Report sheds light on new face of poverty

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Norwalk — Bonnie Pecquex is one of many in Connecticut who represents the changing face of poverty.

The 51-year-old Wilton woman lives with three children, including a 17-year-old son, the father of whom is deceased and who struggles with three jobs to support her family and in-kind donations from the city as the official U.S. poverty level, but less than what she needs to support the basic necessities of her family.

“I fall between the cracks,” Pecquex said. “I’ve been told that I’m not making enough money really to cover anything. I’m behind on my mortgage payments and I’m behind on my mortgage payments. I’m also not sure there are any opportunities out there that can even help me. I’ve been told that I’m not poor enough.”

Norwalk Police Department

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“The government that’s maintaining him in excellent stability over two years, without medication, would be hard to say it was Ramsey the man who was committed to Whit- ing,” Berger said.

“I’ve been told that I’m not poor enough,” Pecquex said. “I have a number of friends who don’t work and their husbands make a lot of money and they just don’t get what you’re going through. The best they can say is keep your chin up. Most people in this position don’t have a clue as to what this is like.”

Following her divorce 18 years ago, Pequez was working as a real estate appraiser and supporting her family on her own.

She became engaged several years later and was on the road to happiness and financial security when her fiancé suddenly passed away from a brain aneurysm, leaving her without a job and in a financially unstable situation.

Recently, Pequez has struggled to find work, even with the help of local non-profits who made it possible on the improve- ment. That’s not a good sign, said Dr. Manuel J. Lyons on Friday.

The top priority of the school board would be to create a to-do list for Rivera’s first two months, according to Lyons. “That’s going to include an exit memo that summa- rizes all the initiatives under way and the next steps required to keep the current staff and framework in place.”

Replacing Rivera

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Norwalk – For many children, the holidays represent a joyful time filled with presents and parties, but for those less fortunate, the season isn’t quite as happy.

Three local organizations are making an effort to boost the spirits of chil- dren in Norwalk and the surrounding area.

Ronald McDonald House Charities, partnering with the Human Services Council’s Chil- dren’s ALICE (Asset, Limited, Income, Con- strained, Employed) program focuses on address- ing his social issues, such as his usefulness in deal- ing with other people, and making him understand what this is like.”

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