



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. Drop off new and gently used donations in excellent condition in person. All donation drop-offs are by appointment. [Schedule your appointment here.](#)

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,

This year, Circle of Hope has received more requests to help families in crisis than ever before. We need your support as we answer every urgent call for help. Please [donate to our Annual Campaign](#) by December 31 to protect the health and dignity of thousands of people experiencing homelessness this year.

I'm proud to introduce you to the Circle of Hope Board of Directors' newest member, Mariette Bien-Aime Ayala, who oversees student support services at UMass Boston, our largest Get Set partner. We are so fortunate to have her as a partner leader and now Board Member!

I'm beyond thrilled to announce that Circle of Hope received an extraordinarily generous donation from Suzanne and Robert Nethercote in August. As you'll read below, this transformative gift will enable Circle of Hope to help thousands of people in deepest need. I am profoundly grateful to the Nethercotes for their generosity and compassion.

Thank you for your clothing donations, collection drives, and employee engagement events this fall! If you are interested in planning a collection drive or other giving project this holiday season, our [Collection Drive Guide](#) is here to help. Please visit our [website](#) for more ways to support the families and individuals we serve.

Thank you for changing lives every day with your generosity!

With warmest gratitude,
Barbara

A Transformative Gift to Circle Of Hope

Current Needs



- Winter coats for all ages
- New socks and underwear
- New, unopened toiletries

You Must Hear This...

"[A student] told us that almost all of his clothes had been stolen out of a storage bin behind their former home. After saying he was incredibly grateful he added, 'I usually don't get to pick my own clothes, so this is extra special for me.'"

-Mark Goldschmidt,
Resiliency for Life
Program Coordinator,
Framingham High School



It is with profound gratitude that we announce Circle of Hope received an extraordinarily generous donation from Suzanne and Robert Nethercote in August. The largest donation in Circle of Hope's 14-year history, the Nethercotes' gift will support and amplify Circle of Hope's mission-specific immediate needs and help thousands of children and adults experiencing homelessness in Boston and MetroWest.

Sue and Bob are longtime supporters of Circle of Hope. Deeply motivated to help others, the Nethercotes and their family are also generous with their time. Their daughter Sarah Nethercote Escobedo Hart is the Director of Development at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and has served on the Circle of Hope Board of Directors since

2016. Sarah and Sue have partnered together on a number of occasions to help Circle of Hope. One memorable year for our annual fundraising event, Sue put her interior design skills to work and decorated a mermaid themed girls room to benefit Circle of Hope's mission. When a 2019 fire destroyed a building in Boston, Sue and Sarah (pictured) sorted clothing at COH for the displaced families and made an emergency delivery immediately after the fire.



"My parents have devoted their lives to helping underserved and displaced populations," Sarah said. "Nothing brings them more satisfaction than supporting these most vulnerable families. I am so proud of their extraordinary generosity and delighted that Circle of Hope will be able to continue fulfilling their mission."

"On behalf of the entire Circle of Hope team and the people we serve, I give my heartfelt thanks to Sue and Bob Nethercote for

their transformative gift to Circle of Hope," said COH Executive Director Barbara Waterhouse. "With this gift, the Nethercotes will impact the lives of thousands of vulnerable families and individuals in need of help and hope."

Welcoming Circle of Hope's New Board Member

We are excited to introduce Circle of Hope's new Board of Directors Member, Mariette Bien-Aime Ayala, PhD!

Dr. Ayala is Director of Urban and Off-Campus Support Services (U-Access) at the University of Massachusetts (UMass) Boston. She completed her MA in Student Affairs and Higher Education at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 2013 and her PhD in Urban Education, Leadership and Policy at UMass Boston in 2019. She was born in Boston and has close ties to her family in Haiti. She enjoys working as an advocate for underrepresented youth in her community.



Dr. Ayala has been integral to the success of Circle of Hope's partnership with UMass Boston. As director of U-ACCESS, she facilitates support for college students experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity and distributes COH donations to those in deepest need of our help. We are excited to welcome her to the COH Board of Directors, where her policy expertise, nonprofit board experience, and unique perspective as a COH partner will inform operations and amplify our mission helping students and families experiencing homelessness.

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



Steevel C., Area Manager of **UNIQLO Boston**, visited Circle of Hope to help sort donated clothing through the RE.UNIQLO program. In addition to the regular donations of gently used clothing, UNIQLO gave an additional donation of new clothing and jackets to support newly arrived Haitian refugee families this fall.



Life Science Cares member companies kicked off fall by giving generously to Circle of Hope!

Infraredx (left) donated an incredible 200 Emergency Clothing Kits, giving individuals in immediate crisis the warm clothing they need for health and safety this fall.

Perspective Group (top right) assembled and donated dozens of Emergency Clothing Kits and hygiene kits to COH.

Claria Partners (bottom right) gave dozens of fully stocked Welcome Baby Bags to Circle of Hope, helping newborns experiencing homelessness get a strong and healthy start.



47 (left) donated apparel and accessories to Circle of Hope again this fall, helping protect health and dignity for thousands of families and individuals experiencing homelessness.

Anthropologie (right) in Cambridge held a toiletry drive for Circle of Hope, helping people experiencing homelessness keep themselves and their families healthy during cold and flu season.



The children and teachers at **Needham Children's Center** (left) ran a collection drive and donated essential clothing to Circle of Hope.

William O'Donnell and the **Norfolk County Registry of Deeds** (right) donated new and like-new clothing and sneakers to Circle of Hope through their "Suits for Success" program.



Needham High School's Students Acting to Make A

Difference (SAMD) assembled and donated 40 Dignity Bags to Circle of Hope (left). SAMD is also donating the proceeds from their recent performances of The Addams Family to COH!

Norma from **Just Simply** (right) donated new and gently used clothing from her clients to Circle of Hope.



The **Rotary Club of Needham** (left) assembled and donated 15 Welcome Baby Bags to Circle of Hope. This generous group has supported Circle of Hope for many years now and has impacted the lives of thousands of people experiencing homelessness.

Molly and Abby (right) ran a collection drive for their B'not Mitzvah and donated brand new socks, underwear, and undershirts to Circle of Hope! Their friends and family also donated to COH in their honor, amplifying the impact of their drive and helping even more people experiencing homelessness.



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