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Evictions & bankruptcies hit low despite pandemic; Effects to come?

The [Providence Journal reported](#) on eviction and bankruptcy trends in 2020 in light of the pandemic-induced unemployment and shutdowns. According to Census data, 15% of Rhode Island renters, or 37,000, are behind on rent but the eviction moratorium's have largely staved off a massive influx of newly homeless individuals. The U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Rhode Island saw less bankruptcies filed as well; 1,334 filings, compared with 1,912 filings through Dec. 22, 2019.

"I feel like at some point this is all going to hit the wall," Karen Santilli, executive director of Crossroads RI, told the Providence Journal.

MAE Organization Grows Solidarity Through Humble Gestures & Simple Acts

The Fall River Herald News highlights the amazing work that the MAE Organization does to help support 300 individuals experiencing homelessness every week. Read more about Azorean native Martinha Javid and her organization's work [here](#).

Will help be available for evicted families after moratorium ends?

WPRI '12 Responds' team answers their viewers' questions about rent relief and the fall-out of the eviction moratorium's inevitable end.

Read the entire article [here](#).

Advocates Convene for Virtual Press Conference

The Coalition and it's members convened for a virtual (pre-recorded) press conference to bring attention to the homelessness crisis. Hear two stories from Rhode Islander's currently experiencing homelessness and learn how to get involved this legislative season. Watch it on YouTube [here](#).



RI Senate Holds Coat & Winter Gear Drive

In lieu of their annual in-person event, the RI Senate held a coat drive in December in partnership with the Coalition. In total, \$760 in donations was gifted for purchasing winter gear and hundreds of coats, scarves, gloves, and hats were donated over the course of a couple of weeks.

We thank Senator Dawn Euer, who coordinated this successful event, for all the work she and her colleagues did. Read more [here](#).

