



CIRCLE OF HOPE

Helping to build a brighter future for people in need

**April 2017**

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**Coming Up**

**HOPE Blooms**



Circle of Hope's spring fundraiser, Hope Blooms, will be Friday, May 5 at 7:00 pm. Join us in the Great Room of the Weston Recreation Center to support Circle of Hope's mission.

We hope to see you there! For tickets, [email Carolyn](#).

**DROP-OFF TIMES:**

Monday  
9:00 - 11:00 am

Tuesday  
9:00 - 11:00 am

**Dear Friends of Circle of Hope,**

Happy spring! I'm so excited - HOPE Blooms, Circle of Hope's spring fundraiser, is just a few weeks away! Our committee has been hard at work planning an amazing event! With party bites catered by The Chef's Table, a DJ playing great dance music, and a silent auction with some truly incredible items to bid on, this event is going to be so much fun! HOPE Blooms will raise critical funds to support our work providing clothing and necessities to literally thousands of children and adults who are homeless in Boston and MetroWest.

In this issue, you can read more about Circle of Hope's immediate help for homeless families in our area. Our wonderful "Go To Crew" rallied in response to our request for toddler clothing last month. We give a shout-out of thanks to the many generous individuals, companies, and community partners who provided clothing and monetary support for our mission.

**Please join us in creating a circle of hope around the more than 7,660 people who are homeless in the Greater Boston area.** I hope to see you at HOPE Blooms on Friday, May 5 in Weston. Together, we can plant the seeds of dignity, health, respect, and hope for homeless individuals and families.

**With deepest thanks,**

*Barbara P. Waterhouse*

Barbara Waterhouse  
Executive Director

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**You are Invited to HOPE Blooms**

3:00 - 5:00 pm

Wednesday

9:00 - 11:00 am

3:00 - 5:00pm

Thursday

9:00 - 11:00 am

Saturday

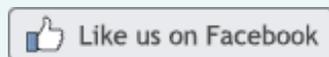
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## Special Requests

- Men's shoes
- Spring jackets - adults' and children's sizes
- Children's clothing (newborn to 8 years)



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



## You Must Hear This..

"Circle of Hope made a big difference in one of my patient's lives...thank you for being true to your name, and bringing hope to our patients. They need it desperately."

*Spring has sprung. Let's have some fun.*

# HOPE Blooms

Join us for an evening of flowers, food and festivities to support homeless individuals and families served by Circle of Hope.

**Friday, May 5th • 7pm-11pm**

Great Room, Weston Recreation Center • 20 Alphabet Lane, Weston, MA

Festive Party Attire and Dancing Shoes • Limited Open Bar and Perfect Party Bites

**RSVP By April 24, 2017** Space is limited. Immediate reply encouraged.

Tickets and sponsorship information available at [www.circleofhopeonline.org/hope-blooms](http://www.circleofhopeonline.org/hope-blooms) or by emailing [carolyn@circleofhopeonline.org](mailto:carolyn@circleofhopeonline.org)

### HOPE BLOOMS CHAIRS

Louise and Peter Donovan  
Barbara and Jay Waterhouse

Sarah and Christopher  
Escobedo Hart

Marla and Bill Kannel  
Lisa and Philip Mancino

Alan Reese  
Amy Barker-Rady  
Margery and Mark Rosen

Kati and Frank Ryan  
Cory and Dave Serrano

### EVENT COMMITTEE

Paula K. Andrews and  
George P. Henchey  
Patricia and Bruce Groody

Elizabeth and Andrew Mingle  
Rev. Nicholas Morris-Klement  
Susan and Tom Phelan

Judy Waterhouse  
Claire Windsor and  
Eric Freeman

### Thank You to Our Sponsors

Marla & Bill Kannel • Carolyn & Dana Pope • Alan Reese • Laura and Mike Dreese • Kathy and Skip Windsor



Next month, join us for Circle of Hope's spring fundraiser, HOPE Blooms! With amazing food, a DJ playing great dance music, and a silent auction with some incredible items to bid on, HOPE Blooms is sure to be a ton of fun! All proceeds will be used to support Circle of Hope's mission to promote the health and dignity of the most vulnerable members of our community.

Tickets to HOPE Blooms are \$100 per person and can be purchased by emailing Carolyn at [carolyn@circleofhopeonline.org](mailto:carolyn@circleofhopeonline.org). Space is limited so get your tickets today!

**When:** Friday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** The Great Room at Weston Recreation Center

**Attire:** Spring party attire

**Cost:** \$100 per person

## Our Generous Go To Crew

Last month, we sent out an urgent Go To Crew request for toddler clothing in sizes 2T for boys and 3T for girls.

**-Staff at Boston  
Healthcare for the  
Homeless Program**

Our supply was dangerously low and six young children living in a family shelter in Framingham needed clothing the following week. Within 24 hours of sending out the request, we had already received three monetary donations and clothing donations in the correct sizes. A Circle of Hope volunteer purchased gently-used items to complete the spring wardrobe for all six young children.



Donated clothing in toddler sizes.

We are so proud of our ability to respond quickly to these urgent requests. Our Go To Crew helps families displaced by house fires, domestic violence, or other emergencies. We are so grateful to this generous group of volunteers for their immediate, thoughtful responses to the needs of the most vulnerable members of our community. Thank you!

If you are interested in joining the Go To Crew and receiving emails when we have urgent requests for particular items, please email Carolyn at [Carolyn@circleofhopeonline.org](mailto:Carolyn@circleofhopeonline.org).

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### **So Much Kindness**

For the second year, employees of Intralinks in Waltham held a clothing drive for Circle of Hope. Two employees stopped by in mid-March to drop off more than 10 bags of clothing and a check made out to Circle of Hope! These donations came at the perfect time, as Circle of Hope had been closed for the previous two days due to heavy snowfall and our clothing supply was very low. Thank you so much to the employees at Intralinks for

your generous and thoughtful donations!



Employees from Intralinks dropping off 10+ bags of clothing for homeless babies, toddlers, and adults.

We also received two piggy banks full of quarters last month from children who attended Full Circle in September! Children decorated the banks at Full Circle and took them home to save up their coins. It looks like the kids who decorated these two piggy banks have been meticulously saving their quarters for months! Thank you so much to all the families who participated in Full Circle. We love seeing the continued impact of our event and we are looking forward to seeing everyone again this year!



Piggy banks from Full Circle - full of quarters for Circle of Hope!

Earlier in the month, several generous donors brought in toddler clothing in response to the "Special Requests" from our March newsletter. A Circle of Hope volunteer delivery driver, Kris, went out and purchased new items from TJ Maxx and donated them the next day. A donor named Ronni also came in to donate many brand new items for babies and toddlers. Thank you so much to these two donors and to all who respond to the needs of homeless babies, children, and adults!



Some of the items for toddlers and babies donated in early March.

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