



CIRCLE OF HOPE

## Emergency Deliveries Ongoing

*We are making contactless emergency deliveries to our partner shelters, bringing brand new toiletries and essential clothing to homeless individuals. We are not able to accept donations of gently used clothing at this time. Please keep an eye on your inbox for further updates.*

### Virtual HOPE Blooms

While we can't come together in person for HOPE Blooms tomorrow, we can still come together in hope! We want to tell you how much we appreciate your incredible support and share ways you can help us continue protecting the lives of homeless individuals and families. Tune in tomorrow for a video message of gratitude and hope from Executive Director, Barbara Waterhouse.



HOPE Blooms

### Sharing Hope

Circle of Hope staff and volunteers continue making contactless emergency deliveries of new toiletries, soap, and personal hygiene supplies to protect homeless families and individuals from the spread of COVID-19 in the shelters. [Recent reports](#) indicate widespread asymptomatic spread of the virus in crowded Boston-area shelters.



In this time of great uncertainty, homeless families are struggling. One shelter director told us she was rationing toothpaste and soap to mothers until we arrived. Families with young children are crowded together in "dorm-like rooms" in family shelters. Supplies are low and anxiety is high, as homeless individuals are at high risk for COVID-19.

Homeless families and individuals need Circle of Hope's donations now more than ever. Last week, we sent hundreds of new toiletries, hand soap, socks, underwear, hygiene products, and face masks to our partner family shelters, domestic violence shelters, and Boston Police Department. We also sent brand new infant and toddler clothing to homeless families in the Bowdoin-Geneva neighborhood.

Our volunteers make "contactless" deliveries, picking up donations from Circle of Hope and delivering them to a designated area at each shelter without directly interacting with shelter staff. Volunteers wear masks and gloves throughout the delivery process to protect themselves, shelter staff, and the recipients.

We're deeply grateful to Hope & Comfort, Needham Rotary Club, Needham Women's Club, Needham Exchange Club, and Norfolk Lodge AF&AM for supplying us with new toiletries for our emergency deliveries last month. We're also very grateful to Charles River



Apparel for sending us 400 masks to help prevent the spread of illness in the shelters.

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## How You Can Help

Please donate to our Emergency Fund to help us keep these emergency deliveries going. Your gift will directly allow us to bring vital hygiene supplies, masks, new socks, underwear, and other essential new clothing to homeless children, women, and men.

[DONATE TO EMERGENCY FUND](#)

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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