



CIRCLE OF HOPE

Helping to build a brighter future for people in need

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Our second-annual family event, Full Circle, will take place Saturday, **Nov. 4** from 10:00 a.m. until noon. We hope to see you there!

DROP-OFF TIMES:

Monday
9:00 - 11:00 am

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

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

Thursday
9:00 - 11:00 am

Dear Friends of Circle of Hope,

We are welcoming fall with all operations in full swing after our brief summer respite! With your help, we quickly refilled our shelves and have been busy sorting, packaging, and delivering these wonderful donations to our partner shelters. Our newest partner family shelter in Framingham, Pearl Street, was particularly effusive in their thanks for their first donation delivery.

Please join me in welcoming Circle of Hope's new Operations Manager, Jody Barnet, and our new Development Associate, Christine Ruddy. Jody hit the ground running with operations management and all volunteer coordination Monday through Thursday mornings. Christine will be coordinating our grant and fundraising activities. When you see Jody and Christine around Circle of Hope, be sure to say hello, and be prepared for a big smile and warm hug!

I'm excited to invite you all to our second-annual Full Circle family event this November 4th on Needham Common! Last year was such an amazing and impactful morning for the 300 parents and children who attended as well as for the volunteers and staff. Please join us again for another day of family fun!

With deepest thanks,

Barbara P. Waterhouse

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Executive Director

Full Circle Reminder

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

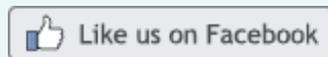


Special Requests

- **Baby clothes (sizes 6-24 months)**
- **Shoes/sneakers for children and adults**
- **Fall jackets for children and adults**



To make a financial donation to Circle of Hope, [click here](#).



You Must Hear This..

"Thank you for the opportunity to be at Circle of Hope and to help those in need. I have never felt more valuable."

-Ann Marie, COH Volunteer

Circle of Hope's second-annual family event, Full Circle, is just a month away! On Saturday, November 4, please join us on Needham Town Common for a fun and meaningful morning to help the homeless. Once again, there will be stations where children and their parents can participate in engaging hands-on, age-appropriate activities aimed at helping homeless children and adults in Boston and Metro West. Many of last year's stations will be back, along with a few new surprises!



Children decorating donation bags at Full Circle 2016.

Date: Saturday, Nov. 4
Time: 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.
Location: Needham Town Common
Cost: FREE

For more information about Full Circle, [visit our website!](#)

From the Heart



Bruce Goody and Jonathan Moretz

Circle of Hope Board Member and volunteer driver Bruce Goody performed a concert with guitarist Jonathan Moretz for residents and staff of Rosie's Place last week. When asked how they felt about the music, residents described it as "beautiful" and "peaceful" and requested that Bruce and Jonathan return in the future for another concert. In addition to sharing his musical talent with the people we serve, Bruce also volunteers every week to drive donations to Circle of Hope's partner shelters. Thank you, Bruce!



Beth Israel Deaconess
Medical Center



HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL
TEACHING HOSPITAL

Circle of Hope received a Community Health Grant from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC) to support our partnership with the Violence Recovery Program (VRP) at Fenway Health and the innovative program we created at the Bowdoin Geneva Teen Center in Roxbury. Circle of Hope Board of Directors member Sarah Hart applied for this grant from her employer, BIDMC, based on her in-depth knowledge of Circle of Hope's impact in these communities. "I'm involved because I have been so impressed with the strength and reach of this remarkable organization. I sometimes volunteer with my children as incorporating family philanthropy and service is an important part of Circle of Hope's mission as well as my own," Sarah said.

"The grant recipients are organizations that reflect the great work that goes on in local communities to meet the wellness needs of its residents," said Jane Matlaw, Director of Community Relations at BIDMC. We are so very grateful to Sarah and BIDMC!

To read BIDMC's full press release, [click here](#).

Welcoming Our Newest Staff Members



Please welcome Circle of Hope's newest staff members, Jody Barnett (left) and Christine Ruddy (right)!

Jody Barnett is Circle of Hope's new Operations Manager. Jody has spent most of her career in customer service, account management and education. Most recently, she has been volunteering at her children's elementary school. Jody grew up in Needham and loves living here with her husband and two kids. She enjoys spin classes, reading, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

Christine Ruddy is Circle of Hope's new Development Associate. Prior to joining our team, Christine has been practicing real estate law and raising her three children. She lives in Needham with her family and enjoys cooking, tennis and gathering around the dinner table with family and friends.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). Did you know that Circle of Hope serves domestic violence shelters in protected locations - the Asian Taskforce Against Domestic Violence (ATASK) and Renewal House, as well as patients at Fenway Health's Violence Recovery Program (VRP)? These emergency programs provide housing and other services for survivors of domestic violence and their children who are fleeing dangerous relationships. 90% of women experiencing homelessness have also experienced severe abuse at some point in their lives,

according to the National Network to End Domestic Violence.

There are many ways to help survivors of domestic violence, this month and every month. One way is to donate to Circle of Hope's Emergency Fund so that we can provide clothing, baby items, and toiletries to the survivors within 48 hours of their arrival at our partner domestic violence shelters. These important items help meet the most basic needs of the survivors as they rebuild their lives.

Donate to Circle of Hope's Emergency Fund by [clicking here](#).
