



CIRCLE OF HOPE

Helping to build a brighter future for people in need

## November 2020

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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,

As we enter the coldest months, we have also begun to see an increase in COVID-19 cases in Massachusetts, including among homeless families and individuals. We are sending brand new clothing, PPE, and hygiene essentials to help prevent the spread of the virus and keep the vulnerable people we serve safe and healthy.

Last year, we provided clothing and necessities to more than 8,000 homeless children, women, and men. We amped up our Emergency Response Program through a new partnership with the Boston Police Department and launched a new program for homeless college students. You can read more about last year's impact in our [2019 Annual Report here](#).

Now, we need your help more than ever as we continue to tackle this ongoing public health crisis. Homeless families and individuals are relying on Circle of Hope for new clothing, warm outerwear, and PPE. No other nonprofit in our area is supplying these vital items. [Please support our life-saving work by donating to our Annual Campaign.](#)

Below, you'll read more about our COVID-19 relief efforts, our Annual Campaign, and the amazing support we have received from our donors and community.

As always, I hope you and your loved ones are healthy and safe.

**With a grateful heart,**

*Barbara B. Waterhouse*

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Executive Director

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**2020 Annual Campaign**

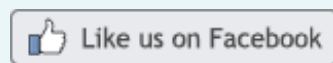
information and to schedule your drop-off appointment.

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## 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.



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## Current Needs



- **New** reusable face masks for adults and children
- **New** winter coats for all ages/sizes

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## You Must Hear This...

"I wanted to thank you for the most recent donation. You filled the truck up as usual and our guests could not have been happier with all the kind donations."

**-Southampton Street**



Our 2020 Annual Campaign has launched. Now more than ever, we need your help to protect the lives of homeless children, women, and men in Greater Boston. The temperature is dropping and COVID-19 cases are on the rise in our partner shelters and clinics.

Your donation will go directly towards the purchase and deployment of life-saving PPE, hygiene essentials, winter coats, and warm clothing to homeless families to protect them this winter. Please donate today by clicking the link below or mailing a check payable to Circle of Hope to:

Circle of Hope  
P.O. Box 920724  
Needham, MA 02492

[\*\*DONATE ONLINE\*\*](#)

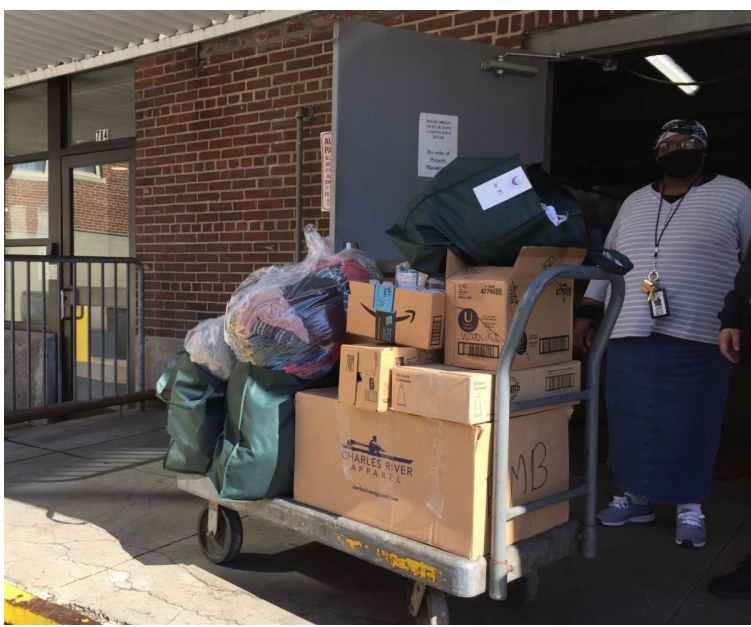
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## COVID-19 Response Updates from COH

Since March, we have provided 62,300 pieces of new clothing, PPE, and hygiene supplies to homeless children and adults.

## Shelter Staff

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Several of our partner shelters and clinics have reported an increase in COVID-19 cases in recent weeks. We continue sending reusable face masks with every single delivery to help prevent the spread of the virus among the vulnerable individuals we serve.



Due to reduced shelter capacities and concerns over physical distancing in shelter, more homeless individuals are spending their nights outdoors than in previous years. As we enter the coldest months, we are also

giving new winter coats, boots, and accessories to homeless infants, children, and adults to protect them from hypothermia and frostbite.



Over the past several months, we've responded to an increasing number of emergency requests from our partners, including Boston Police Department District E-13. After a multifamily fire in Dorchester, BPD Community Service Officers asked for our help giving new clothing and supplies to 19 people in three families who lost everything. Less than 24 hours later, we provided all of the requested clothing in the correct sizes for each family member, including an 18 month old baby boy.



Thank you to everyone who has already made a gift to our COVID-19 response by donating to our [Annual Campaign](#), dropping off [COVID Kits](#) and other new donations, or sending donations from our [Amazon Wish List](#). Your generosity is helping save lives.

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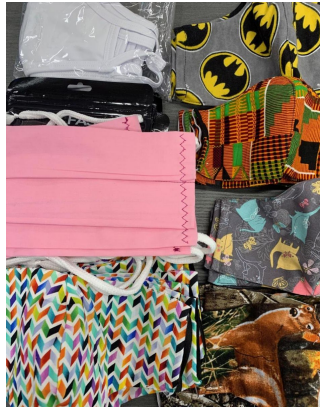
### Community Action

This fall our donors and community groups have been answering our call to action!



Cecilie (left) purchased, assembled, and donated dozens of bags of newborn and postpartum supplies to help homeless moms and newborns stay healthy in their fragile earliest months. She was featured on WBZ for her compassionate and inspiring actions during COVID-19.

The group Sewing COVID-19 Help - Working Together donated more face masks last month, bringing their total to more than 1,000 masks for Circle of Hope (right).



COVID Shield Boston generously donated another 50 new face masks for homeless children and adults last month (left).

COH Operations Manager, Jody Barnet, organized a Halloween volunteer event in her neighborhood. Children assembled COVID Kits and Dignity Bags full of essential toiletries and PPE (right)!

Altar'd State is featuring Circle of Hope in their "Mission Mondays" campaign again this year! For the next several months, the Legacy Place store will donate 10% of proceeds from its Monday sales to Circle of Hope.



A pair of young donors (left) assembled COVID Kits full of hand soap, sanitizer, face masks, and hand towels for homeless families and individuals and donated them to Circle of Hope.

Madi (right), who has been donating to Circle of Hope for several years, donated brand new face masks she tie-dyed herself to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Boston-area shelters and clinics.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us protect the lives of homeless infants, children, women, and men this

season!

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