



CIRCLE OF HOPE

Helping to build a brighter future for people in need

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### Coming Up



HOPE Blooms is **THIS FRIDAY!** Have you bought your tickets yet? [Email Carolyn](#) to buy yours today!

#### When

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

#### Where

The Great Room at  
Weston Recreation  
Center

#### Cost

\$100/person

#### Attire

Spring party clothes  
and dancing shoes!

### Dear Friends of Circle of Hope,

After months of planning, HOPE Blooms is finally here! Our annual fundraiser is this Friday, May 5. Our dynamo committee has been working to create a fun event full of food, flowers, music, and more. By attending HOPE Blooms, you will create a circle of hope around thousands of homeless individuals and families who might not have that hope for themselves right now. Read more about HOPE Blooms below, including how to snag one of our last available tickets.

Also in this issue, read about the wonderful, giving ways that members of our community are choosing to celebrate their milestones this month. I am very grateful to each individual and group that supports Circle of Hope's mission. Thank you!

I look forward to seeing you this Friday at HOPE Blooms!

### With deepest thanks,

*Barbara B. Waterhouse*

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Executive Director

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### Tickets Are Still Available for HOPE Blooms!



Circle of Hope's annual fundraiser, [HOPE Blooms](#), will take place **this Friday night** at 7:00 in Weston! There

## 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

Thursday  
9:00 - 11:00 am

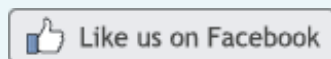
Saturday  
9:00 - 11:00 am

## Special Requests

- Men's sneakers in good condition
- Men's lightweight clothing
- Children's spring jackets



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



## You Must Hear This..

"Circle of Hope provided maternity

are still a few tickets available, so buy yours today and join us! **Email Carolyn at [Carolyn@circleofhopeonline.org](mailto:Carolyn@circleofhopeonline.org) to purchase tickets.**

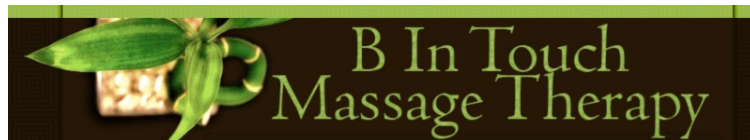
With great food, music, dancing, and spring flowers, HOPE Blooms is going to be fun. Get ready to bid on some amazing auction items and packages. Here's a sneak peak at a few of the 23 packages you could win at auction:

- **Escape to the Cape** - \$1,000 gift certificate to Chatham Bars Inn and a beautiful "Nantasket" bracelet from Whalen Coastal Gifts.
- **Cheese Heads Unite** - Experience the thrill of a Green Bay Packers game with four tickets to a 2017-2018 game and 50,000 American Airlines miles to get you there.
- **Live from Boston, It's NPR** - You and a friend will attend a live, in-studio viewing of *On Point*. Talk with Tom Ashbrook after the show and enjoy a tour of the WBUR studio.

We hope to see you there on Friday night!

## Celebrations

Circle of Hope provided spring clothing to hundreds of homeless children, women, and men each week in April. Our community partners also made an impact by supporting Circle of Hope in many wonderful ways.



In April, B In Touch Massage Therapy celebrated its 9th anniversary by collecting donations for Circle of Hope, all in sets of nine. Clients could drop off 9 toiletries, 9 pairs of new socks, or checks in multiples of \$9, which was all donated to Circle of Hope. Thank you B In Touch for celebrating your milestone by helping others, and congratulations on nine years in business!

clothes for a pregnant adolescent who had no maternity clothes and she was quite happy to receive clothing that fit her and were comfortable and warm."

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

## Go To Crew Success

After including shout-outs to our wonderful Go-To Crew in last month's newsletter and social media, we had several new people sign up! We are always happy to see the Go-To Crew grow because it is a key component of our ability to respond to emergency requests from shelters. If you are interested in signing up for the Go-To Crew, [email Carolyn](#) to let her know!



A bright Mother's Day.

In honor of Mother's Day, members of the **Congregational Church of Needham** are collecting the contents of Circle of Hope's Welcome Baby Bags and will donate the items on Mother's Day weekend. Circle of Hope volunteers will pack the contents into the diaper bags and hand-deliver them to mothers who are homeless. We think this collection drive is a great way to honor moms this Mother's Day - thank you to everyone at Congregational Church of Needham!



Hand-decorated cards for our Welcome Baby Bags.

A new Circle of Hope volunteer, Ann Marie, recently learned that we were running low on the hand-written notes we include in every Welcome Baby Bag. Our cards include messages of support and congratulations for homeless mothers with new babies. This compassionate volunteer decorated and hand wrote

more than two dozen cards and donated them to Circle of Hope. Thank you so much, Ann Marie, for the beautiful messages of support for new moms!



Ethan with the items he donated to COH.

For his recent birthday, 9-year-old Ethan had a party and asked guests to bring items to donate to Circle of Hope! Last week, he came in with his mom to drop off a box of brand new socks and other donations to share with homeless individuals and families. Happy birthday, Ethan, and thank you for taking the opportunity to help others on your special day!

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