Circle of Hope. We are so thrilled that she is being recognized for her great work and so grateful for her donation and incredible dedication.

You may recall from previous newsletters that Kalsie collected donations for over a year at the John D. O'Bryant School where she was a student. After she and Circle of Hope distributed her initial batch of clothing and coats, she continued collecting and donating and joined the Circle of Hope volunteer family as a sorter. One of the youngest people to ever receive the Hometown Hero award, Kalsie joins an impressive list of past recipients that includes organization leaders, school principals, detectives, and entire nonprofits.

She is now a freshman at Simmons College, but she made time to come back to Circle of Hope to be photographed for the calendar. We can't wait to see it!



Kalsie King with COH Executive Director Barbara Waterhouse.



Michael MacGrath of Blue Hills Bank photographing Kalsie King.