



CIRCLE OF HOPE

Helping to build a brighter future for people in need

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Circle of Hope is moving to Needham Center!

We will be **closed** Friday, Nov. 8 through Sunday, Nov. 17 for the move.

Opening Day at 1329 Highland Avenue will be **Monday, November 18!**

Drop-Off Times

Monday
9:00 - 11:00 am

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

Dear Friends of Circle of Hope,

Circle of Hope's big move is just weeks away! Starting on Monday, November 18, please come see us at 1329 Highland Avenue in Needham Center.

We have accomplished so much at 65 Rosemary Street, giving nearly \$5 million worth of clothing and necessities to tens of thousands of children, women, and men who are homeless. In our new space, we will help even more vulnerable individuals and families who rely on Circle of Hope. I am beyond grateful to everyone who made this move possible.

This month, we ask you to help Circle of Hope continue to grow and deepen its impact by donating to our Annual Campaign. Below, please read more about how Circle of Hope is helping college students who are homeless. Later this month, please keep an eye on your mailbox to learn about how you can bring health, dignity, and hope to these struggling students in the coming year.

With a grateful heart,

Barbara P. Waterhouse

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Executive Director

Circle of Hope is moving THIS MONTH

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

Thursday
9:00 - 11:00 am

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

Special Requests

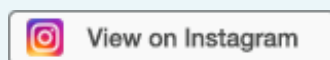
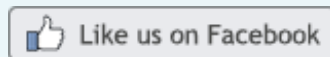


- Full-size toiletries
- Winter accessories for men and women

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...

"Your efforts are beyond commendable and prove that we can all do

This week is your last-ever chance to donate at 65 Rosemary Street! We are open with normal drop-off hours today, tomorrow, and Thursday. **Circle of Hope will be closed Friday, Nov. 8 through Sunday, Nov. 17** so we can move to our new space.

Opening Day at 1329 Highland Avenue will be Monday, November 18!

Please stop by during our opening week to see our beautiful new space. We will resume shelter deliveries right away, so we will need your donations of clothing, boots, sneakers, coats, linens, and new, unopened toiletries when we re-open.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to [Petrini Corporation](#) for building renovations and interior construction of 1329 Highland Avenue. They kept us updated every step of the way and consulted with Circle of Hope on every detail of the new space. We are so grateful for their generosity, professionalism, and amazing work!

We are also very grateful to [Mark's Moving & Storage](#) for donating their services for our move! In our new space, we'll be able to help more homeless individuals and families than ever before - and Mark's Moving & Storage is getting us there. Thank you for supporting Circle of Hope and the vulnerable children, women, and men we serve.



Our Annual Campaign Launches This Month

This month, we'll tell you about a young man named Fox who fled an abusive home in Florida and came to Boston. He found a job and enrolled in community college, but he couldn't keep up with rent. He lost his apartment and became homeless, but he stayed in school.

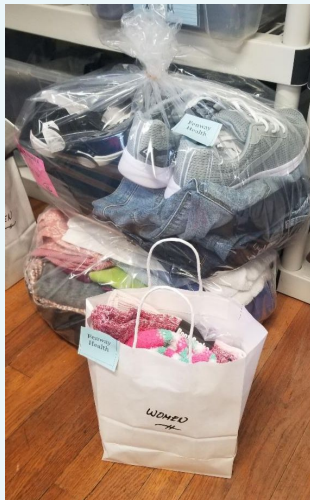


In Massachusetts, 13% of community college students and 10% of four-year college students experienced homelessness in the past year. When Governor Baker announced a pilot program in January to provide housing and meals to homeless students at eight colleges and universities in the state, Circle of Hope sprang into action. We immediately launched Get Set, a program to provide clothing and toiletries to homeless students at Framingham State University and MassBay Community College. This fall, we expanded Get Set by partnering with the University of Massachusetts Boston to help homeless

something to better the lives of others. I'm so grateful that TJX and your organization had the opportunity to come together, allowing us to help in the work you are doing.

**-Chris, Regional
Manager, TJX
Companies**

Go-To Crew Success



In early October, we asked our Go-To Crew for help responding to an urgent request to help patients at Fenway Health's Violence Recovery Program (VRP). Within days of receiving the request, we brought clothes and shoes in the correct sizes, along with Dignity Bags full of essential toiletries. We're very grateful to our Go-To Crew and volunteers for helping these individuals who are homeless and recovering from trauma.

students there.

Get Set helps homeless college students stay in school and attend classes in good health. With your support, we can help these vulnerable students pursue a brighter future.

Keep an eye on your mailbox so you can read more about Fox's story, and the story of thousands of college students experiencing homelessness right now. Please consider donating to our Annual Campaign by December 31. Donations can be mailed to PO Box 920724, Needham, MA 02492 or submitted online by [clicking here](#).

Emergency Response to Boston Police Department

In October, a family of five children suddenly became homeless in Boston. Their mother was hospitalized and the five young children were placed in foster care. They did not have access to any of their belongings and they all needed clothing and jackets to wear immediately.



Our partners in Boston Police Department District E-13 asked us for help on a Friday while Circle of Hope was closed. The officer explained that the children could not wait until the following week for clothing. Our staff saw the email and worked together with a COH volunteer to respond immediately to the officer's urgent requests. Our Operations Manager gathered some of the needed items and our volunteer shopper, Heidi, purchased the children's new shoes and clothes we didn't have.

At 9:00 a.m. on Saturday - less than 24 hours after receiving the request - we gave the Boston Police Officer full wardrobes for all five children. It means everything to help children who lost their home and were without their mother. With the help of our amazing staff, volunteers, and donors, these traumatized children had the clean clothing they needed immediately that weekend, shoes to wear to school the next week, and the jackets they will need to stay warm and healthy throughout the fall season.

Thanks to our generous donors, we had many of the items these kids needed and could buy what they needed in our emergency response. We are proud of this incredible teamwork to help homeless kids in crisis.

Circle of Hope Receives Grant from TJX

Companies



We are excited to share that Circle of Hope received a \$10,000 grant from the TJX Companies to support our Welcome Baby Program!

The TJX Companies presented a check to Circle of Hope at the Grand Opening of a new Marshalls store in Newton last month.

"Your efforts are beyond commendable and prove that we can all do something to better the lives of others. I'm so grateful that TJX and your organization had the opportunity to come together, allowing us to help in the work you are doing," said Chris Jones of the TJX Companies.

Funds from the TJX Companies will allow Circle of Hope to provide Welcome Baby Bags and porta-cribs to more newborns who are homeless in the next year. We are very grateful to TJX for this generous contribution and we are thrilled to have the opportunity to deepen our support for homeless infants and parents. Thank you!

Community Action



After another successful fall sale, **ParentTalk** donated several bags of children's clothing to Circle of Hope to protect homeless children this fall.

The **Westwood Rotary Club** held another collection drive for Circle of Hope and dropped off several carloads of

donations for homeless individuals and families!



The **Town of Belmont** held another Recycling Day in October and collected donations for Circle of Hope. Local volunteers and employees of the Department of Public Works worked together to collect, store, and transport two truckloads of donations to Circle of Hope. Thank you very much for keeping homeless individuals and families warm and healthy this fall!



A longtime Circle of Hope supporter named Caren saw our Go-To Crew request for toiletries and immediately purchased four bags of shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste for Circle of Hope. Thank you for helping us bring these vital dignity items to the homeless college students who desperately needed them!



Employees at **Johnson & Johnson** in Cambridge also saw our urgent Go-To Crew request and immediately donated dozens of full-size toiletries to help college students who are experiencing homelessness. Thank you

for your generosity!



Local yoga instructor Samantha Hoff held three Yoga on the Common classes in August, September, and October. The classes were free but Samantha accepted donations to raise vital funds for Circle of Hope. Thank you, Samantha, for your generous donation!



Two talented knitters donated handmade winter accessories to Circle of Hope last month. Thank you to these generous donors for using your skills to help people who are experiencing homelessness.



The **Lutheran Women's Missionary League** collected 239 pairs of new socks at their zone rally at **St. Luke's** in Dedham last month. We are grateful for their generous donation!
