Alison Cunningham

Alison is Executive Director of Columbus House, Inc, which opened its doors in 1981 to serve people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness by providing shelter and housing and by fostering their personal growth. Alison’s relationship with Columbus House goes back almost thirty years to 1987, having served in several different roles off and on until 1998, when she began her tenure as the Executive. She serves on myriad committees and task forces, both local and statewide coalitions and is a fierce advocate for people experiencing homelessness.

Columbus House has hosted many interns over the years and Alison has been a supervisor, theological mentor and now a practicum instructor for 2 years.

Cunningham, a native Texan, completing her undergraduate work at Austin College in Sherman Texas. She moved to New Haven 1982 to work on her M. Div degree at Yale Divinity School, from which she graduated in 1984. Cunningham lives in Hamden with her partner and their pooch. She’s an avid gardener, kayaker, swimmer, reader and enjoys the many and varied cultural activities available in the Greater New Haven area.