



CIRCLE OF HOPE

Helping to build a brighter future for people in need

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Full Circle

Circle of Hope's family event, Full Circle, is back for its third year!

On **Saturday, October 13th** from 10am until noon, join us on Needham Town Common for a fun and meaningful morning of volunteering together.

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 re-opened after a brief respite and I am excited to welcome back our donors, volunteers, and staff! We've got such important work to do together protecting homeless infants, children, women, and men.

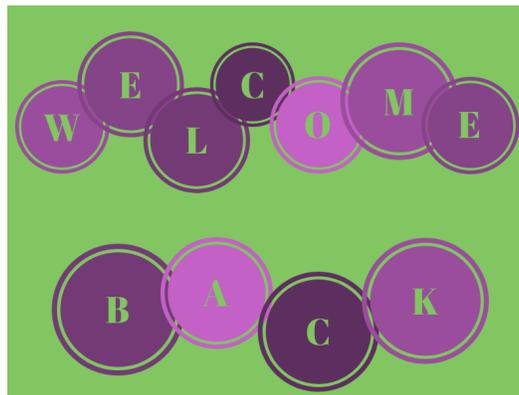
We sent out deliveries this week for the children and adults who became homeless while we were closed in August. Now we need your help re-stocking our shelves! Please donate new and gently-used seasonal clothing and shoes as soon as possible. Children who are homeless need clean clothing and shoes in the correct sizes so they can go to school ready to learn.

I am also excited to invite you to Circle of Hope's third-annual family event, Full Circle! This fun event will take place on Saturday, October 13th from 10am until noon on Needham Town Common. I hope to see you there!

With deepest thanks,

Barbara B. Waterhouse

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Executive Director



Welcome Back to Circle of Hope!

Circle of Hope has re-opened after a brief break and we are accepting donations during normal drop-off hours.

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

- **Seasonal clothing** for infants, children, women, and men (light layers, jackets, shoes)



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

Help homeless children and adults by replenishing our supply of seasonal clothing, shoes, light jackets, and linens!



Gratitude from Mayor Marty Walsh

Circle of Hope was **recognized by Boston Mayor Marty Walsh** at the ribbon-cutting ceremony in August celebrating renovations at Woods-Mullen Shelter. Operated by the Boston Public Health Commission, Woods-Mullen is the largest homeless shelter for women in New England and houses 200 homeless women each night. Circle of Hope provides clothing, shoes, and toiletries to the vulnerable women twice each month.

On behalf of the mayor, Boston's Chief of Health & Human Services Marty Martinez had this to say to Circle of Hope: "Thank you for the important work you all do to support the most vulnerable. Thank you for your support to help all Bostonians reach their full potential."

Back to School With Our Help

Back-to-school season can be an exciting time for students, but for homeless children, it brings a unique set of stressful challenges. While many of their peers start the school year with a new wardrobe, homeless students do not have new clothes each year to fit their growing bodies. They must wear summer clothes well into fall and winter, usually the same one or two outfits every day. A lack of clean, well-fitting, comfortable clothing can make it more difficult for children to go to school ready to learn and can have long-term effects on their education.

Last year, Circle of Hope provided clothing to 850 infants and children experiencing homelessness throughout Greater Boston. Family shelters turn to us for help clothing for their youngest residents. For example, next week Circle of Hope will bring clothing in the correct sizes requested for 15 children ranging from 3 months to 16 years old at Pearl Street Shelter in Framingham.

According to Executive Director of SchoolHouse Connection Barbara Duffield, "Homelessness is about

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"Thank you for doing God's work."

-Boston Mayor Marty Walsh in public address to Circle of Hope

Parking Update

Due to an ongoing construction project, parking is once again restricted on Rosemary Street in front of Circle of Hope. Donors can still pull over briefly to drop off donations - just be sure to leave your hazards on while you come inside!

poverty, violence, housing - but it's also about education. Education is the number one thing to prevent future homelessness." By providing clean, well-fitting clothing, Circle of Hope empowers homeless students to attend school every day, helps build their confidence, and enables them to focus on their education and break the cycle of poverty.

