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## **She lives life in a tent next to Job Lot and longs for the family she never had**

The Providence Journal published an intimate interview with Toni Janis, a woman currently experiencing homelessness and working with the outreach team from House of Hope.

[Read about Toni here.](#)

## **Cranston panhandling ordinance case settled**

The Cranston Herald reported the case of Rhode Island Homeless Advocacy Project et al. v. City of Cranston has been settled with a finding that the ordinance is unconstitutional.

The Rhode Island ACLU celebrated the judgment as a “major victory for the First Amendment and the rights of the poor.”

Steven Brown, executive director of the ACLU of Rhode Island, added: “Anti-panhandling ordinances serve only to criminalize poverty. The ACLU is hopeful that this consent judgment will mark the last attempt by municipalities across the state to punish those who peacefully seek to exercise their First Amendment right to solicit financial support from strangers.”

Read the [full case details here.](#)



*Mark Patinkin/The Providence Journal*

## **Addiction outreach program at Amos House**

Read about Amos House outreach worker Joyce Delmoral's journey to sobriety and work as a supportive service provider for other women experiencing homelessness and opioid addiction on WJAR. Here's an excerpt from the story;

"At 49 years old, Delmoral said she's found purpose with her life, and she stayed sober through the stressors of the pandemic.

"Now I go out and try to save the ones that were hard to be saved, like I was," she said."

You can read the [full article here.](#)