



CIRCLE OF HOPE

Making life better for others is our greatest reward

Circle of Hope is a non-profit organization established and dedicated to serving people in need.

GREATER BOSTON COMMUNITY EXCHANGE

Circle of Hope's Greater Boston Community Exchange serves individuals and families living in homeless shelters, as well as those in transition to permanent housing and struggling for independent lives. Headquartered in Needham, Massachusetts, the organization collects, sorts and distributes new and gently-used clothing and toiletries. Circle of Hope serves organizations located throughout the Greater Boston area.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Clothing Drives
- Bedding/Towel Drives
- Creating Toiletry Bags
- Creating Welcome Bags for New Babies



CREATE YOUR OWN EVENT TO BENEFIT CIRCLE OF HOPE

WHAT YOU NEED:

- **SIGNS AND MESSAGES ANNOUNCING YOUR EVENT**
- Individual(s) to monitor donations

WHAT YOU SHOULD REQUEST— some suggestions

- Gently-used seasonal clothing for women, children and men.
- Full or travel-size toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand/body lotion, deodorant, lip balm, shampoo and conditioner. *(Must be new and unopened)*
- If preparing gift bags, please make sure there are 4-5 items per bag, plus a card.

HOW YOU GET SUPPLIES:

Donations; fundraisers

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WHERE AND WHEN DONATIONS CAN BE DELIVERED:

Donations can be delivered to *Circle of Hope*, 65 Rosemary Street, Needham, MA (across from Memorial Field Parking Lot). Delivery times are as follows:

Mondays 9-10 am

Tuesdays 4-5 pm

Wednesdays 9-10am; 3-4 pm

Thursdays 10-11:30 am

Saturdays 9 - 11 am



CLOTHING/HOUSEHOLD GOODS DRIVES

WHAT WE NEED:

Clothing

(Please make sure that everything has been freshly washed as items will be worn immediately upon distribution.)

New or gently used for baby, children, women and men. Casual clothing, sneakers shoes boots and outerwear.

New socks for all: tube socks for adults; warm socks for winter.

New or gently used coats, mittens, scarves, hats.

Household Items:

Blankets, sheets, comforters, and towels. All must be freshly washed or dry cleaned to avoid any allergic reactions.

Toiletries:

Full or travel size toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand/body lotion, deodorant, Chapstick, shampoo and conditioner, combs and brushes. *(Must be new and unopened)*

Baby Supplies:

New baby bottles, wipes, Vaseline/A&D ointment

New bath towels with hoods, face clothes, blankets

New One-sies (newborn, 3-6mo., 6-9mo.)

TIME INVOLVED:

Flyer/e-mail preparation and delivery; donation pick-up; delivery to Circle of Hope



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• IF PREPARING GIFT BAGS

- ⇒ Cellophane bag and ribbon or paper gift bag.
- ⇒ Cards should be included in the toiletry bags with an inscription similar to *Our Best Wishes to You from Your Friends at Circle of Hope.*
- ⇒ Please include 4-5 items per bag plus a card.
- ⇒ **HOW YOU GET SUPPLIES:**

- Donations; fundraisers

WHERE TO DELIVER FINISHED BAGS

- Coordinate delivery with **Barbara Waterhouse** (bw@circleofhopeonline.org).

WELCOME BABY™ BAGS

WHAT YOU NEED:

- New baby bottles, wipes, Vaseline/ A&D ointment (*Must be new and unopened*).
- New bath towels with hoods, face cloths, blankets.
- New one-sies (newborn, 3-6mo., 6-9mo.).
- Cellophane bag and ribbon or paper gift bag.
- Create cards (inscription similar to *Best Wishes to You and Your Baby from Your Friends at Circle of Hope.*
- Please make sure there are 4-5 items per bag, plus a card. All bags should contain a like amount of items.

HOW TO GET SUPPLIES:

- Donations; fundraisers

WHERE TO DELIVER FINISHED BAGS

- Coordinate delivery with **Barbara Waterhouse** (bw@circleofhopeonline.org)

TIME REQUIRED:

Fundraising and preparation time plus delivery.



HAVING A PARTY OR GET-TOGETHER?

CREATE CENTERPIECES

Instead of flowers or balloons, create a centerpiece that includes items that can later be donated to Circle of Hope.

Such as:

- New Hats and Gloves
- Baby Items (new bottles, blankets, one-sies)

CONSIDER ASKING EACH ATTENDEE TO CONTRIBUTE A SMALL, INEXPENSIVE ITEM

On the day of your ceremony or event, provide a collection box that can later be delivered to Circle of Hope.

Suggestions:

- New Hats and Gloves
- New Socks – Adult or Child
- Baby Items (new bottles, blankets, one-sies)
- Toiletries (Travel or Full Size : Must be New and Unopened)

A donation from each individual attending each represents a significant contribution to Circle of Hope.



Volunteer Opportunities at Circle of Hope

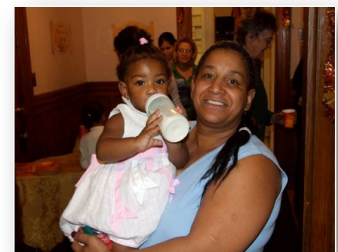
- Making deliveries*
- Sorting items*
- Pulling orders for delivery*
- Grant writing*
- Fundraising*
- Volunteer liaison activity*

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