



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** and have them sent to COH.

2. Drop off new and gently used donations in excellent condition in person. All donation drop-offs are by appointment.

To schedule an appointment to drop off **brand new** donations, **please click here.**

To schedule an appointment to drop off gently used donations, please click **here.**

Support COH

To make a financial contribution to Circle of Hope, **click here.**

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Dear Friends,

Happy spring! Already this year, Circle of Hope has made more than 65 deliveries to our partner programs, bringing clothing, outerwear, and health essentials to thousands of children and adults experiencing homelessness. Our generous community donates new and gently used items by appointment every week and our Go-To Crew has answered several urgent calls for help already in 2022. Thank you for your generosity!

Circle of Hope launched a new partnership with Framingham High School. We're helping high school students experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity by providing them with clothing, coats, and accessories.

I am so excited to invite you to Circle of Hope's annual fundraiser, Hope Blooms, on Thursday, June 2 at Heritage of Sherborn. At our first in-person Hope Blooms since 2019, we'll celebrate resilience, hope, and our giving community. I hope to see you there!

With warmest gratitude,
Barbara


Save the Date for Hope Blooms!

CIRCLE OF HOPE'S

Hope Blooms

THURSDAY, JUNE 2nd • 6pm • Heritage of Sherborn
33 N Main St, Sherborn, MA

Our Annual Fundraiser to Support Homeless Families and Individuals



CIRCLE OF HOPE

For the first time since 2019, our spring fundraiser will take place in person at Heritage of Sherborn. Please join us on Thursday, June 2 at 6pm at this beautiful, safe outdoor location for a celebration of hope and resilience!

posts to help spread the word about COH.



Current Needs



- Infant clothing
- Men's sweatpants
- Sneakers for men and women

You Must Hear This...

"I am so grateful to Circle of Hope. Having basic needs like underwear, socks, shoes on hand that our patients need every day makes our jobs in case management easier. We know we can have something to offer our patients to engage them in care, build trust, make a tough day a little easier, and show that we are here to help."

-Elyse Dalal-Asfha
Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program

This important event fuels our vital work providing clothing, hygiene supplies, PPE, and other health essentials to families and individuals experiencing homelessness in Boston and MetroWest.

Hope Blooms 2022 will be an evening filled with spring flowers, delicious food, and much needed support for our community. We will also honor Board member, committed volunteer, and generous donor, Bruce Goody, for his unwavering dedication to the families and individuals we serve.



Tickets go on sale soon so please stay tuned. For more information about Hope Blooms, including sponsorship opportunities, please visit us online at www.circleofhopeonline.org/events.

[Learn More](#)

New Pilot Program At Framingham High School

Circle of Hope launched a new pilot partnership with Framingham High School (FHS) to provide essential clothing to students experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity.

We made our first delivery in December, bringing warm coats, boots, socks, and accessories for high school students who urgently needed them for winter. Mark Goldschmidt, Program Coordinator at the Resiliency for Life program at FHS, told us the first student was thrilled to receive Circle of Hope donations that very same day:



"It was adorable to see how happy she was! She was literally humming music while she looked through the options. She is the student who needed the boots and she was so grateful that you sent some in her size."

Following a public hearing Circle of Hope participated in, a City of Framingham administrator asked if we could help homeless students at FHS who didn't have winter coats or clothes. We reached out to Goldschmidt and learned that 60 students were homeless and needed donations. Two weeks later, our volunteer driver made the first delivery with coats and clothes for 10 students. We are currently awaiting word on grant funding from the City of Framingham to allow us to help more children in Framingham who are experiencing homelessness.

"I think what you do is so vital and HOW you do it is so impressive," Goldschmidt said of COH.

COVID-19 Policy and Donation Guidelines

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.

Donation Guidelines

In addition to brand new items, we accept donations of gently used casual clothing in excellent condition, including: T-shirts (short and long sleeve), sweatpants, sweatshirts, jackets, coats, winter boots, leggings, athletic wear, and jeans. **We can not accept button-down shirts, dresses, business clothing, formalwear, out-of-season clothing, or used socks or underwear.**

We can accept no more than **3 paper grocery bags or white kitchen trash bags of gently used clothing per drop-off**. There is no bag limit for brand new donations.

Appointments are required for donation drop-offs and can be scheduled via Sign Up Genius. To schedule a drop-off appointment, please click the buttons below. For more information on our donation guidelines and policies, [please visit our website](#).

Donate NEW items

Donate GENTLY USED Items

Community Action



Goldfish Swim School (left) in Needham held a family swim event and instead of charging families for admission, they asked for donations to Circle of Hope! With the funds they donated, we immediately purchased new clothing specifically needed by individuals experiencing homelessness in Boston.



Again this year, Bonnie (right) from **B in Touch Massage Therapy** organized an amazing sock drive for Circle of Hope! In addition to hundreds of pairs of brand new socks, Bonnie and her clients donated new face masks and jackets for families and individuals experiencing homelessness.



Cocotree Kids (left) donated more than 700 pairs of brand new underwear for children experiencing homelessness. Together, we are giving vulnerable kids the essentials they need for health and dignity.

Jeff and Jamie Engle from **Little Kids Inc.** (right) donated hundreds of mini sanitizers to Circle of Hope. These sanitizers can clip to backpacks so kids have access throughout the day.



Rafi Nova made multiple generous donations to Circle of Hope this past month, donating thousands of face masks, winter accessories, sweatpants, and hand sanitizers for families experiencing homelessness. Thank you to Marissa and Adam Goldstein at Rafi Nova for their incredible compassion and generosity! Thank you also to Jessie and everyone in the **Be Kind Needham** community for helping coordinate these donations.



Employees at **Seismic Therapeutic** (left), a **Life Science Cares** member company, assembled and donated 190 COVID Kits to Circle of Hope, helping slow the spread of COVID-19 in Boston-area homeless shelters and healthcare clinics.

Employees at **Garden Remedies** organized an incredible collection drive and fundraiser for Circle of Hope, donating more than \$4,000 and 200 new and gently used articles of clothing for families experiencing homelessness (right).



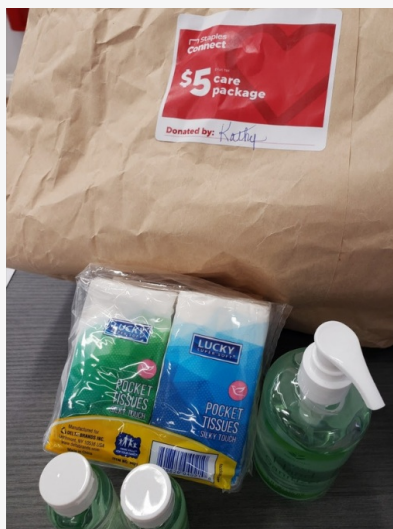
Just before a heavy snowstorm, **Anika Therapeutics** donated hundreds of new winter coats and gear to Circle of Hope (left). These essentials helped prevent frostbite and hypothermia.

Thanks to a generous donation from **Johnson Brunetti Investments**, we gave dozens of individuals experiencing homelessness the new socks and underwear they needed for health and dignity.



Our deepest thanks to **St. Luke's Church Dedham** for giving so generously to Circle of Hope again this year! Jane (left) dropped off dozens of fully assembled Dignity Bags for families and individuals experiencing homelessness.

Temple Beth Shalom Children's Center saw our recent request for toddler sizes and sprang into action, donating dozens of fabulous brand new Carters coats (right)!



Preschool families and teachers at **Temple Aliyah** (left) collected and donated warm winter gear for families experiencing homelessness, helping our vulnerable neighbors stay warm this winter and spring.

Christ Episcopal Church collected hygiene supplies through Staples and donated these health essentials to Circle of Hope (right).



Thank you to longtime donor and volunteer Louise (left) for donating dry cleaned winter coats to Circle of Hope!

The **Rotary Club of Needham** donated brand new items directly off our Amazon Wish List and baby clothing from Carters (right). Over the years, members of the Rotary Club have impacted thousands of lives by donating, organizing collection drives, and even volunteering to sort coats at COH.



Deerfield Elementary School in Westwood held an amazing sock drive for Circle of Hope! Last week, Jenny (left) dropped off three big bags of brand new socks as well as a generous cash donation from the students and families.

The wonderful **Broadmeadow Daisy Girl Scouts** (right) made COVID Kits for children experiencing homelessness and donated them to Circle of Hope.



A fabulous fifth grader named Sydney organized a boot and sock drive called "Boots in Bins" and collected donations outside of the elementary schools in Canton (left).

Jordan (right) from Westwood donated boxes of new toiletries and hygiene essentials to Circle of Hope, promoting health and dignity for the people we serve who are homeless.



Thank you to the many kind donors who assembled and donated COVID Kits to Circle of Hope recently! While case numbers have dropped significantly, people experiencing homelessness are still at heightened risk of COVID-19 and its complications. We're grateful to our community for helping reduce the spread of illness in crowded shelters and healthcare clinics.

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