



A Campaign Update from Liz LaRose

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Dear Friends of MUW,

Our agencies are keeping a close eye on a few concerning trends related to the pandemic, among them the possibility of a wave of homelessness that may take place after the eviction moratorium is lifted at the end of March.

In preparation for increased eviction filings, the N.H. Circuit Court is piloting two mediation programs, in Claremont and Concord, to help alleviate the situation. Mediation is free and voluntary and may become a valuable way to resolve eviction disputes before they go to court. *The Sentinel* recently featured an article highlighting this program. [Click here](#) to read it.

The Cheshire County Emergency Housing Collaborative (CCEHC), an MUW funded program, is well aware of this emerging trend and continues to provide rent assistance and tools and resources to those who are homeless or housing insecure.

Beth Daniels, COO of Southwestern Community Services and a member of CCEHC explained,

"The eviction moratorium, like anything else, has some details related to it that are important for folks to be aware of. It was primarily put in place to protect those financially affected by the COVID pandemic but it also put a financial burden on landlords and property owners. The goal of the CCEHC, a collective partnership of Southwestern Community Services, Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention, and Hundred Nights, in regard to this moratorium and it being lifted at the end of March, is to ensure that there are resources available that will continue to meet the needs of both parties: offer services to prevent eviction for tenants and help to make landlords and property owners whole as they continue to operate their rental properties."

Aside from keeping an eye of the eviction moratorium, the collaborative has been working hard all year to make sure community members are sheltered or housed in safe environments. Some notable accomplishments for 2020 include:

- Three new shelter decompression sites between Cheshire County and Sullivan County were opened in 2020, allowing for increased capacity and social distancing and COVID protocol
- \$100,000 in direct assistance was given to community members through funds from the MUW's COVID relief fund
- \$200,000 in prevention funds and rapid re-housing funds were directed to community members through the Department of Health and Human Service's Homeless Housing and Access Revolving Loan Fund program
- \$2 million in assistance was given to over 625 households through the Cares Act's COVID Housing Relief Program

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The CCEHC continues to monitor the eviction moratorium issue as well as work together to streamline services and promote resources and solutions to those facing homelessness and housing instability. Your support helps make this work possible.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Liz LaRose, President
Ben Wheeler, Board Chair

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