

Street Sights

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Happy Birthday to Street Sights!

This is our 25th year of providing a top notch magazine to all.
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ADVOCATES SAVE LIVES WHEN THE SYSTEM FAILS

Adapted from the article by Steve Ahlquist, April 19, 2025. Read the full article at : steveahlquist.substack.com

Over a month ago, Paula Hudson of Better Lives Rhode Island reached out to share the story of “Mary,” a 65-year-old disabled woman facing eviction. Mary’s struggle, though heartbreaking, is far from unique. **Across Rhode Island, elderly and disabled individuals fall through the cracks of a system that’s supposed to protect them.** While Mary’s story ends with relative safety, the journey there reveals the failures in housing, healthcare, and mental health services that leave too many vulnerable.

Becka, a volunteer with Better Lives, stepped in to help Mary navigate so many obstacles after she lost her ID, bank card, and SNAP benefits due to a robbery. Mary’s mental health complications—particularly anosognosia, a condition where one lacks awareness of their illness—further complicated matters. She stopped paying rent

and misunderstood her legal obligations, leading to multiple court appearances and eviction threats, despite having income from SSI.

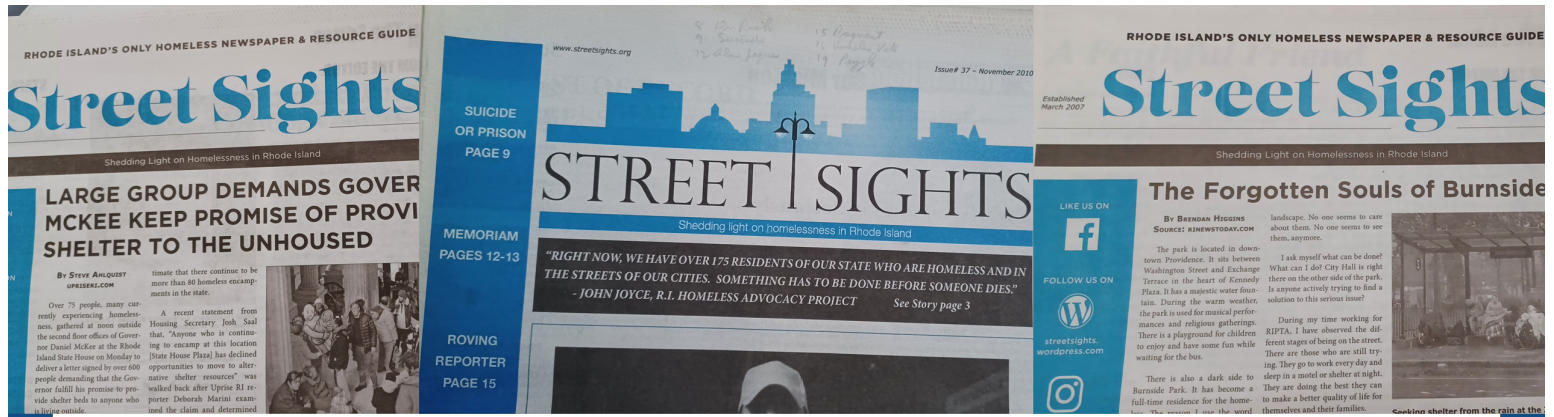
Mary’s health drastically declined following a car accident, which resulted in a brain injury and extended hospital stay. Although deemed incompetent by hospital doctors, no family could be located to assume guardianship. Becka offered to be Mary’s payee but not her guardian. Eventually, the hospital discharged Mary without proper transportation, forcing her to take two buses home alone on a freezing night.

Despite efforts from neighbors, advocates, and the apartment manager, Mary’s mental state and living conditions deteriorated. Numerous attempts to have her evaluated for psychiatric care failed because she would not open the door. State agencies and mental health workers were either unable or unwilling to act. On the day of her eviction, emergency responders helped her leave, and she narrowly avoided homelessness

thanks to a kind police officer and a timely hospital rescue.

Mary is now in a geriatric psychiatric facility, where she finally receives the care she desperately needed. With the possibility of placement in a nursing home, her future seems more stable than it has in years. But Mary still has no personal belongings, not even a phone or radio, and remains isolated from society. Her story is a success only in comparison to the tragic outcomes others in similar positions often face.

This case underscores a disturbing reality: the system is not designed to intervene effectively for people like Mary until it’s nearly too late. The network of people who helped her—volunteers, friends, advocates—did so out of compassion, not obligation. “Mary’s lucky,” Paula Hudson says, “but not everybody is.” Her story is a call to action: without systemic change, far too many will continue to fall through the cracks.



SAVE THE DATE!



You're invited to celebrate 25 Years of Street Sights

June 26, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Sts. Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church

70 Jefferson St, Providence, RI 02908

Plenty of parking | Handicap accessible

RSVP by **June 13th** to
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THE STATE OF RI HOMELESSNESS

The 2024 State of Homelessness is Stark

Adapted from the story by Steve Anagnostis, Nov. 20, 2024

On November 19, 2024 the Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness held the 2024 State of Homelessness. The data was disturbing. Key findings include:

- Homelessness increased in RI by nearly 30% since 2023, the largest increase in years.
- Wages are too low and rents are too high, and neither issue is likely to be solved in the short term.
- Black and African American households make up 54% of Rhode Island's homeless population, an increase from 48% in 2023.
- We do not have enough shelter beds in Rhode Island. Despite adding more beds, the number of people needing emergency shelter continues to rise. Same with people awaiting housing. There is a crisis on the horizon.

Homelessness Continues to Rise

The Annual Point in Time Count resulted in an increase in persons experiencing homelessness since last year of **34.9%**

There are **1,055** Unsheltered Persons Waiting for Shelter

...just in the last year there were only an average of **7** openings per day

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WHERE IS THE OUTRAGE?

THE LIGHTS ARE ON AT THE STATEHOUSE BUT WHO IS? The people in charge - elected officials and their appointees, just don't care about human life. There is no plan, no vision, no leadership, no direction, there is only death, despair and criminalization. When will this madness end?

"Providers are working without contracts, emergency hubs are not yet funded, and key members of the Housing Department were on vacation." - Steve Anagnostis

It's 2025 and the RI Housing Department still has no plans to house the homeless. REALLY? Really? Really? Hey Governor, let's make our unhoused friends **RI** priority in 2025!

CALL TO ACTION: The 2025 Legislative Session starts on January 7. Contact your state representative and senators today to demand immediate action on homelessness. If we really want to eliminate homelessness we all need to work together, speak up and demand that Gov. McKee make ending homelessness a priority! Call the State House (401.222.2863) or, if you want to get more involved, contact streetsights@gmail.com.

Have you ever heard of the phrase "There but for the grace of God I go?" "These people," as you refer to them, are human beings! Who are you to judge them? The only difference between you and them is the circumstances. But you FAIL to realize that being homeless could happen to you in the blink of an eye! -Tracy Berube, Advocate

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WARMTH WITH DIGNITY

Warmth with dignity, the DaVinci Center difference

By Ralph Davis

Foot stomping cold and icy hands. Chilled to the bone, the kids' trudge, bus it, or are driven to the DaVinci Center located on Charles Street in Providence. When it was cold and dark, there was warmth there: a place to shake off the cold and settle in for the night.

Upon entering, everyone reveals at the much needed heat of the DaVinci Center. They can even have seconds when they are served. There were movies and snacks and bags to store their belongings. All of the touches were provided by caring staff who know how they would like to be treated in such a circumstance.

"We are like Planet Fitness, a judgment zone," DaVinci Center executive director Norma Gonzalez laughingly said. She spoke of once spotting someone cold sleeping outside and how guilty she felt using a blanket at home. It is this eye of empathy, suffering when one sees our others suffer, and determining to help in a meaningful way that defines her and the staff at the DaVinci Center. It was without hesitation that she permitted the building to be used to get people out of the cold.

Paula Hudson heads up Better Lives Rhode Island and her depth of caring and compassion for unhoused friends came out very clearly in our short conversation with her. She was a case manager at Better Lives for over two years prior to assuming her role. According to Paula, the moved up with loads of first hand knowledge, compassion, and skills to model for her staff.

Paula learned in an earlier venture that relying on untrained volunteers to operate a warming center would not be a safe or dignified endeavor.

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POETRY SLAM

• A MONTHLY CONTEST •

SHARE YOUR TALENT

1st 2nd 3rd PLACES

WIN A GIFT CARD TO DUNKIN' DONUTS

BE INTERVIEWED FOR THE NEWSPAPER

Arrows by Ben Zhang

Street Sights is accepting all submissions accepted if they are original and clearly written. To other words, no AI or AI-generated. For the next month, there will be a contest. Each month there will be a prize. Submit your poem or story to streetsights@gmail.com. The prize for each month winner is going to be a first, second, and third place gift card, and an interview with the paper. Every month we will pick five submissions. The rules are easy. No submissions will be accepted if they are vulgar or sexually explicit. In other words, no AI or AI-generated. For the next month, there will be a contest. Each month there will be a prize. Submit your poem or story to streetsights@gmail.com. The prize for each month winner is going to be a first, second, and third place gift card, and an interview with the paper. Every month we will pick five submissions. The rules are easy. No submissions will be accepted if they are vulgar or sexually explicit. In other words, no AI or AI-generated.

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SPOTLIGHT: PROJECT WEBER/RENEW

Project Weber/RENEW's New OPC: Saving Lives Through Compassionate, Peer-Led Care

By Annajane Yolken and Mandy Roman

Project Weber/RENEW (PWR) is Rhode Island's largest harm reduction and recovery organization, with over 18 years of experience improving the health and wellbeing of people experiencing homelessness and substance use. Through peer-led outreach, PWR provides harm reduction and recovery support services, builds relationships with the people we serve, and advocates for systemic change. We empower individuals who use drugs and/or engage in sex work and people at risk for and living with HIV and hepatitis C to make healthier and safer choices in their own lives.

At the heart of our work is a peer-led model. The majority of our staff have lived experience with substance use, sex work, or homelessness and reflect the communities we serve. This shared experience builds trust and breaks down barriers to care, helping people access life-saving services without fear or stigma.

In January 2025, PWR opened the first state-sanctioned and regulated overdose prevention center (OPC) in the United States, located in Providence. This groundbreaking center offers a range of services under one roof, including a safe space where trained peers can intervene in the event of an overdose. Our peer staff are first responders—using oxygen, naloxone titration, and trauma-informed care to reverse overdoses and save lives.

Since its opening, the OPC has welcomed over 1,000 client visits. It remains the only state-sanctioned facility of its kind in the country, although two city-approved centers have operated in New York City.

The OPC is open Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at 45 Willard Avenue in Providence. Clients can walk in to enroll—no appointment is needed.

The site is conveniently located on the RIPTA #1 bus line, and all services are provided anonymously in accordance with Department of Health regulations.

The OPC is co-located with services from our clinical partners at VICTA, who provide a full-time nurse, a full-time behavioral health clinician, and three part-time physicians specializing in primary care, addiction medicine, and infectious disease. Clients can access care without an appointment. VICTA's services include substance use and mental health treatment, wound care, reproductive health, HIV and hepatitis C care, and support for urgent medical needs. Heather, VICTA's behavioral health clinician, also facilitates wellness activities such as support groups, art therapy, and gong baths.



Photo credit Project Weber/RENEW.

Just downstairs from the OPC is PWR's Providence Drop-In Center, open during the same hours. The drop-in center offers wraparound support including peer support and case management, access to food, clothing, and hygiene products, as well as housing and court navigation. Clients also have access to laundry and shower facilities, support groups, and harm reduction supplies. Our case managers work with clients holistically to support housing, employment, and food access, while also helping coordinate on-site medical care. Staff also provide rapid HIV and hepatitis C testing. Anyone is welcome to access drop-in services—no enrollment required.



Photo credit Project Weber/RENEW.

PWR's wraparound care extends beyond Providence. At 124 Broad Street in Pawtucket—right across from the Wendy's—our second drop-in center is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This drop-in center provides a range of harm reduction and basic needs services, case management, as well as laundry and on-site behavioral healthcare through Gateway Health. The Pawtucket drop-in center is open from 10am - 4pm, Monday through Friday.

For more information, visit either of our drop-in centers, call (401) 383-4888, or email info@weberrenew.org.

IT'S HAPPENING EVERYWHERE!

By Minister Brian Archibald

Street Sights asked me to do an article referring to how people are doing with the current climate that is developing in our nation, our cities and in the unhoused community. As I thought about this, I decided not to do an article from one person's perspective, but to ask a series of questions to several people to see what the general consensus is referring to their individual living situations and how the complications of this present day are affecting them.

Question 1: How is the current housing situation here in Rhode Island affecting their living situation?

Out of twenty people interviewed there was a unanimous reaction. Each person I spoke to said there is no housing situation because there's barely any housing! At least not housing that they can afford. One person made the statement saying, "how is it that we can't afford housing that is called affordable? I would love to ask the Governor that one!" a woman who was among the people that I spoke to said that she is living in fear sleeping in an abandoned building afraid of what could happen to her being alone in that type of situation.

Question 2: How are you doing financially? 16 out of the twenty people I spoke to said they were doing terribly. They said that they can't find jobs because they don't have permanent residence. They can't get permanent residence because they don't have jobs. Some of these same people said the other reason is because that don't have decent clothes or a place that they can get there hygiene together on a consistent level to go on interviews, and even worse, they would have to bring everything they own with them because they have no

place to 'stash' their belongings while they go on an interview if they ever even go that far. Several others said that they are either waiting for an answer from Social Security, or that the money that they do get is barely enough to survive.

Question 3: Do you feel like you are receiving proper support? Or are you getting any support?

All but two of the people I spoke to said definitely not to both questions. In fact, what I got from most of the eighteen that said this was that there is a significant lack of trust when it comes to social workers and especially that attitude that they are presented with when they do go to ask for help from certain agencies. Two of the twenty refused to answer even when I said no names would be used in the publishing of this article because of the sensitivity of the direction that I knew it would go.

Question 4: What do you think should be done that would make things better?

They all surprisingly had the exact same answer: Change the whole system and replace everyone who is a part of it with people who actually care about us. Three of the interviewees said that they should take the Mayor, Governor and every other public official who thinks that the system is working and put them out on the street for a week with nothing and see how they feel. Make them sleep at Harrington Hall, or the Mission, or a bando with nothing but their wits and see how it feels. Then imagine what it feels like to live like that every day of their lives with little to no hope.

IF YOU DON'T KNOW, NOW YOU KNOW!

RI HOMELESS BILL OF RIGHTS: In 2012, RI formally protect the rights of those experiencing homelessness through RI General Laws § 34-37.1-3.

If you feel your rights have been violated:
+Take photos, video or audio of the incident.
+Write down what you remember, or record as much of the incident as you can. Specifically what happened, where it happened, when, and who was involved.
+Write down or record the name, badge number, license plate, or any other identifying information about the discriminating person.
+Bring the info to the RIHAP meetings at 12pm on Wednesdays at Mathewson Street Church (134 Mathewson St., Providence)

The Homeless Bill of Rights states you have the:

Right to use and **move freely in public spaces**, including, but not limited to, public sidewalks, public parks, public transportation and public buildings, in the same manner as any other person.

Right to **equal treatment by all state and municipal agencies**, including but not limited to, public libraries, police, RIPTA, EMS, city and town halls and the state house.

Right to **employment nondiscrimination** while seeking or maintaining employment due to the lack of permanent mailing address, mailing address being that of a shelter or social service provider, or because they know or think you to be experiencing homelessness.

Right to **emergency medical care** free from discrimination. You cannot be denied medical care or emergency services because of your housing status. You have the right to be treated when you seek medical attention.

Right to **vote** at your local polling place, register to vote, and receive documentation necessary to prove identity for voting without discrimination because of your lack of address.

Right to **confidentiality** and protection from disclosure of records and information, including but not limited to: shelter sign-in lists, service provider records, waiting lists, and medical records without appropriate legal authority.

Right to a reasonable expectation of **privacy** (protected from search or seizure) of your personal belongings, such as a backpack or a tent, to the same extent as if you were in a house.

The Re-entry Trap: Systemic Barriers, Women, Incarceration, and the Fight for a Second Chance

“Prison isn’t a place where society sends its failures. Prison is a place for people that society itself has failed” - Bella Robinson

This article tells the story of Dee, a 58-year-old woman recently released from the ACI, to illustrate the steep challenges many women face when re-entering society after incarceration. With limited options and few safety nets, too many are set up to fail before they even begin.

When Dee was released, the transitional team couldn’t find her a sober house or shelter bed. She was simply released into homelessness. After weeks of surviving in the woods, dehydrated and unsure what to do, Dee called Bella Robinson, who had helped her before. She sent Bella a GPS “ping” so she could be located. Bella picked her up, and they discussed options. Dee mentioned Butler Hospital, known for its in-house mental health and addiction services. Bella sent her there in an Uber, reassuring her not to worry about the cost.

That night, however, Dee texted Bella at 11 p.m.—Butler was discharging her, even though they knew she had nowhere to go. Bella called the hospital three times, speaking with various staff members, including a security guard, demanding to know what would happen if something happened to Dee after discharge. Eventually, they agreed to let her stay overnight in the waiting room.

Dee remained homeless, but in constant contact with Bella through what she calls a “check-in culture.” Each morning, Bella would send a message: “Proof of life,” and Dee would reply. Dee also checked in with Coordinated Entry daily, the only system in Rhode Island for accessing emergency shelter beds. Meanwhile, Bella reached out to other organizations and case managers, trying to find a space for her.

One day, Dee texted to say she ran into her friend Lee, who offered her a shower. Bella responded, “I don’t know Lee, but if she lets you stay on her couch, I’ll give her \$20 a night—or \$30 if she provides dinner.” Dee agreed to check, and soon Bella got a call from Lee herself. “I remember you,” Lee said. “You helped me just a couple of weeks ago with gift cards and hygiene kits. You don’t need to pay me. I’m going to take care of Dee.”

This moment exemplifies what Bella calls the “full circle” of community care—when women who’ve received support are empowered to help others in return.

Bella Robinson is the Executive Director of COYOTE RI (Calling Out Our Youth – Old Tired Ethics Rhode Island), a small but powerful organization serving marginalized women, including sex workers, trafficking survivors, and formerly incarcerated individuals. Despite limited resources, COYOTE RI offers essential services that meet both immediate needs and long-term goals.

One such program is the weekly Healing Hustling Healing support group on Zoom, where participants take turns facilitating sessions and earn a \$50 Amazon gift card when they do. The group has remained strong for over a year, providing women with skills, community, and routine. It’s also where Bella first introduced “proof of life” check-ins, which have now become a cornerstone of COYOTE’s outreach culture.

Another vital service is the COYOTE CLOSET. This program distributes hygiene products and harm reduction supplies such as naloxone and condoms. Each week, roughly 50 outreach kits go out into the community, and in the last year alone, COYOTE RI served over 2,000 people through this initiative. The program runs on a shoestring budget, with supplies sourced through an Amazon wishlist and bulk hygiene donations from Amenity Aid. Clothing donations are also accepted to meet broader needs.

A major part of COYOTE RI’s mission is its three-phase Re-entry Program. Phase One starts inside the ACI, where staff member Lindsay Berry facilitates a 12-week empowerment class for incarcerated women. The course covers topics like identifying toxic relationships, goal-setting, and planning for release. At the end of the program, participants receive flyers about Phases Two and Three.

Phase Two begins after release. If a woman contacts COYOTE RI within 30 days, she receives gift cards for groceries and clothing. While small, these gestures offer immediate support and help establish trust—no paperwork, no strings attached, just care when it’s most needed.

Phase Three is the Sister 2 Sister support group, led by LaResse Harvey, a formerly incarcerated woman. This nationwide group helps participants build crucial life skills, from computer literacy to resume writing. LaResse also assists women in navigating legal challenges, such as filing for divorce or handling family court cases. The group welcomes women with any history of incarceration—federal, state, or local—and is grounded in empathy, lived experience, and peer leadership.

Together, these programs aim not just to provide resources, but to build community and help women feel seen, supported, and safe. Dee’s journey reflects what many experience—falling through the cracks of a system unequipped to support re-entry. But with persistence, connection, and care from people like Bella and programs like COYOTE RI’s, there is hope.

To learn more about COYOTE RI’s Re-entry Program and other essential services, visit our [program services page](#). If you’d like to support our work, please consider donating through our [Amazon Wishlist](#) or making a tax-deductible contribution.

Learn more at: coyoteri.org

A State of Hope by Shelley Turner-Riley

As it happens, I am writing this during what some refer to as “Holy Week”; This month people have/will observe Passover, Maundy (Holy) Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday (“Resurrection Day”). April also brings Earth Day and Arbor Day. Gardeners are watching for official signs of Spring: Planted or annual flowers (Cherry Blossoms!); Birds singing, even building nests near us, etc.

What might these events have in common? Anticipation, of some sort. “A confident expectation” which is one definition of HOPE. We may link it to fear-based gestures like crossed fingers, knocking on wood, etc. Or we can pray.

Hope is a prominent theme in the Bible as a whole. It is usually linked to some promise or word of encouragement, in times of need, illness, loss, uncertainty—something imagined, not yet realized. “Despair,” in contrast, is feeling “hopeless” - “Empty of hope” vs. “HopeFUL”.

Many cultures have a version of the biblical account of the Garden of Eden. I used to read stories—Aesop’s Fables and Greek myths as a kid. Pandora’s Box is one of them. Pandora and a companion are given a box, with instructions not to open it—no matter what. Voices coming from the box get louder. When she is alone, Pandora gives in. Horrible entities escape. However, one tiny voice remains in the box: “I am Hope. I will always be here.”

So, what “noises” seek to rob any of us of our sense of wellness—body, mind, soul and spirit? What voices can offset, even replace the lies we come to believe? Who has not heard or read that “The Truth shall set you free”?

Our RI State Flag has 13 stars, one for each of the original Colonies. There is one word “HOPE”. It was put there by some who came to our area in pursuit of religious freedom. The anchor on the

flag stands for “the hope that anchors the soul.” The word “resilience” was mentioned in the info on the flag’s meaning. It has become a buzzword in areas of health and wellness, leadership and persistence. Synonym—“Not giving up.” But how? Where can we turn for this type of strength?

We are, as Genesis reveals, made (“created”) in God’s image—to be whole: Body, mind, souls and spirit. As King David wrote in Psalm 139, we are “fearfully and wonderfully made”. As in “awe-fully” made. Awesomely. Not two dimensional, with just drives and survival instincts.

No—this is not easy to say—it has taken years. I know few who have not lost hope or sense of purpose at some time. For example, “Man’s Search for Meaning” by Viktor Frankl, a German psychiatrist, who endured a Nazi prison camp, then moved on to thrive. He “prescribes” belief that we each have some purpose in life—resulting in a will to live. I have a more current book: “Living Fearless” by Jamie Winship (who was recently in Providence.) It is about exchanging lies for truth, by discovering our God-given senses of identity and purpose.

It reads as a hopeful, life-giving message.

We each have a story, worth telling and hearing. “Street Sights” represents those whose story includes being homeless. For others, it is one of advocating for them. A community of persons with a vision and sense of purpose can have an impact, and bring hope to such situations.

The story of “The Good Samaritan” is almost iconic. Jesus told it in answer to a question: “Who is my neighbor?” It is about one person who responds to a stranger who has been beaten and left for dead. All around us are persons that do not feel alive, safe or whole. I cannot go without including the many war veterans among us; there are many other battles people face as well.

Grace and Peace.

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POETRY WALL

Indulgence

(Micro-story behind the poem: One day, like many other days, I was walking on Cranston Street - where the Mission is, and I stay as a guest on occasion. On that street there is a place of business particularly friendly to me, where I am welcome to sit. On that day, I felt a sweet urge to take my pen and notebook out of my backpack...)

Sitting attached to a heart
strong sensitive full of warm
desire oozing as honey drop

Commanding through sounds and colors
stop divert pretending to
surprise God

Expanding the circle
well beyond the stars
and black holes

Noticing insidious surepticious
interference of the powers

Following the insinuation
of the imagination
pretending to choose not to
follw the course already prescribed

Marching steps -- stepping on
dislocated stone set as traps
on the way

Dreaming stories, histories, and follies
Sitting...Commanding...Expanding....
Noticing...Following...Marching...
My soul into freedom and discovery

~poet Ramón Andrés Rodriguez

**In Memory of Travis Eisenberger
(passed January 18, 2022)**

**There's an empty feeling
that fills my soul today
Why did this happen here?
I'm at a loss to what to say**

**He was only 34 and troubled
Mental illness takes a toll
There's so many issues looming
that sadly got out of control**

**Travis I love you... I really do
This hurts more than I realize
I'm distraught and humbled
God take him to heaven in the skies**

**So if you're dealing with mental illness
everyday is a learning experience
Try your best to simply understand
Sadly a lot of it never makes sense**

~ Dave Eisenberger, Travis's dad.



RHODE ISLAND MEAL SITES

BE SURE TO CALL IN ADVANCE FOR INFORMATION AS SOME THINGS ON THIS LIST MAY BE OUT OF DATE.

PAWTUCKET:

Pawtucket Soup Kitchen

195 Walcott Street (401) 258-4616

Breakfast M-F 7:15-8:00am

Dinner M-F 4:45-5:30 pm

Saturday Brunch 10:15 - 11:00 a.m.

Lunch M-F Downtown Pawtucket
across from Visitor's Center - 11:30 am
and Collyer Park - 11:50 am

NEWPORT:

MLK Center

20 Dr Marcus Wheatland Blvd
(401)272-0220

Breakfast Mon-Fri 7:30-8:30am

The Salvation Army

51 Memorial Blvd
(401) 846-3234

Dinner Sunday 12:30-1:15pm

Dinner Friday 4:00-4:45pm

EAST PROVIDENCE:

Good Neighbors

55 Turner Ave (401) 433-0045

Lunch Mon-Thurs. 11:00am-1:00pm and

Friday 9:30am-1:00pm

PROVIDENCE:

Amos House

460 Pine Street , Prov. (401) 272-0220

Breakfast M-F 7:00-8:00am

Lunch M-F 11:00-12:30, Saturday 11:00-
12:00pm (closed first Saturday of the
month)

Church of the Master Meal Site

15 Valley Street (401) 861-5568

Breakfast Saturday 9:00-10:00am

Mathewson Street Church

134 Mathewson Street, (401) 331-8900

Breakfast M, W, Th, Sat 9-10:00am and
Sunday 8:00-9:00am

Lunch M, W, Th, Sat 11:30am-12:30pm

Better Lives Rhode Island

Friday weekly community meal
134 Mathewson St.
3:00-5:00pm

McAuley House

622 Elmwood Ave, Prov. (401) 941-9013

Breakfast Mon - Fri 8 AM - 9:30 AM

Lunch Mon-Fri 11:15 AM - 1 PM

Providence Rescue Mission

627 Cranston St, Prov. (401) 274-8861

Dinner Mon-Sun 5:00pm

The Salvation Army

386 Broad Street (401) 831-1119

Dinner Sunday 4:00-4:45pm (closed
first Sunday of the month)

St. Edward Food & Wellness Center

1001 Branch Avenue, Prov (401) 600-
1935

Lunch Saturday 12:00-1:30pm

St. Charles Soup Kitchen

178 Dexter Street, Prov (401) 946-5586

Dinner Thursday 4:15-6:00pm

St. Patricks Church

244 Smith Street (401) 421-7070

Dinner Monday 4:00-5:00pm

WOONSOCKET:

New Beginnings

24 Hamlet Ave (401) 356-4066

Lunch Monday - Thursday

11:30 am - 12:45 pm

Breakfast M-F 7:15-8:00am



A mental illness is a condition that affects a person's thinking, feeling, behavior or mood. If you have — or think you might have — a mental illness, the first thing you must know is that you are not alone. Mental health conditions are far more common than you think:

- 1 in 5 U.S. adults experience mental illness each year
- 1 in 20 U.S. adults experience serious mental illness each year
- 1 in 6 U.S. youth aged 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year
- 50% of all mental illness begins by age 14, and 75% by age 24

Mental illness does not mean that you're broken or that you, or your family, did something "wrong." Mental illness is no one's fault. And for many people, recovery — including meaningful roles in social life, school and work — is possible, especially when you start treatment early and play a strong role in your own recovery process.

Call our HelpLine at [800-950-6264](tel:800-950-6264), text '[NAMI](#)' to [62640](tel:62640), or chat online. **In a crisis, call or text 988.**

PLEASE NOTIFY STREET SIGHTS IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR INFORMATION ADDED.

CONTACT US AT STREETSGHTS@GMAIL.COM