



COVID-19 Response Updates from COH

July Impact

In July alone, Circle of Hope made 21 deliveries to our partner shelters, clinics, and programs, providing 12,000 toiletries, bottles of hand soap, face masks, shoes, and pieces of new clothing to homeless families and individuals.

Despite the campus being closed, Circle of Hope made its first delivery to Framingham State University (FSU) since the COVID-19 crisis began. University staff are providing our donations to homeless students by appointment through the Rams Resource Center food pantry on campus. We're thrilled to be able to continue providing necessities to these vulnerable students.



We also made our first delivery to Fenway Health's Violence Recovery Program (VRP) since the pandemic began, bringing face masks, gloves, hand soap, toiletries, and new clothing to members of the LGBTQ community who are experiencing homelessness and have survived interpersonal violence. Immediately after our first delivery, VRP staff asked us to help one survivor who desperately needed clothing in his size. Within 24 hours, we sent brand new shirts, pants, socks, underwear, and shoes to the individual who needed our help.

Our partners in Boston Police Department District E-13 asked us to help 15 homeless children ages 6-16 and their parents. Several parents had lost work due to COVID-19 and were struggling to pay their rent, putting them at risk for homelessness. Just 24 hours after receiving the request, we sent toiletries, reusable face masks, shoes, and new clothing in the correct sizes for each member of all eight families.



COVID Shield Boston generously donated 100 reusable face masks to Circle of Hope in July, helping us prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our partner shelters and clinics. For every mask purchased, COVID Shield Boston donates a mask to a hospital, homeless shelter, or other essential organization like Circle of Hope. We're so grateful for this amazing gift.

We also received a generous grant from the Maximus Foundation to support our shelter deliveries and COVID-19 relief efforts! John Boyer, chairman of the Maximus Foundation, said, "With this award, we recognize Circle of Hope for their critical role in building a foundation of strength and support within our community despite the COVID-19 pandemic." We're very grateful for this impactful grant and we're proud to be a Maximus grantee!

Looking Ahead

We will take a short break from shelter deliveries during the month of August. Please be on the

lookout for our COVID-19 Summer Report in August. If you urgently need to get in touch with Circle of Hope while we are closed, please email Carolyn at carolyn@circleofhopeonline.org.

In the next few weeks, **please keep an eye on your inbox, social media, and our [website](#) for important updates about our re-opening plans.** We're excited to share our plans for the fall!

How to Help

We need your help! You can still support Circle of Hope in August by donating to our Emergency Fund. Your gift will directly allow us to bring vital hygiene supplies, masks, gloves, new socks, underwear, and other essential new clothing to homeless children, women, and men as we get ready for fall and winter.

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You can also ship donations directly to Circle of Hope by purchasing items from our [Emergency Wish List on Amazon](#). As schools and businesses continue to re-open, the masks, soap, sanitizer, and other essentials on our list will be more critical than ever as we work to prevent the spread of COVID-19. To view our list of needs and purchase essentials for homeless children and adults, click the button below.

[AMAZON WISH LIST](#)

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To learn more about Circle of Hope's COVID-19 response and keep up with future updates, please check out our website by clicking [here](#).

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