



CIRCLE OF HOPE

Helping to build a brighter future for people in need

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Holiday Hours

Circle of Hope will be closed from Friday, Dec. 21 through Tuesday, Jan. 1. Normal drop-off hours resume Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Drop-Off Times

Monday
9:00 - 11:00 am

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

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9:00 - 11:00 am
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Dear Friends of Circle of Hope,

The holiday spirit of giving abounds at Circle of Hope! Just this week, a dozen energetic volunteers and Board members responded to our call for "All hands on deck!" They sorted and packaged winter coats and warm clothes to go directly to 1,000 homeless children and adults in a matter of days.

To reach homeless people counting on us, we need your financial support as well! I am asking you to consider a gift to Circle of Hope by the end of this year. Your vital gift directly impacts literally thousands of infants, children, women and men who experience homelessness in the coming year. Your support ensures we'll be there for the emergency call, the newborn going to a homeless shelter from the hospital, the family who lost everything in a fire. It is what we do, together.

Thank you for considering the gift of personal health and dignity for our most vulnerable neighbors.

With a grateful heart,

Barbara P. Waterhouse

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Executive Director



Thursday
9:00 - 11:00 am

Saturday (Sept.-June)
9:00 - 11:00 am

Special Requests

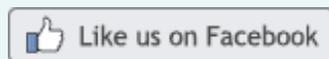
- Men's winter accessories
- Comforters
- Winter coats (especially men's)



Support COH

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

Connect with us on social media. Like and share our posts to help spread the word about COH.



You Must Hear This..

"It is hard to imagine not having basic items to care for your newborn and bringing that child back to a shelter or worse even cold and lonely hotel room. It is

Help Directly: Donate to our Annual Campaign

By now, you may have read about the premature twin babies we helped earlier this year at Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program (BHCHP). Their mother was homeless when she gave birth prematurely and she desperately needed help getting everything she would need to keep her medically fragile babies healthy.

We gave the babies warm outfits and a Welcome Baby Bag full of newborn essentials like wipes, diaper cream, and blankets. Our generous donors made this happen.

A gift to Circle of Hope is a gift to homeless newborns to help them grow and thrive. Your gift helps families who lost their homes in fires, refugees and LGBTQ individuals recovering from violence, children who don't have winter coats to wear to school, and homeless adults who spend most of their day outside.

Please donate by December 31 to give the gift of health and dignity to the homeless infants, children, women, and men we serve next year. [To donate, click here.](#)



Volunteer Appreciation Week

Last week, we celebrated Volunteer Appreciation Week at Circle of Hope! COH Board members greeted our volunteers with hot coffee (with lids for our drivers) and the gift of "A Year of Hope" calendar with photographs of people they've helped wearing clothing they sorted and delivered. Our volunteers heard stories of how shelter and medical staff give our clothing to the babies, children, and adults they care for. Board members worked under the guidance of our dedicated volunteers.

Last year, COH's 95 volunteers dedicated 28,000 hours sorting, packing, and driving donations to our partner shelters, and protected 5,500 homeless children and adults experiencing homelessness.

To every one of our wonderful volunteers, thank you for the passion and energy you bring to Circle of Hope!

your agency that acts in place of the role of family to fill the gaps for its members in need."

-Nurse at Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program

Parking Update

Due to an ongoing construction project, parking is currently restricted on Rosemary Street in front of Circle of Hope. Donors can still pull over briefly to drop off donations - just be sure to leave your hazards on while you come inside!

Community Action

We are astounded by the incredible generosity of our community this month! Our donation room is literally overflowing. Thank you to everyone who donated!



A giant shout-out to our amazing community! The **Rotary Club of Needham** donated the new contents of a dozen Welcome Baby Bags to Circle of Hope and volunteered to assemble them. Rotarians have also been collecting winter coats, socks, and other donations for Circle of Hope and we are grateful for all of their support!



A Circle of Hope volunteer brought her sons and their friends to volunteer in honor of homeless veterans on Veterans Day (left). They sorted shoes and boots so that we can send them out immediately! Women from four states and Canada collected clothing and coats for Circle of Hope at the Northeast Convention of the **Women of Reform Judaism** (right).



For his Bar Mitzvah project, Jared collected 187 pairs of new socks and 302 pairs of new underwear for homeless individuals (left). Thank you, Jared! A local Brownies troop collected hundreds of pairs of new socks at the Broadmeadow School and donated them to Circle of Hope (right).



St. Luke's Church in Dedham collected socks and winter accessories for Circle of Hope (left). **Temple Aliyah** in Needham collected winter coats and donated two big bags to keep homeless individuals warm (right).

The St. Nicholas Boot Drive is happening again!

For the 6th year, Christ Episcopal Church is hosting a boot drive in honor of St. Nicholas Day! Through December 16, **new** children's boots can be dropped off in the bins in the Upper Parish Hall of Christ Church. The church is located at 1132 Highland Avenue in Needham.

Thank you to everyone at Christ Church for bringing warmth to homeless children in Boston and Metro West! And thank you to the Chiappinelli family for



organizing the boot drive again this year! The boots and shoes will warm the feet of homeless children all winter.

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