



CIRCLE OF HOPE

Helping to build a brighter future for people in need

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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

Saturday (Sept.-June)

Dear Friends of Circle of Hope,

Circle of Hope has re-opened with normal hours after a rejuvenating summer break! We are thrilled to welcome back all of our wonderful volunteers and donors. We are looking forward to another year supporting Greater Boston's most vulnerable residents.

Just a few days into the season, we have hit the ground running and have several exciting things coming up! Read on to learn about our brand new website, a new shelter partnership, and our second-annual family event, Full Circle, which will take place this November.

With deepest thanks,

Barbara P. Waterhouse

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Executive Director

Save the Date!



Circle of Hope's second-annual family event, Full Circle, will take place on **Saturday, November 4 from 10:00 a.m. until noon** on Needham Town Common. Last year, more than 300 parents and children joined us for our kick-off event. We hope you can join us again this year for another day of community service and family fun!

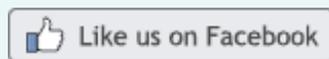
Expanding Our Services in Metro West

Special Requests



- **Seasonal clothing in all sizes for men, women, infants, and children - fall jackets, light layers**

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



You Must Hear This..

"Donating clothing is such a direct way to assist homeless and formerly homeless women with basic needs - and we are endlessly grateful for your continued support."

-On The Rise Staff



Pearl Street Shelter in Framingham

After more than 6 months, we officially declared our pilot partnership with Clinton Street Shelter a success! Circle of Hope was able to regularly provide clothing in the correct sizes for eight families living in the Framingham shelter, and will continue to do so going forward.

Having successfully launched our expansion into Metro West, we set out to continue expanding our impact by establishing a partnership with Pearl Street Shelter in Framingham. Beginning this month, we will begin making monthly deliveries of clothing, Welcome Baby Bags, and bedding to the shelter's 12 families. The shelter's resident population includes 13 children, the majority of whom are under the age of five. Pearl Street Shelter, like Clinton Street, is operated by South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC), and we are very grateful for their partnership!

In recent years, the drastic increase in family homelessness has led to the transfer of many homeless families from Boston shelters to shelters in surrounding towns. Circle of Hope's goal is to continue to meet the growing need for clothing and necessities in the areas with the greatest need.

Compassion In Action



On The Rise in Cambridge

Circle of Hope was closed in August, but our volunteers still found a way to make an impact on the people we serve!

Our volunteer scheduler, Claudie, checks the Circle of Hope email even when we are closed evenings, weekends, and vacations. In late August, she opened an email from one of our Cambridge partners, On The Rise, which is a day program for women who are homeless and formerly homeless. On The Rise provides many services and resources to guests, including the opportunity to take a daily shower. As a staff member at On The Rise shared, "Often times a shower is the only alone time a woman has and it's something we've come to realize is treasured time."

On The Rise was urgently in need of towels for their guests. Knowing we were closed, a staff member reached out to Circle of Hope anyway, just in case. Claudie read the email and sprang into action, gathered the requested number of towels from her own home, and personally delivered them to On The Rise using her own vehicle. Claudie has not only personally donated to our partner shelters before, she also dedicates hours each week to helping organize all of our deliveries and volunteer drivers. She is a deeply compassionate, committed volunteer and we are so grateful to have her!

Our New Website Has Launched!

After months in the works, we are pleased to announce that Circle of Hope's new website has launched! You can find up-to-date hours, announcements, and information about donating clothing, volunteering at COH, and more. The URL is still the same, so check it out today: www.circleofhopeonline.org.