



Helping to build a brighter future for people in need

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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,

We have a big update on our upcoming move...

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

I'm so excited to welcome you to our wonderful new fully-accessible space. With so much more space, we'll operate even more efficiently and help more children, women, and men who are homeless than ever before. Thank you to everyone who helped make this dream a reality.

In this issue, you'll read important details about our move and Opening Day, COH's amazing new partnership with UMass Boston, and the generous ways our community helped the homeless individuals and families we serve this past month.

With a grateful heart,

Barbara P. Waterhouse

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Executive Director

Circle of Hope is Moving to Needham Center **UPDATE**



Our new space at 1329 Highland Avenue is under construction and will be ready for move-in next month!

Circle of Hope will be closed Friday, Nov. 8 through Sunday, Nov. 17 so we can move everything to our new space. The last day (ever!) to drop off donations at 65 Rosemary Street will be Thursday, Nov. 7.

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



- New socks
- New, unopened toiletries
- Towels

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.

 Like us on Facebook

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You Must Hear This..

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

At our new location, donating will be easier than ever. We'll have ample off-street parking for the first time and an exterior ramp for wheelchair accessibility. For directions to 1329 Highland Avenue, [click here](#).

Inside, there will be built-in sorting counters and storage cubbies for our volunteers. Rolling bins will make it much easier to move donations, and a loading dock will allow volunteers to load donations directly into the COH van.

We will continue to share more details about our move via email and on our [website](#) and social media. If you have any questions about our big move, please don't hesitate to email us [by clicking here](#) or simply replying to this email.

Circle of Hope Goes Green(er)

Every year, Massachusetts residents throw away 230,000 tons of textiles. By repurposing gently worn clothing, shoes, and linens to keep homeless individuals healthy, Circle of Hope also keeps thousands of textiles out of landfills, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and helps the environment.

In our new home, we're going a few steps further. We'll implement new strategies to reduce our environmental impact, starting with the building itself. Our new space is being built with the most up-to-date energy efficiency standards. As part of our "Circle of Hope Goes Green(er)" plan, we'll take additional steps to reduce our energy consumption, reliance on single-use plastics, and use of paper, as well as increase recycling.



We will share more information about our plan to "go greener" when we move into our new location next month. Stay tuned!

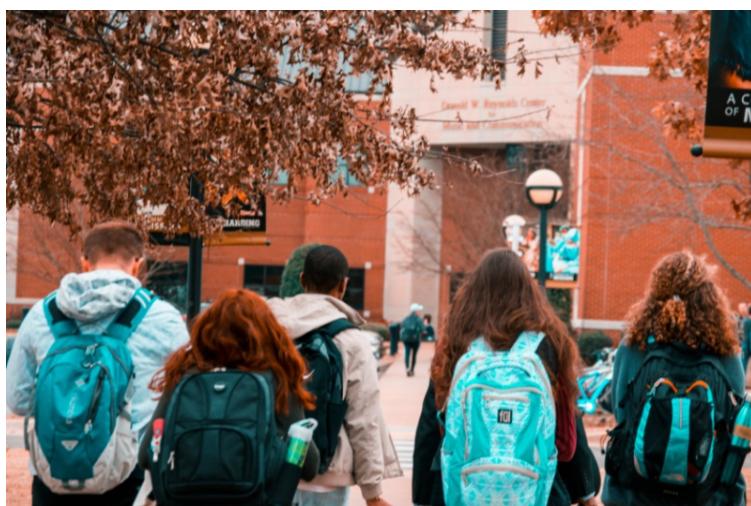
New Partnership with UMass Boston

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-Ashlee Renich-Malek,
Associate Coordinator of
U-ACCESS at UMass
Boston

Go-To Crew Success

Last month, we sent an urgent request to our "Go-To Crew" for new full-size toiletries. Our new partner, UMass Boston, desperately needed more toiletries to help homeless college students stay healthy. Within days, we received donations of shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothbrushes, and toothpaste from several wonderful donors! One donor, Kati, even collected toiletries at her book club and donated them right away. Thank you to Kati and everyone who donated for helping college students who are homeless!



Our new "Get Set" program is expanding! We formed a new partnership with the University of Massachusetts Boston (UMass) and made our first delivery of clothing and toiletries in September to help college students who are experiencing homelessness.

Ashlee Renich-Malek, Associate Coordinator of the Office of Urban and Off-Campus Support Services (U-ACCESS) at UMass Boston, said of Circle of Hope's services: "The work that we are doing collectively every day helps people in our communities meet their basic needs in a way that is a human right, and for that, I cannot be more grateful."

We launched "Get Set" last spring to help the 10% of four-year college students and 13% of community college students who are experiencing homelessness in Massachusetts. In April, we partnered with Framingham State University (FSU) to bring clothing and toiletries to homeless students at FSU and MassBay Community College. By providing seasonally appropriate clothing and everyday essentials, we help homeless college students stay healthy while they pursue their education.

Yoga on the Common



Local yoga instructor Samantha Hoff is hosting another yoga class on Needham Town Common on October 20. The class is FREE, but Samantha is accepting donations to raise money for Circle of Hope!

Samantha already held two free classes in August and September and raised vital funds for the homeless children, women, and men we serve. We're grateful to Samantha for this new fundraiser to help Circle of Hope keep homeless individuals and families healthy.

Details of the next class are below.

What: All levels vinyasa yoga class

Where: Needham Town Common (in front of Town Hall)

When: Sunday, Oct. 20 from 12:30-1:30 (arrive 15 minutes early to set up)

For more info, visit Samantha's website by [clicking here.](#)

Community Action



Hope and Comfort donated an entire van full of dignity items last month. With their help, we were able to send dozens of boxes of essential toiletries to our partner shelters right at the start of cold and flu season.



Wegmans generously donated 100 fully assembled Dignity Bags and baby items to Circle of Hope! Employees packed each bag with toothbrushes, soap, and other essentials for health. Wegmans also sponsored HOPE Blooms earlier this year and provided dessert for the event. We're extremely grateful for the many ways they have helped the homeless individuals and families we serve this year!



St. Luke's Dedham collected new socks for homeless individuals and donated nearly 200 pairs to Circle of Hope. Clean socks are critical to the health of homeless children, women, and men. Thank you to St. Luke's for your generous donation!