



Dear Friend,

On October 25, 2024, we will be hosting our popular **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hope and Home Celebration**, featuring live music, an open bar, dinner, a myriad of great auction items and more.

Community Housing Advocates (CHA), produces this event for about 250 attendees to celebrate two longstanding, Hartford organizations that work daily to prevent homelessness and care for the most vulnerable in our community – **Mercy Housing and Shelter Corporation** and **My Sisters' Place**. We are looking forward to holding this event at the Bond Ballroom in Hartford.

**We would love to count you among our cherished supporters. Would you please consider donating a product or service to our silent auction? In so doing you will be helping us to empower homeless individuals and families to achieve independence and stability. Our auction forms, including our IRS Determination Letter, are provided for your review.**

Last year, approximately 4,000 individuals and families in need of housing, food, medical services, and case management services were helped by Mercy Housing and Shelter Corporation and My Sisters' Place. Your generosity ensures we can continue to provide these critical services that give our clients hope and the opportunity to rebuild their lives.

Your support will let the people we serve know they are valued; your donation will give hope and transform lives for many. **We hope we can count on your support.**

Sincerely,

Kara A. Capone, MA, MPH  
Chief Executive Officer  
Community Housing Advocates, Inc.

Annette Scheidecker  
Director of Development  
Community Housing Advocates, Inc.



# Make a Community IMPACT at the



## HOPE AND HOME CELEBRATION 2024

To benefit **My Sisters' Place & Mercy Housing and Shelter Corporation**

**Your AUCTION DONATION makes a difference!**



As an auction donor, your products and services will be in front of hundreds attending the **6th Annual Hope & Home Celebration on Friday, October 25, 2024** – all while helping to fund resources to **end homelessness for local families and individuals.**

At the Hope and Home celebration, your donation will be seen by professionals and our supporters from around the region as they enjoy **dinner** including a delicious **carving station**, an **OPEN BAR** and **live music**.

Your support will be used to empower those who are experiencing homelessness to achieve independence, stability and a restored sense of dignity.

## HOPE AND HOME CELEBRATION 2024

**OCTOBER 25, 2024**

BOND BALLROOM, Hartford, CT

# Auction Item Donation Form

## Organization Information

(Note: Name will appear in digital materials as provided below.)

Contact Name:

Business/Organization Name:

Address:

Phone:  Email:

## Item Information

Provide a detailed description of your product or service, including any applicable quantities or restrictions. This description will appear in digital materials as provided below.

Estimated Retail Value:

## Delivery Information

- I have attached my gift certificate or enclosed my auction item with this form.
- I will deliver or mail my item to Community Housing Advocates, 221 Main Street, 4th Floor, Hartford, CT 06106 by Friday, September 27, 2024.
- I request my item to be picked up before Friday, September 27, 2024. (Please call (860) 808-2066 to schedule a pickup time)
- My item will not be available until after the event. (Please provide a contact for the auction winner below)

Name:  Phone:  Email:

## Questions? Call (860) 808-2066

Please return this auction form electronically to [Colleen Burns](mailto:cburns@mercyhousingct.org) at [cburns@mercyhousingct.org](mailto:cburns@mercyhousingct.org), mail to Community Housing Advocates, 221 Main Street, 4th Floor, Hartford, CT 06106, or provide an original or facsimile for in-person pickups.

All forms must be received by Friday, September 27, 2024.

Donor Signature:  Solicitor Signature:  Date:

Community Housing Advocates, Mercy Housing and Shelter Corporation, and My Sisters' Place are 501(c)(3) tax exempt organizations. Your donation is tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.  
Mercy Housing and Shelter Corporation's Nonprofit Tax ID: 06-1090211



INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
P. O. BOX 2508  
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **DEC 13 2019**

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CORPORATION  
221 MAIN ST FL 4-1  
HARTFORD, CT 06106

Employer Identification Number:  
06-1090211  
DLN:  
17053175317029  
Contact Person:  
SHEILA M ROBINSON ID# 31220  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(877) 829-5500  
Accounting Period Ending:  
June 30  
Public Charity Status:  
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:  
Yes  
Effective Date of Exemption:  
June 18, 2019  
Contribution Deductibility:  
Yes  
Addendum Applies:  
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

Our records show you were previously tax exempt as a subordinate under group exemption number 0928. Because you applied for and were granted your own individual tax-exempt status, you no longer rely on your affiliation with a parent organization for recognition of your tax exemption and you'll be listed individually in the Tax Exempt Organization Search.

If, in the future, you choose to become a subordinate under a group ruling, you'll lose your individual recognition of tax-exempt status and you'll no longer appear in the Tax Exempt Organization Search. Moreover, if you become a subordinate under a group ruling and your parent organization loses its tax-exempt status, you also will lose your exempt status. To reestablish your individual tax exemption after rejoining a group exemption, you'll be required to reapply and pay the appropriate use fee.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual

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information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to [www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities). Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

We sent a copy of this letter to your representative as indicated in your power of attorney.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen A. Martin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the name.

Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements