



Helping to build a brighter future for those in need

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How to Donate

1. **Purchase items from our [Amazon Wish List](#)** or your preferred online retailer and ship them to COH at 1329 Highland Ave. Needham, MA 02492.

2. **[Schedule an appointment](#)** to drop off new and gently used donations in excellent condition in person.

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.



Dear Barbara,

Since January, our team has answered a record-breaking number of emergency requests. We [answered an urgent call](#) from Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program within 4 hours, sending winter coats, fleece layers, hats, and gloves to protect 150 patients from the arctic air blast in Boston's cold emergency. Our volunteer drivers have made more than 25 deliveries to our partner shelters, clinics, schools, and programs to make sure no one is left out in the cold unprotected.

Your generous support has fueled the expansion of Circle of Hope's Emergency Response Program, helped us launch a new pilot partnership with the Mary Eliza Mahoney House for families experiencing homelessness at the Dimock Center, and enabled us to start serving families in scattered site shelters throughout MetroWest. We gave thousands of infants, children, and adults experiencing homelessness the clothing and hygiene essentials they needed for dignity, agency, physical and mental health last year. Thank you for your incredible support!

We still need your help bringing warmth, health, and hope to more families and individuals in need this year. Please [donate to our Annual Campaign](#) today so we can answer every call for help.

Thank you!

With warmest gratitude,
Barbara

Help Us Meet Our Annual Campaign Goal

Current Needs



- Winter coats
- Winter accessories
- New, unopened toiletries

You Must Hear This...

"On The Rise is incredibly grateful for the tangible support provided by Circle of Hope. We recently had a new mother who was in need of baby essentials to help welcome her little one to the world. Circle of Hope was our first call to figure out how we could get her the things she needed. We are so grateful for the welcome baby bag and newborn essentials they provided!"

-Andrea Kalsow
On The Rise



You helped 4,500 infants, toddlers, and children stay warm and healthy last year.

Your gift to Circle of Hope will give thousands of children experiencing homelessness the clothing, coats, bedding, and hygiene essentials they need for health and wellbeing.

Donate today.

We are so close to reaching our Annual Campaign goal and we need your help! Family homelessness is on the rise in Massachusetts and your gift will help Circle of Hope answer every urgent call for help from our partner shelters and programs this year. Circle of Hope is the sole provider of clothing, hygiene items, and other essentials for health and dignity for literally thousands of infants, children, and adults in our communities.

"I can't thank you and the COH team enough for coming to our rescue tonight! For you to pull this amazing donation together means the world to us, and especially to our patients."

-Linda O'Connor
Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program

It's easy to donate to Circle of Hope in honor or in memory of a loved one! Just include their information at the bottom of our online donation form. We will send a card acknowledging your generous gift in their honor!

Donate Now

New Pilot Partnership with the Mary Eliza Mahoney House Emergency Family Shelter



We are proud to announce Circle of Hope's new pilot partnership with the Dimock Center's Mary Eliza Mahoney House, an emergency family shelter in Roxbury. We provide clothing and hygiene essentials for families who have experienced trauma and receive no other supports for basic needs.

The day after our December delivery, we got a call from Maggie, the Program Director, about a family that just arrived with nothing but what they were wearing and their infant wrapped in a blanket. Within 48 hours, two shelter staff arrived at Circle of Hope and picked up new winter clothes, coats, and essentials for the family, as well as a porta-crib so the baby had a safe place to sleep.

We're proud to meet the urgent needs of families experiencing homelessness through this impactful new pilot partnership!

Dine Local and Support COH This Month

We are so excited and grateful to be part of the Charles River Regional Chamber Dining Collaborative's "Love Local" campaign this month!

For the month of February, you can support your favorite restaurants in Needham, Newton, Watertown, and Wellesley and Circle of Hope at the same time! Participating restaurants are collecting new T-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, and monetary donations for Circle of Hope. When you dine in or pick up takeout, drop off a donation for someone experiencing homelessness. [Read more in the Boston Globe.](#)



Thank you to the Charles River Regional Chamber and all of the participating restaurants for supporting Circle of Hope and helping thousands of families and individuals stay warm, healthy, and safe this winter and beyond.

A full list of participating restaurants can be found [here](#). Happy dining!!

Participating Restaurants

We're Hiring!

We are hiring a part-time Grant Writer to support Circle of Hope's continued growth!

The new Grant Writer's responsibilities will include researching grant opportunities, submitting grant proposals and supporting documents, preparing impact reports, and maintaining positive relationships with funders and other stakeholders. The ideal candidate will have excellent written communication skills and 3-5 years of grant writing experience.

This is a 20 hour per week position with a flexible schedule and hybrid work location. Interested in joining our team? Apply to the Grant Writer position by emailing your resume to Carolyn Conley-Das at carolyn@circleofhopeonline.org.

[View the full job description.](#)

Donation Guidelines and COVID-19 Policy

Donation Guidelines

We accept new and gently used donations by appointment from 10am - 12pm on Monday - Thursday.

[Schedule your appointment](#) and drop off new or gently used donations any time during your two-hour donation window. **Please bag your new and gently used donations separately** and label each bag "new" or "gently used." We will accept **up to 3 paper grocery bags or white kitchen trash bags of gently used clothing** per appointment; there is no bag limit for new donations.



Please visit our [website](#) for more information on donation guidelines and don't hesitate to email us with questions!

COVID-19 Policy

Anyone entering Circle of Hope must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and wear an N95 or KN95 mask at all times while inside.

New Items We Accept

- New casual clothing for all ages, including T-shirts (short and long sleeve), sweatpants, sweatshirts, jackets, sneakers, baby clothing, coats, winter boots, leggings, socks, underwear, and athletic wear.
- Unopened hygiene essentials (hand soap, sanitizer, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion, deodorant, pads, tampons, toothpaste, toothbrushes)
- Fully-assembled [COVID Kits](#), [Welcome Baby Bags](#), [Dignity Bags](#), [Emergency Clothing Kits](#), and [Get Set packages](#)
- New sheets, comforters, and towels
- New face masks (reusable or packages of disposable masks) for adults and children

Gently Used Items We Accept

T-shirts (long and short sleeve), sweaters, flannel shirts, sweatpants, sweatshirts, jackets/coats (fall-spring), winter boots (fall/winter), sneakers, shorts (spring/summer), leggings, jeans, khakis, athletic wear, baby clothes

Items We Do Not Accept

Dress shirts, dresses, business clothing, formalwear, out-of-season clothing, used socks or underwear, items with tears, stains, missing buttons, or broken zippers, bathing suits, used bedding, toys, books, furniture, or appliances

Schedule Your Donation
Appointment

Community Action



At a holiday gathering, Sharon and her friends assembled packages of new clothing and essentials for infants and moms experiencing homelessness (left).

Again this winter, the children, families, and teachers of **Temple Beth Shalom Children's Center** donated hundreds of

new winter coats for families experiencing homelessness. The children excitedly filled the Circle of Hope van twice with warm coats (right)!



The team at **Chestnut Hill Realty** ran a sock drive and donated dozens of pairs of brand new socks to Circle of Hope (left).

Fikst donated an incredible 40 Dignity Bags filled with hygiene essentials like soap, shampoo, and toothpaste to COH (right).



Dave Lowe from **BeBOLD Bars** and Jim Glaser from **Jim Glaser Law** reached out to ask what items we needed most and did some shopping! They donated brand new clothing and winter essentials to help the families we serve stay warm (left).

The **Zumiez Foundation** donated an incredible 76 boxes of brand new winter clothing, jackets & socks to COH (right)!

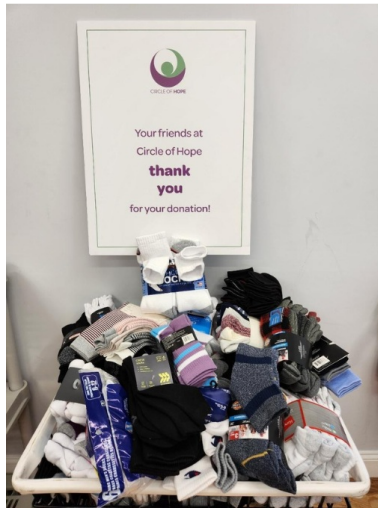


Deciphera Pharmaceuticals, a **Life Science Cares** member company, assembled and donated hundreds of COVID Kits to Circle of Hope (left)! We continue sending these prevention essentials to our partner shelters, healthcare clinics, and schools every week.

The **William Raveis** Needham office organized a Giving Tree again this holiday season, collecting brand new winter accessories for Circle of Hope (right)!



Thanks to **Life Science Cares'** winter coat drive we sent 116 brand new warm coats to our partner shelters and universities in Boston, helping adults experiencing homelessness stay warm and safe this winter.



Barb Delisle organized a sock drive at **First Parish Church** in Westwood and donated more than 300 new pairs of socks to Circle of Hope (left).

Twin sisters Shira and Ava Robinson, who have been knitting since they were just five years old, donated beautiful warm scarves to Circle of Hope to help their neighbors experiencing homelessness stay warm and safe (right).



Sony Productions donated new clothing from the set of the upcoming Marvel movie, *Madame Web*, which was partly filmed here in Massachusetts (left).

Garden Remedies ran another successful collection drive for Circle of Hope this winter and donated hygiene essentials for individuals experiencing homelessness (right).



Alana from **MassDOT** donated dozens of brand new winter hats, gloves, and other accessories to Circle of Hope (left).

Pamela ran a collection drive through her church and generously donated hygiene essentials and face masks to help individuals experiencing homelessness stay healthy (right).



Former Board Member Cecilie Pope and a group of generous friends, Juliette, Asha, Jane, Leah, Sonia, Jennifer, Allyson, and Kysa, assembled 30 New Mom Kits full of postpartum care essentials for mothers experiencing homelessness (left).

Elise, manager of **Oscar's** restaurant in Dedham, organized a collection drive and donated brand new clothing for infants and children experiencing homelessness (right).



Students at **Tucker Elementary School** [celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with acts of service](#), including assembling and donating Dignity Bags full of hygiene essentials to Circle of Hope! Thank you to COH Board Member Sarah Nethercote Escobedo Hart for helping coordinate this impactful project and dropping off the Dignity Bags!



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