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May 15, 2009

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Dear Mr. Karavas,

Thank you for generous contribution of \$1,654.00 from the Rotary Club of Hamden Foundation, Inc. to Columbus House, Inc., which was received on 5/15/09. Your support is critical in helping us to maintain the programs and services that serve over 3,000 clients annually. Columbus House has been in operation since 1982, offering shelter, housing and case management services that address the root causes of homelessness and help people move toward recovery and independence.

These days, many people are asking how we are doing given the economy and the number of people in need. Here is the sobering news. For the first time since we began keeping state-wide data, emergency shelters are at 100% occupancy. This is a 9% increase over last few years, and represents a staggering number of both individuals and families who are homeless. At Columbus House, we have been consistently over capacity in the shelters, accommodating as many people as we safely can by setting up cots when our beds are full. Our case managers are hard at work helping clients to find employment and housing, despite the odds which they encounter.

Your support is critical if we are to manage through these rough days of economic uncertainty and a higher demand on our housing and services. We can provide shelter and housing, case management services and basic needs because of your generosity toward Columbus House.

Thank you for your trust in us and for making our work possible. Together, we can make a difference.

Sincerely,

Alison Cunningham  
Executive Director

Thanks to all of you.

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