



CIRCLE OF HOPE

Helping to build a brighter future for people in need

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We are kicking off our Annual Campaign, which enables Circle of Hope to maintain and expand the work we do on behalf of homeless women, children, and men. If you are on our mailing list, be on the lookout for a letter from us. If you are not on the mailing list and would like to be, please [click here to let us know by email](#).

DROP-OFF TIMES:

Monday
9:00 - 11:00 am

Tuesday
9:00 - 11:00 am
3:00 - 5:00 pm

Wednesday
9:00 - 11:00 am
3:00 - 5:00pm

Dear Friends of Circle of Hope,

This is the season of gratitude and giving. As the weather gets colder I want to thank all of our donors who've been going through their closets and dropping off warm clothes, boots, and coats to COH to help the folks in the shelters and clinics we serve.

In this issue, you'll read about the children who volunteered at Full Circle: Raising Caring Kids in September. They've been "bundling up" donations in bags they decorated and bringing them to COH to help keep people warm. Children have been collecting money in piggy banks and containers they decorated at Full Circle and dropping them at Circle of Hope. We are so very moved by the generosity and compassion of these children who are taking action to help people in need.

Circle of Hope is proud to share the inspirational stories of lives forever changed by Circle of Hope donors. [Click here](#) to read about one such life.

I hope you'll consider a gift to Circle of Hope Annual Fund between now and December 31st. Your gift renews hope, restores dignity, and truly transforms lives.

With deepest thanks,

Barbara Waterhouse
Executive Director

Thursday
9:00 - 11:00 am

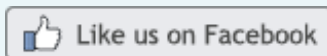
Saturday
9:00 - 11:00 am

Special Requests

- Winter coats
- Winter boots
- Warm men's clothing



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



You Must Hear This..

"This Mom was thrilled with her new baby girl and so appreciative of the Welcome Baby Bag and support from Circle of Hope!"

Ellen, a Circle of Hope volunteer who delivered a Welcome Baby Bag to **Casa Nueva Vida**

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We recently heard a story that reminded us, once again, of the incredible impact that Circle of Hope donors and volunteers have on homeless individuals and families in our community.

A resident of Southampton Street Shelter named Jerry secured full-time employment after wearing a Circle of Hope-donated outfit to a job interview at Whole Foods! Stories like this renew and inspire us, and we are so grateful for our supporters.

This month, we are kicking off our Annual Campaign. Financial donations to Circle of Hope enable us to continue serving people like Jerry and the thousands of other homeless individuals and families in need around the Boston area. We hope you will consider extending your support by making a donation.



[To support Circle of Hope's Annual Campaign, please click here.](#)

Full Circle Impact

In the month since Full Circle, we have had visits from families making special deliveries! One family of four dropped in to deliver a donation container that one of the young children decorated at Full Circle. He had been saving his money in the container and donated \$3.10 to Circle of Hope "to help people." Later, another family stopped by to drop off bags full of donated infant and toddler clothes. Garrett and Avery, ages 3 and 5, decorated the donation bags at Full Circle and helped fill them with outgrown clothing to donate.



We are so grateful for these wonderful families and their generous donations, and we are delighted to see the impact Full Circle continues to have on our community!

Go To Crew Success Story

Thank you so much to those who generously donated funds so that we could purchase infant clothing in response to the last urgent Go To Crew request!

Thank you also to Maria Furlong and family for responding to the Go To Crew request for fall clothing. Not only do Maria and her son both volunteer at COH, Maria's two sisters-who both live in Brooklyn, NY-donated fall clothing in response to our critical need. Giving is a family affair!



Maria Furlong



Ann Larson with her children's donations from Full Circle

United Homes Transition

One of the shelters we serve, United Homes Shelter for men, recently underwent a major transition in administration. Based out of Pilgrim Church in Dorchester, United Homes was previously operated by Children's Services of Roxbury. While the shelter is staying put in its current location, it will now be overseen by Middlesex Human Services Agency.

United Homes is an overnight shelter for men with 125 beds, though it frequently exceeds capacity. Circle of Hope Executive Director, Barbara Waterhouse, began delivering donated clothing to United Homes in 1999, long before Circle of Hope was established, and Circle of Hope has continued making twice-monthly deliveries ever since. Circle of Hope is very committed to providing the United Homes residents with the clothing they need, and we are thrilled that we were able to continue our regular delivery schedule throughout the transition. Our first delivery under the new leadership took place in October.

At a recent event recognizing the transition in administration, the President and CEO of Children's Services of Roxbury, Sandra McCroom, presented an award to Circle of Hope's Barbara Waterhouse in honor

of her long history of service. In accepting the award, Waterhouse reaffirmed a message of commitment and hope to the crowd of nearly 100 shelter residents as they settled onto their cots for the night. "You are valued, cared about, and loved by people you have never met," she told them. "Even though you may never see us, we will continue to be here for you."

