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Dear Friends:

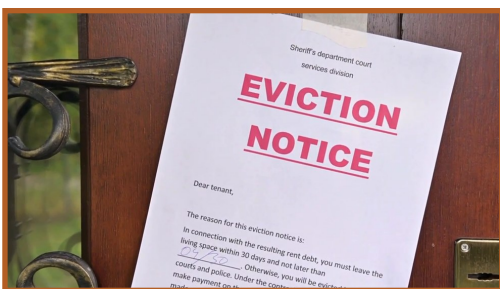
The year 2021 is showing that we can finally look forward to a brighter future as we see momentum build in fighting COVID-19. Vaccination rates are steadily increasing. We continue to meet virtually for the time being. And yet, through it all, you have continued to make a lasting impact in the lives of our brothers and sisters without a place to call home. I must admit, there was some fear when we had to close our doors last March for everyone's safety...

### **What would the future of our clients be who needed help the most?**

But with your help, we were able to ensure that over 800 families – more than 2,500 persons – were housed and had access to rental assistance that sustained them as they lost employment. 68 children were able to experience a sense of normalcy as they laughed together virtually during our after-school and summer camp program, Bernice's Place. Operation Warm Heart underwent monumental changes this year, keeping 14 adults socially distant at a hotel for their stay with us as they receive services to move forward in their journey.



### **Our work is not yet done. As I write this, 6,000 eviction cases are currently pending in Union County courts, waiting for the eviction moratorium to lift.**



When the pandemic ends, we do expect a tsunami of individuals needing our services. We are seeing many parents, new to the concept of being without shelter, trying to navigate this new, frightening world that they would never have entered otherwise had it not been for this globally-gripping disease.

By offering a donation, you are helping us prepare for that impending onslaught. We can be ready to help new clients, as well as clients that still need aid.

**The Coalition will never shut its doors to those in need. But we need your help.**

We have had a troubling year with unique challenges, and it has been your compassion that helped us tackle them and keep helping Union County men, women, and children in need. With your commitment, we can reach more families, more individuals in need, and help make Union County more equitable as we continue the fight to end homelessness.



Sincerely,

Linda M. Flores-Tober  
Executive Director

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**Please note:** For many of you, you may have been looking forward to our ***There's No Place Like Home*** annual gala this spring. With an abundance of caution, we have rescheduled the gala, our largest fundraising event of the year, to **December 1, 2021**. Please ***Save the Date!*** Once we have weathered this time of crisis as a community, we welcome the chance to gather again in celebration of those who make our work possible.

