



Helping to build a brighter future for those in need

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How to Donate

1. Purchase items from our [Amazon Wish List](#) and have them sent to COH.

2. Drop off new and gently used donations in excellent condition in person. All donation drop-offs are by appointment.

To schedule an appointment to drop off **brand new** donations, [please click here.](#)

To schedule an appointment to drop of gently used donations, [please click here.](#)

Support COH

To make a financial contribution to Circle of Hope, [click here.](#)

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Dear Friends,

Circle of Hope welcomed back donors with gently used donations this month and their response has been incredible! The vibrancy returned as donors quickly began filling donation appointment slots and dropping off bags of seasonal clothing for children, women, and men experiencing homelessness. I am very grateful to our caring community for springing to action this month! Your generosity will protect the health and safety of our most vulnerable neighbors this fall and winter.

We just launched a new Collection Drive Guide to help you plan collection drives with your colleagues, classmates, or members of your community group. You can read more and access the new guide in this issue. You can also find the guide on our [website](#) along with many other ways to help.

Please keep an eye on your mailbox for our 2021 Annual Appeal letter. The families and individuals we serve urgently need your support as they face dual public health crises of homelessness and the COVID-19 pandemic. Please [donate](#) to our campaign by December 31 to supply them with life-saving supplies in the coming year.

With warmest gratitude,
Barbara

Donation Policy Success and Updates



Our first month of accepting gently-used donations was a huge

media. Like and share our posts to help spread the word about COH.



Current Needs



- Coats, sweatshirts, and fleeces for children and adults, all sizes

You Must Hear This...

"As a CSO Officer, I work with many schools and families who have limited access to community resources...[One] family in particular expressed how thankful they were to receive this clothing donation to help their family during a difficult time...COH is our main resource for the family and we are very grateful."

-Pilar Sanchez
Boston Police Dept.

success! Donation appointments were booked solid as donors dropped off bags of gently used seasonal clothing. We're so grateful to everyone who gave generously to the vulnerable families and individuals we serve who are homeless.

Given the success of this trial period, we are extending gently-used donation drop-offs through the month of November! Please see below for our donation guidelines and drop-off scheduling.

Donation Guidelines

In addition to brand new items, we will accept donations of gently used **casual** clothing in excellent condition, including: T-shirts (short and long sleeve), sweatpants, sweatshirts, sweaters, jackets, coats, winter boots, leggings, athletic wear, and jeans. **We can not accept button-down shirts, dresses, business clothing, formalwear, or out-of-season clothing.**

We can accept no more than **3 paper grocery bags or white kitchen trash bags of gently used clothing per drop-off.** There is no bag limit for brand new donations.

Appointments are required for donation drop-offs and can be scheduled via Sign Up Genius. To schedule an appointment to drop off **new** donations, [please click here.](#) To schedule a time to drop off gently used donations, [click here.](#)

Anyone entering Circle of Hope must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and wear a mask at all times while inside.

Donate **NEW** items

Donate **GENTLY USED** items

Collection Drive Guide

Are you looking for ways to help this holiday season and beyond? Consider running a collection drive for Circle of Hope.

Running a drive is a relatively simple yet high-impact way to help the families and individuals we serve who are homeless. You can choose to collect one type of donation, like new socks, or a variety of the donations we accept, like face masks, hand soap, and hand sanitizer. You can even turn your collection drive into a volunteer event with your colleagues, classmates, or friends by collecting the contents of Circle of Hope's COVID Kits, Welcome Baby Bags, Dignity Bags, or Get Set packages and assembling the bags as a group.



To help you plan and organize a collection drive in your workplace, school, or community group, we put together a new [Collection Drive Guide.](#) You'll find answers to some frequently asked questions as well as ideas about what to collect and how to get started.

If you run a drive and would like to share photos, [please send them our way!](#) We love to share news of the amazing drives and donations in our community.

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Community Action



Three Life Science Cares member companies held kit-making events benefiting Circle of Hope this month. **Benson Executive Search** in Waltham, **Omega Therapeutics** in Cambridge, and **Scholar Rock** in Cambridge all assembled and donated COVID Kits to COH.



The contents of these kits - hand soap, sanitizer, towels, and face masks - are slowing the spread of COVID-19 in crowded Boston shelters and healthcare clinics and keeping the people we serve safe and healthy. Thank you to these three amazing companies for your generous donations and to Life Science Cares for making the connection!



For her Mitzvah Project, Cece held a collection drive for Circle of Hope. She donated dozens of brand new items directly from our Amazon Wish List to protect the health of families and individuals who are homeless. Thank you, Cece, for your generosity and compassion!

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