



The Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness

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## 2023 Business and Social Organization Membership

The Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness (the Coalition) was founded in 1988 and has been involved in the majority of pivotal homelessness related issues and accomplishments. This includes advocating for many issues like affordable housing bonds, use of Conveyance Tax dollars to develop a dedicated funding line in the state budget for homeless programs, and the passage of a first Homeless Bill of Rights in the United States (2012, S-2052).

### Membership Commitments

We hope that by working together we can prevent and end homelessness. We know that our work takes collective efforts. By working collaboratively, we will accomplish goals and hopefully end unsheltered homelessness. We hope that by becoming a member you will commit to:

1. **Fundraising Support:** We expect member businesses to financially support our work through monetary donations of at least \$1000 in a calendar year. This can be accomplished by sponsoring one of our events or making a direct donation. We promise to address critical needs with your dollars.
2. **Advocacy:** The Coalition engages in yearlong advocacy to promote local, state, and national changes in policy that will benefit those who have lost or are at risk of losing housing and to promote housing justice. We hope that you will join us for advocacy days, state house hearings and at community meetings. We cannot do this alone.
3. **Promotion:** The Coalition reaches thousands of people a year through media engagement; presentations, funders, and faith-based groups; meetings with legislators; social media; and more. Through these engagements, we bring awareness. Please share the information with your networks.
4. **Community Outreach:** The Coalition works with local providers to support the work of agencies providing street outreach to people experiencing homelessness, including information about the Homeless Bill of Rights. We collect and distribute tents, backpacks and other items for those who are unsheltered. We also implement the state's Point In Time Count. We need volunteers to help with these efforts.
5. **Understanding:** This work is hard and we are all trying our best. We aim to be responsive to our community's needs but we are sometimes confined by time, funding or people power. We are always open to your feedback to ensure we do the best job.