

Dream Homes Community Center

To: Mayor Mark Boughton and the Common Council
From: Rev. Phyllis J. Leopold
Re: March 2010 monthly report

I. Program Synopsis

Per the proposal endorsed by Mayor Boughton and the Common Council, Dream Homes Community Center (DHCC) was established to serve as the Point of Entry for people who are homeless or low-income renters and to facilitate first time home ownership for people with hard to serve backgrounds.

II. Point of Entry

From July 1, 2009 until May 21, 2010, DHCC has met with **168 families** and **132 individuals** through the Point of Entry. One highlight from this month involves a woman I will nickname “Olivia”:

Olivia was referred to ARC in February by the Women’s Center shelter. She had moved into the shelter with her daughters in January. Olivia was working part time at a clothing store and receiving child support from her ex-husband, but was at a loss as to how to start over. During our first meeting, we identified what resources she had and what type of housing would best accommodate her family.

Over the next month:

- We helped Olivia apply for three months of financial assistance: Security Deposit for two month’s from Department of Social Services (“Security Deposit Guarantee Program,” of note: program ended May 6, 2010)) and first month’s rent using ARC’s stimulus grant from HPRP. We also identified what needs she had as far as furniture and household items. We worked with the Women’s Center to find a safe and affordable apartment for Olivia—a two bedroom for \$750.

In mid-April:

- Olivia signed her lease and the landlord allowed her to move in 2 weeks early. Through ARC, Olivia and her family also received an estimated \$500 in donations of in-kind commodities: two twin beds, a Welcome Basket, kitchen dishes, and other household items to help the family settle in.

Now that they are in their own home, Olivia is determined to continuing providing the stability her daughters need. In the summer she will begin a program to obtain her nursing degree. She has found a renewed faith in people and in herself, and continues to work with ARC to achieve her goals.

III. Supportive Housing/Rentals and Home Ownership

Housing for Heroes – ARC is continuing to provide intake and screening services to the NPDCD and the *Vet House*. In May, three new applicants were screened for the *Vet House*. Of these three:

One person has been identified as an applicant for the transitional sector of the house. Two were not ready to be compliant with the rules of the house. As of May 21, 2010, there are **six** veterans living in the house: three as permanent residents and three as transitional residents.

IV. Outreach & Program Development

HPRP Screening Committee – The committee met twice in May.

The first meeting was on May 4, 2010 at 9:30 am at ARC. Nikki Singer (ARC) and Eileen Walsch (NOW) were present. There was no representation from CACD. Four new cases were reviewed. All four (two families and two single women) were approved for assistance. .

Second meeting was on May 19, 2010 at 9:30 am at ARC. Nikki Singer (ARC), Eileen Walsch (NOW), Phyllis Kinlow (CACD) and Sara Arroyo (CACD) were present. ARC presented six cases: one person who is homeless and five for prevention. The woman who is homeless was approved for a security deposit on an apartment. Two families were seeking assistance with a security deposit after landlords had allowed them to move in without paying up front, on the condition the deposits were paid within one month's time. Both were approved. The other three cases were denied: one was transferred to CACD for the Eviction Prevention Program; one family had insufficient income to support their housing; and one is eligible for an alternative program.

HPRP Executive Meeting – On May 12, Rev. Leopold participated in the Region V leadership meeting, held at Family Strides in Torrington. There were representatives from all the collaborating agencies, except CACD.

Now 7 months into collaborating: the program is successfully providing financial assistance for people in Danbury, Torrington, and Waterbury. Some issues remain regarding data entry and Licensing through Nutmeg Consulting.

Homeless Consortium – The Homeless Consortium met May 20, 2010 at 1:30 pm at the City Shelter. An “unsheltered” Point in Time count has been scheduled for June 3 during the Morning Glory breakfast program (6:30-9am) and during the Dorothy Day lunch (3:15-4:45). The goal will be to assess where people are staying, if not in the shelters. This will be the last meeting until September 2010.

V. Fundraising:

A team of four from ARC made a Power Point presentation to the United Way Review Team for the City grant request on behalf of DHCC. Participants from ARC included a Board Member (Rev. Patricia Nicholas), Executive Director (Rev. Phyllis J. Leopold), DHCC Housing Advocate & Case Manager (Ms. Nikki Singer), and Data Manager consultant who helped design our Power Point slide presentation.

VI. HMIS Report – 05/01/10 – 05/21/10:

Entry/Exit Report

Report Options:

Provider: Dream Homes Community Center (#330) ▼

This provider AND its children. This provider ONLY.

Entry/Exit Type: HUD-40118 ▼

Operating Year Date Range: 05/01/2010 to 05/21/2010 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Legal Adult Age: 18 (as defined by foster care law in your state)

Or

-Select- ▼

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2. Persons Served during the operating year.	Number of Singles Not in Families	Number of Adults in Families	Number of Children in Families	Number of Families
a. Number on the first day of the operating year.	30	15	20	13
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	11	1	2	1
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	3	0	0	0
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating	38	16	22	14

year. (a+b-c=d)				
3. Project Capacity.	Number of Singles Not in Families	Number of Adults in Families	Number of Children in Families	Number of Families
a. Number on last day (from 2d, columns 1 and 4)	38			14
4. Non-homeless persons. (Sec. 8 SRO projects only)				
How many income-eligible non-homeless persons were housed by the SRO program during the operating year?				22
5. Age and Gender. Of those who entered during the operating year, how many people are in the following age and gender categories?				
	Age	Male	Female	Other/Not given
Single Persons (from 2b, column 1)	a. 62 and over	1	0	0
	b. 51 - 61	0	2	0
	c. 31 - 50	2	3	0
	d. 18 - 30	0	2	0
	e. 17 and under	0	1	0
		Not given	0	0
Persons in Families (from 2b, columns 2 & 3)	f. 62 and over	0	0	0
	g. 51 - 61	0	0	0
	h. 31 - 50	0	1	0
	i. 18 - 30	0	0	0
	j. 13 - 17	0	0	0
	k. 6 - 12	2	0	0
	l. 1 - 5	0	0	0
	m. Under 1	0	0	0
		Not given	0	0
6 - 10. Participants who entered during the operating year.				
6a. Veterans Status.				
A veteran is anyone who has ever been on active military duty status.				1
6b. Chronically Homeless.				
How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?				2
7. Ethnicity.				
a. Hispanic or Latino				3
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino				9
8. Race.				
a. American Indian or Alaskan Native				1
b. Asian				0
c. Black or African American				1
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander				0
e. White				7
f. American Indian/Alaskan Native & White				0
g. Asian & White				0

h. Black/African American & White			0	
i. American Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African American			0	
j. Other Multi-Racial			2	
k. Other/Unknown (all that do not match)			1	
9a. Special Needs.				
	All	Chronic		
a. Mental illness	1	0		
b. Alcohol abuse	0	0		
c. Drug abuse	0	0		
d. HIV/AIDS or related diseases	0	0		
e. Developmental disability	0	0		
f. Physical disability	1	1		
g. Domestic violence	1	1		
h. Other (please specify)	0	0		
9b. Disabled.				
How many of the participants are disabled?				2
10. Prior Living Situation. Participants slept in the following places the week prior to entering.				
	All	Chronic		
a. Non-housing (street, park, car, bus station, etc.)	0	0		
b. Emergency shelter	4	0		
c. Transitional housing for homeless persons	1			
d. Psychiatric facility	0			
e. Substance abuse treatment facility	0			
f. Hospital	1			
g. Jail/prison	1			
h. Domestic violence situation	0			
i. Living with relatives/friends	3			
j. Rental housing	0			
k. Other (please specify)	2			
11. Amount and Source of Monthly Income at Entry and Exit. Participants who left during the operating year.				
Amount	A. Monthly Income at Entry		B. Monthly Income at Exit	
	All	Chronic	All	Chronic
a. No Income	0	0	0	0
b. \$1-150	0	0	0	0
c. \$151 - \$250	1	1	1	1
d. \$251 - \$500	0	0	0	0
e. \$501 - \$1000	1	0	1	0
f. \$1001 - \$1500	0	0	0	0
g. \$1501 - \$2000	0	0	0	0
h. \$2000 +	0	0	0	0

Source	C. Income Sources at Entry		D. Income Sources at Exit	
	All	Chronic	All	Chronic
a. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	0	0	0	0
b. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	0	0	0	0
c. Social Security	0	0	0	0
d. General Public Assistance	0	0	0	0
e. Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)	0	0	0	0
f. State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	0	0	0	0
g. Veterans benefits	0	0	0	0
h. Employment Income	2	0	2	0
i. Unemployment Benefits	0	0	0	0
j. Veteran's Health Care	0	0	0	0
k. Medicaid	0	0	0	0
l. Food Stamps	2	1	2	1
m. Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0
n. No financial resources	1	0	1	0
12a. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who left during the operating year.				
	All		Chronic	
a. Less than 1 month	1		0	
b. 1 to 2 months	1		0	
c. 3 - 6 months	1		1	
d. 7 months - 12 months	0		0	
e. 13 months - 24 months	0		0	
f. 25 months - 3 years	0		0	
g. 4 years - 5 years	0		0	
h. 6 years - 7 years	0		0	
i. 8 years - 10 years	0		0	
j. over 10 years	0		0	
12b. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who did not leave during the operating year.				
	All		Chronic	
a. Less than 1 month	24		2	
b. 1 to 2 months	8		0	
c. 3 - 6 months	9		4	
d. 7 months - 12 months	11		0	
e. 13 months - 24 months	2		0	
f. 25 months - 3 years	0		0	
g. 4 years - 5 years	0		0	
h. 6 years - 7 years	0		0	
i. 8 years - 10 years	0		0	
j. over 10 years	0		0	
13. Reasons for Leaving. Participants who left during the operating year.				

		All	Chronic
a.	Left for a housing opportunity before completing program	1	0
b.	Completed program	2	1
c.	Non-payment of rent/occupancy charge	0	0
d.	Non-compliance with project	0	0
e.	Criminal activity / destruction of property / violence	0	0
f.	Reached maximum time allowed in project	0	0
g.	Needs could not be met by project	0	0
h.	Disagreement with rules/persons	0	0
i.	Death	0	0
j.	Other (please specify)	0	0
k.	Unknown/disappeared	0	0
14. Destination. Participants who left during the operating year.			
		All	Chronic
PERMANENT (a - h)	a. Rental house or apartment (no subsidy)	1	0
	b. Public Housing	0	0
	c. Section 8	0	0
	d. Shelter Plus Care	1	0
	e. HOME subsidized house or apartment	0	0
	f. Other subsidized house or apartment	1	1
	g. Homeownership	0	0
	h. Moved in with family or friends	0	0
TRANSITIONAL (i - j)	i. Transitional housing for homeless persons	0	0
	j. Moved in with family or friends	0	0
INSTITUTION (k - m)	k. Psychiatric hospital	0	0
	l. Inpatient alcohol/drug treatment facility	0	0
	m. Jail/prison	0	0
EMERGENCY SHELTER (n)	n. Emergency shelter	0	0
OTHER (o - q)	o. Other supportive housing	0	0
	p. Places not meant for human habitation (e.g. street)	0	0
	q. Other (please specify)	0	0
UNKNOWN	r. Unknown	0	0
15. Supportive Services. Participants who left during the operating year.			
No supportive services found.			