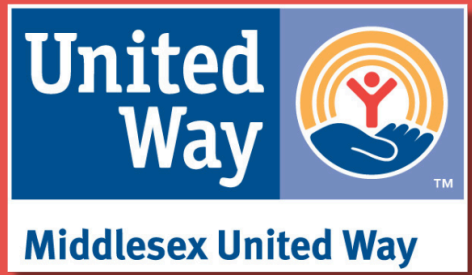


# CELEBRATING COMMUNITY SUCCESS

Middlesex United Way works closely with nearly two dozen local agencies whose work falls within the established United Way impact areas of *Racial Equity & Inclusion, Education & Youth Opportunity, Financial Security, Housing, and Healthy Communities/Wellness*. 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.



## LEADING THE WAY



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

During the 2023-2024 Grant Cycle:

- An average of 663,600 meals were served through the Amazing Grace Food Distribution Initiatives.
- The agency served an average of **1,000 families** each month.
- During the school year, an average of **363 elementary school students** in Middletown brought home two meals and snacks in their backpacks. That adds up to approximately 29,300 meals served.

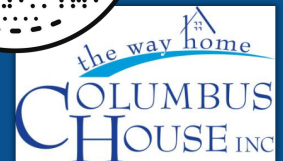
### “SUCH A BLESSING...”

**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  
Former Chief Executive Officer, Columbus House

