



CIRCLE OF HOPE

Helping to build a brighter future for those in need

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How to Donate

*We are accepting only **NEW** donations at this time.*

1. Purchase items from our [Amazon Wish List](#) and have them sent to COH.
2. View our [list of current donation needs](#) and shop online at your preferred retailer. Ship donations directly to COH at 1329 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA 02492.
3. Drop off new face masks, unopened bottles of hand soap/sanitizer, and fully-assembled COVID Kits, Welcome Baby Bags, or Dignity Bags in person. All donation drop-offs are now contactless and by appointment. [Click here](#) for more

Dear Friends,

Dear Friends of Circle of Hope,

February's frigid and stormy days are no match for Circle of Hope's generous supporters and determined teamwork! Together, we've protected literally hundreds of children and adults who are homeless by bringing them new winter coats before every storm this month.

Along with vital winter gear, we meet the specific clothing and hygiene needs of homeless individuals and families when they need it most. This week we responded within hours of receiving an emergency request from the Boston Police Department. We loaded their van with new clothes, a winter coat, PPE and hygiene items for all 4 members of a family suddenly homeless with only the clothes they were wearing. The next day we deployed our volunteer driver to our emergency shelter partner, Casa Nueva Vida, with a New Mother's Kit for a pregnant woman and a fully stocked Welcome Baby Bag and porta-crib for her newborn on the way. We are grateful to have the resources needed to help the most vulnerable people we serve in these dire conditions.

We couldn't impact so many lives without you. Thank you to the dozens of donors who organized collection drives and assembled countless COVID Kits this month. Although some communities are thankfully experiencing a dip in the number of COVID cases, homeless individuals and families need our help more than ever due to inequities in healthcare and risks beyond their control. It is critical Circle of Hope continues sending winter coats, clothing, essentials, and masks to help protect health and prevent the spread of the virus in shelters and communities.

Thank you for your generosity and compassion in action!

Most gratefully,
Barbara

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information and to schedule your drop-off appointment.

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.



Current Needs



- New winter coats for all ages
- Winter accessories

You Must Hear This...

"We are so appreciative of the amount of underwear, outerwear and warm winter items you donated to our patients, it's amazing! I was able to distribute it right away and it came at the perfect time with the snowstorm over the weekend." - Amanda from Events and Development @ BHCHP



The young children of Temple Beth Shalom Children's Center's (TBSCC) experienced first hand the joy that comes from showing compassion and kindness to others. TBSCC's Director Ellen Dietrick, with financial support from the Temple's families, donated hundreds of brand new winter coats to Circle of Hope to help homeless children without coats this winter. Temple Beth Shalom's beautiful children, inspired by the Mitzvah Monkey, proudly filled up the Circle of Hope van before it headed to the homeless shelters. What a beautiful way to raise compassionate and caring kids!

Grants and Gratitude



Circle of Hope is grateful to recently receive grant funding from the Foundation for MetroWest's Youth in Philanthropy program. This grant supports Circle of Hope's *Get Set* program, which provides donations of clothing, bedding and other essential items to homeless and housing insecure college students at Framingham State University (FSU) and Mass Bay Community College, many of whom are already impacted by the pandemic. Circle of Hope's Executive Director Barbara Waterhouse expressed her gratitude, "We are so very grateful to the Youth in Philanthropy students for their generosity and compassion. This grant helps us protect the health of vulnerable college students in our area." We are proud for helping keep college students on their feet. Many thanks to the Foundation for MetroWest for partnering with us to fulfill this mission.

Warm Hearts at BHCHP



During a cold and snowy February, Amanda from Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program (BHCHP) brought a car full of supplies to homeless patients, including warm new clothing, hygiene essentials and masks to prevent the spread of COVID for patients once they are discharged. We are proud to help homeless individuals and families receiving care at BHCHP get the help they need when they need it most! Thank you to Amanda for helping make this happen.

Community Action



Community Officer Sanchez (left) of the Boston Police Dept. urgently requested help for a newly homeless family of four with no clothing or coats. In less than 24 hours, Circle of Hope met this family's needs with COH's Heidi (right) helping to load up Officer Sanchez' van with warm clothing and brand new winter coats.



Amazing teamwork Girls! First grader Kylie Gautreau, with help from her mother Kristen and grandmother Lynne, organized a collection drive with her Westwood Daisy Troop and assembled a whopping 250 COVID kits! Thank you, Troop! And, what a family-Lynne is usually seen leaving Circle of Hope with a car full of donations as a volunteer driver on the move!



Cecilie and her son (left) dropped off donations of "New Mom Kits" filled with new clothing and necessities for homeless mothers and their newborns. Cecilie began creating these kits early in the pandemic in memory of her grandmother.

Allison Meal (right) from MPG Promotions donated and delivered hundreds of bottles of hand sanitizer to COH to help stop the spread of Covid.



Jane (left) organized a Valentines collection drive full of warm clothes and COVID kit essentials for homeless children, women and men.

Students, teachers, and families from Hunnewell Elementary School in Wellesley assembled and donated a generous 200 COVID Kits for Circle of Hope! Amazing!

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