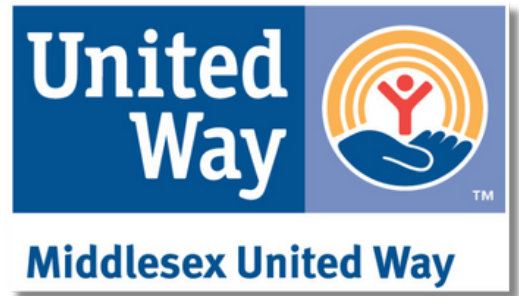


# UNITED IN PURPOSE

Middlesex United Way works closely with over a dozen local agencies whose work falls within the established United Way impact areas of *Racial Equity & Inclusion, Education, Financial Stability, Housing, Wellness, and Youth Development*. We are proud to partner with groups and organizations that make such a tremendous difference in the community. Scan the QR codes below to learn more about their work.



St. Vincent de Paul and the Amazing Grace Food Pantry have been vital resources for families in Middlesex County for many years.

During the 2022-2023 Grant Cycle:

- An average of **2,446 people** received nutritious food every month through the Amazing Grace Food Distribution Initiatives.
- The agency served an average of **1,303 families** each month.
- During the school year, **more than 300 elementary school students** in Middletown brought home two meals and snacks in their backpacks. That adds up to **over 164,000 food items** distributed through the agency's backpack program.

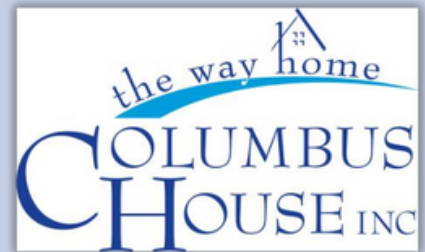


***"SUCH A BLESSING..."***

**HEIDI AND HER FAMILY LOST EVERYTHING THEY HAD IN AN APARTMENT FIRE AND MOVED INTO A MOTEL. SHE BEGAN GETTING FOOD FROM AMAZING GRACE FOOD PANTRY THROUGH HER SOCIAL WORKER. HEIDI CALLED THE FOOD "SUCH A BLESSING" AS IT WAS FRESH AND LIKE GETTING GROCERIES FROM A LOCAL STORE. HEIDI NOW VOLUNTEERS AT AMAZING GRACE TO SHOW HER APPRECIATION AND PAY IT FORWARD.**

Throughout the Pandemic, Columbus House has maintained a track record of success, not only in continuing to move people into permanent housing placements, but also in keeping individuals and families safe from the virus and off the streets.

- Columbus House's Housing programs secured permanent housing solutions for **more than 300 people** in 2022.
- The Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid ReHousing (RRH) programs served **837 people** in 2022, with **98% of PSH clients** maintaining or improving their living situation and **89% of RRH clients** remaining housed within 12 months of exiting to permanent housing.



***"A SOURCE OF STRENGTH"***

**"COLUMBUS HOUSE IS SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN THE CLIENTS OF OUR SERVICES, WHO NOW WORK ON OUR STAFF. IT'S ALWAYS A SOURCE OF STRENGTH FOR THE ORGANIZATION TO BE DRIVEN BY PEOPLE WHO UNDERSTAND IN A VERY PERSONAL AND REAL SENSE: THE IMPORTANCE OF WHAT WE'RE DOING AND WHAT THE PEOPLE THAT WE'RE SERVING ARE GOING THROUGH."**

*Margaret Middleton*  
Chief Executive Officer, Columbus House



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Middlesex United Way helped support the construction of a new home for Krystal Rivera and her family as part of our partnership with Middlesex Habitat for Humanity of CT. Our team had the chance to work with Krystal while volunteering on the jobsite. We wish her the very best as she becomes a first-time homeowner and a member of the East Hampton community.



***"A DREAM COME TRUE"***

**"TO DESIGN YOUR HOUSE AND THEN TO KNOW THAT THE BOARDS IN THE WALLS HAVE SPECIAL WORDING, MEMORIES, SENTIMENTS, AND 'BEST WISHES' TO MY NAME AND MY CHILDREN'S NAMES... IS SO SPECIAL. IT'S REALLY A DREAM COME TRUE."**

*Krystal Rivera  
Homeowner, East Hampton*

