



CIRCLE OF HOPE

Helping to build a brighter future for people in need

## December 2019

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### Coming Up



Circle of Hope will be closed from Friday, Dec. 20 through Wednesday, Jan. 1. Normal donation drop-off hours resume Thursday, 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,

Wow - we're all moved into 1329 Highland Avenue and I couldn't be more thrilled! Opening Week was a huge success as we welcomed loyal donors, along with many first-timers to our new space. I'm proud to say we never missed a beat and made 10 shelter deliveries during Opening Week.

We also launched our Annual Campaign last month. We're asking for your help keeping homeless children, adults, and now college students warm and healthy throughout the next year. Please donate to our campaign by December 31 to help homeless college students stay in school and focus on their studies in good health.

In this issue, you'll read about our emergency response to the Bowdoin-Geneva Neighborhood in the middle of our move, an exciting grant award ceremony, and many amazing donations and collection drives.

I wish you all happy, healthy holidays.

### With a grateful heart,

*Barbara P. Waterhouse*

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Executive Director

### Now Located at 1329 Highland Avenue!



Circle of Hope is all moved into 1329 Highland Avenue and

Thursday  
9:00 - 11:00 am

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

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## Special Requests



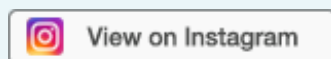
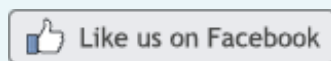
- **Winter accessories for adults**
- **New socks for women**
- **New underwear for children and adults**

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## 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.



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## You Must Hear This...

"These items make a difference, bringing

we have resumed shelter deliveries!

Opening Week at our new location was a dream come true. Dozens of donors - including some first timers! - came in with winter clothing and gear for the homeless individuals we serve. Our thanks to the donors who answered our urgent request for infant and toddler clothing and dropped off brand new clothing straight from Marshalls. Everyone was greeted with beautiful floral arrangements we received from our wonderful supporters.

If you haven't had a chance to stop by yet, please come see us! For directions to our new location, [please click here](#). We're between Eaton Funeral Home and Doherty's Funeral Home, just two doors down from Bertucci's and Stacy's Juicebar. You'll see our white and purple Circle of Hope sign at the head of our driveway.



Together, we will be able to bring health and hope to thousands more of our vulnerable neighbors in Boston and MetroWest who are experiencing homelessness. Thank you to all of our generous donors for helping us deepen our impact on the children, women, and men we serve.

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## Please Donate to Help Homeless College Students Thrive

You may have already read about Fox, who was homeless during his first year of college. He spent nights at Logan Airport, but he stayed in school. Now stably housed, Fox is in his final year at Brandeis University, where he will soon earn degrees in chemical biology and biological physics.



At Circle of Hope, we believe that homeless college students should have the same opportunities as their peers to pursue an education and follow their dreams. This year, we launched "Get Set" to bring clothing and toiletries to college students experiencing homelessness at Framingham State University, UMass Boston, and MassBay Community College. These vital donations help homeless students stay healthy so they can focus on their classes.

Please donate to our Annual Campaign by December 31 to give homeless college students - and all of the homeless individuals we serve - a chance at a brighter future.

comfort, dignity, and seasonal warmth. Your donated items are truly priceless and life-saving."

**-Boston Health Care  
for the Homeless  
Program Clinician**

## Go-To Crew Success



While we were closed for our move to Needham Center, we received an urgent request for infant and toddler clothing from a partner shelter. We sent out a Go-To Crew request right away asking for clothing in the requested sizes. Just two days later, on Opening Day, we received several donations of beautiful, brand-new infant and toddler clothing. Thank you to our amazing donors for protecting the youngest residents of our partner shelters this fall and winter!

## Woods-Mullen Concert

Donations can be made online at [www.circleofhopeonline.org/donate-today](http://www.circleofhopeonline.org/donate-today) or by mailing checks payable to Circle of Hope to:

**P.O. Box 920724  
Needham, MA 02492**

## Emergency Response to Bowdoin-Geneva Neighborhood

When Circle of Hope was closed for our move, we received an emergency request from our partner in the Bowdoin-Geneva Neighborhood, Rev. Richard Conway. Homeless children in elementary schools in Boston and Somerville urgently needed warm winter coats.

On moving day, Rev. Conway came to our new location while we unpacked and picked up the bags of winter coats we gathered in just the sizes needed for these young children. Less than 24 hours after he first called us, Rev. Conway was on his way back to the elementary schools with the warm coats the children needed.



Nearly three quarters of Boston Public School (BPS) students are "economically disadvantaged" and at least 3,500 of those children experience homelessness each school year. Circle of Hope provides clothing and coats to homeless students through our partnerships with Rev. Conway, Boston Police Department District E-13, and our partner family shelters. We're proud to serve these vulnerable children and we're grateful to our generous donors for providing us with the coats and clothing they need.

## Middlesex Savings Grant Award Ceremony



Back in June, we shared that Circle of Hope was awarded





COH Board Member Bruce Goody and guitarist Jonathan Moretz played another concert at Woods-Mullen Shelter for women in Boston last month. A shelter guest commented that "this music is so soothing." Another guest said "this music takes you somewhere." Thank you to Bruce and Jonathan for sharing your beautiful music with the women we serve!

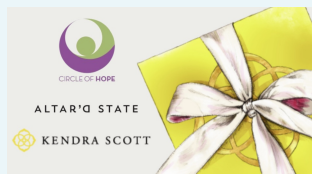
a \$20,000 grant from Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation. On November 8, we had the opportunity to attend the Foundation's annual awards ceremony to accept the generous grant. We were honored to receive Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation's support for our vital work on behalf of homeless families in MetroWest.

## Community Action



Members of the **Rabboni Lodge** in Westwood (left) held a collection drive for Circle of Hope and donated a truck full of clothing and shoes for the homeless children, women, and men we serve. Again this year, the **Westwood Public Library** held "Fine Forgiveness Month" and collected new socks, toiletries, sheets, and towels for Circle of Hope (right)!

## Shop for COH!



Two new stores at Legacy Place in Dedham, Altar'd State and Kendra Scott, have teamed up to fundraise for COH. On **Wednesday, December 18 from 6-8 pm**, get some holiday shopping done [at Kendra Scott](#) and support the homeless individuals and families we serve! Kendra Scott will donate 20% of the proceeds from the evening's in-store sales



**Temple Beth Avodah** in Newton assembled and donated fully-stocked Welcome Baby Bags (left) to Circle of Hope to give homeless newborns the essentials they need to thrive in their fragile earliest months. Local yoga instructor **Samantha Hoff** (right) held three free Yoga On The Common classes in August, September, and October and accepted donations for Circle of Hope to raise vital funds to support the homeless individuals and families we serve.

**Brownies Troop #82514** held a sock drive at the Broadmeadow School and collected a whopping 367 pairs of brand new socks for homeless individuals.

to Circle of Hope.

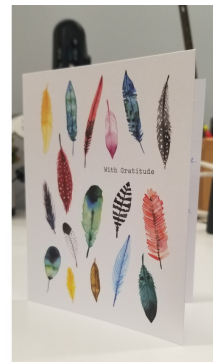
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**Noah's Ark Preschool** collected warm clothing and winter accessories for homeless individuals and Katie (left) dropped them off during Opening Week. While she was here, she signed up to volunteer and started her first shift that very week!

A member of the **Needham Rotary Club** came to our new location to drop off beautiful hand-knit sweaters and hats for homeless infants and toddlers (right).

This year, **B in Touch Massage Therapy** is extending their annual sock drive. Patrons who donate new socks from Thanksgiving through Valentine's Day are entered into a raffle to win free massages!



Throughout November, **Wellesley Hills Congregational Church** held a collection drive benefitting Circle of Hope. A member (left) dropped off many bags of clothing for the homeless individuals and families we serve during Opening Week at our new location. The **Shaer family** celebrated Opening Week by donating packages of brand new underwear for homeless children. As they wrote in their beautiful card (right), this is always a "much needed item!"

At their General Meeting, the Dedham Regional Chapter of **Mothers of Twins** held a toiletry drive and collected shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothbrushes, and toothpaste for Circle of Hope!

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