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DROP-OFF TIMES:

*NEW, 1st Tuesdays each month, 5-7 pm

Monday
9:00am - 10:00am

Tuesday
4:00pm - 5:00pm

Wednesday
9:00am - 10:00am &
3:00pm - 4:00pm

Thursday
10:00am - 11:30am

Saturday
9:00am - 11:00am

Dear Friends of Circle of Hope,

The end of July was incredible at Circle of Hope. We beat our own "personal best" with a record-breaking 6 deliveries in one day for a total of 13 deliveries in one week! I'm so very proud of our volunteers who sorted, packaged and delivered all of these donations to the homeless shelters and programs to make sure that people had what they needed before we closed up for August.

In that last amazing week we responded to an emergency request for 5 children in one family. Thanks to two generous donors, plus a trip to Savers with coupons and cash from Circle of Hope, we were able to provide the exact sizes of clothing for each of the children. We also helped one young man graduate from Year Up with dignity and enough professional clothing for his internship as well.

In this issue you'll read about our latest expansion to meet the
Don't Miss the Party!

COH Volunteer Appreciation Party on Saturday, September 12th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Please email: eileen@circleofhopeonline.org for details and with your rsvp.

Special Requests

- Men's pants - all sizes
- Men's T-shirts
- Baby clothing: size 6 - 24 mos.

If you would like to make a financial donation to Circle of Hope, click here.

Men’s Shelter Opens with Urgent Request

Growing homelessness in Boston. You'll hear about the new men's shelter in Boston we're serving, as well as business partners and "Go To Crew" donors who make it possible for us to keep saying "Yes! We're coming and we've got what you need."

It is extraordinary to see what a group of thoughtful and determined people can do to ease the suffering of young families, men who are unhoused, and support the promise of a bright future for a student graduating from business training. We do it as members of a community that gives from the heart. I am so very grateful for the labor of love that makes this possible and the days we caught our breath and energized for the start of fall.

Welcome back to COH! Here's to a great fall kickoff! Wait until you see our new interior look!

With deepest thanks,

Barbara Waterhouse
Executive Director
You Must Hear This...

It's notes like this that motivate us to work harder. You, our supporters, will especially be moved by these words...

"I would like to express my gratitude for all of your generous donations and your unselfish dedication. We are truly blessed to have your collaboration. So many families have benefited from your deliveries."

Zaida
Case Manager for Family Services
Casa Nueva Vida

Go To Crew Update

A special thank you to the members of the "Go To Crew" who responded so quickly to our urgent request and donated baby clothing for the baby boys at Casa Nueva Vida family shelter and Project Hope Shelter!

Or simply donate to our Go To Crew emergency fund by clicking here.

The Go To Crew is a small group of supporters who receive an e-mail if a special need arises. Being a member of the Go To Crew does not obligate its members to donate every time there is a need. If you would like to be a member of the Go To Crew, or know someone

Last October, over 700 homeless men and women were displaced when the Long Island bridge was closed and programs on the island were evacuated. We created a COH "Action Plan" and served the temporary emergency shelters that popped up throughout the city of Boston to accommodate people in need. Throughout the time the city was transforming a former transportation building into a new men's shelter COH continued to make deliveries through our new partnership with St. Francis House Shelter and the clinical team at Boston Healthcare for the Homeless.

We made our first delivery this summer to the Southampton Street Shelter, Boston's new 438-bed men's shelter, even before it officially opened. While still transitioning to full operation the beds are already filled every night and latecomers are offered mats on the floor. During August when COH was closed we received an urgent request for men's pants, something the new shelter just doesn't have enough of to meet the need.

Please check your closets, the sale racks of men's clothing departments, and ask your family and friends to drop off men's pants (all sizes) at COH so we can help the guests at South Hampton Street Shelter. They will be so very grateful!

Circle of Hope is Expanding!

As every COH volunteer knows from experience we just don't have
Because of YOU...

Because of people like YOU, Circle of Hope is able to help hundreds of people in Boston area homeless shelters and programs serving refugees and disadvantaged youth. Here are some of our stories from this month...

Reebok Gives Generously to COH

Recently we received brand new donations of cases and cases of sneakers and track suits from Reebok. We delivered the men's sneakers to homeless men being served at United Homes Shelter in Dorchester, Boston Healthcare for the Homeless (BHCHP) outpatient clinic, Southampton Street Shelter for men in
Boston, and the teens at Bowdoin-Geneva Teen Center in Roxbury.

Circle of Hope gave the women's track suits and sneakers to women receiving medical care at BHCHP outpatient clinic, Project Hope Shelter and Casa Nueva Vida family shelters, a day program for homeless women at On the Rise in Cambridge, and the Bowdoin-Geneva Teen Center. In her letter of thanks Barbara Waterhouse wrote, "...these donations were given directly to the people who need them and are the gift of good health, hope, and the feeling of being cared for by a generous community. You can be sure that the sneakers are already being worn (and cherished) all around Boston."

Here's what their engineering and product testing coordinator, Emily Gendrolis, had to say: "This made my week! I'm so happy that we could offer footwear and apparel to those who are truly in need. The team here is ecstatic that we could help! I have kept Circle of Hope in mind and will continue to compile whatever we can to be donated to your wonderful organization! I think it is truly amazing what you are doing for the Greater Boston area and we are so happy to be a part of it. I will keep in touch with you and let you know you as soon as we have more to donate."

What a generous spirit of giving!

**Shout Outs**

George Arbuckle, of G.T. Arbuckle in Needham, is our newest business partner. He and his crew
George Arbuckle donates maintenance service for COH van. Thank you, Arbuckle's!