

# Dream Homes Community Center

**To:** Mayor Mark Boughton and the Common Council

**From:** Rev. Phyllis J. Leopold

**Re:** October 2010 Monthly Report

**cc:** ARC Board of Directors, Homeless & Housing Advocate/Nikki Singer, and  
DHCC Consultant/Jean Bowen

## I. Program Synopsis

Per the proposal endorsed by Mayor Boughton and the Common Council, Dream Homes Community Center (DHCC) was established at ARC 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. Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Program

In 2009 ARC secured a grant which is bringing **\$205,632 to the Danbury area**, over 3 years, through the government program called “Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing” (**HPRP**): to help end and prevent homelessness for the people of Danbury by providing financial assistance through *security deposits, rental assistance, motel vouchers, and moving or storage costs*.

Since October 2009, we have provided **\$16,802** in grants to end homelessness for **10 individuals** and **7 families** and **\$37,042** in grants to prevent homelessness for **17 individuals** and **18 families**.

In September, we provided **\$4,575** in HPRP grants to 3 individuals and 3 families.

Some of the financial highlights of the HPRP grants that were awarded this month:

### **Re-Housing:**

- **\$500 Security Deposit** – A single woman with physical and mental disabilities who has been homeless sporadically over the last few years

- **\$600** Security Deposit – A young professional who was living in her car following a domestic violence incident in her family
- **\$1,200** Security Deposit – A young couple with a 4 year old son who have been living in a hotel since April after both parents lost their job

### **Homelessness Prevention:**

- **\$500** toward a Security Deposit -- for a single mother who is disabled to move into a new apartment after her landlord cancelled the lease
- **\$775** to cover a Security Deposit -- and a partial month's Rent for a woman with disabilities who had been moving between relatives homes after having surgery
- **1,000** Security Deposit -- for a single mother of 3 young children, who was evicted due to a foreclosure

### **III. Point of Entry**

From July 1, 2010 until October 25, 2010, DHCC has provided services to **260 people** (184 people in families with children and 76 adults without children) through the Point of Entry at ARC.

One highlight involves a person I will nickname "Helen."

Helen works 20 hours a week overnights (stocking shelves at a retail store) and part time at a hair salon. Helen was renting an apartment which ended up in foreclosure, and was told by the bank that she had to move out by October 20.

She had paid a \$1,000 Security Deposit when she originally moved into her apartment, but could not receive any money back due to the foreclosure.

Helen has no immediate family in the area with whom she can "double up."

Despite working two jobs and receiving child support from her children's father, she could not come up with enough money to move into a new apartment. In September, Helen contacted Dream Homes and came to ARC and met with Homeless & Housing Advocate, Nikki Singer, to review her housing needs and rent readiness.

Since Helen was being evicted due to a foreclosure, she was eligible for assistance through the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (**HPRP**). Nikki and Helen completed Helen’s application for HPRP, for a grant to cover a Security Deposit.

In October, Helen found an apartment for \$1,000 per month with heat included. This was within Helen’s price range.

The landlord was willing to allow Helen to begin moving her things into the apartment while her application for the Security Deposit was reviewed.

On October 12, Helen’s application was approved by the HPRP Review Team for the full amount requested: \$1,000.

The amount of time that lapsed between when we first met Helen until she was successfully re-housed was less than four weeks. Having the “Point of Entry” and HPRP funding available through ARC were two critical factors in Helen’s success.

Helen officially moved into her new apartment on October 18.

That was “just in the nick of time” given the foreclosure was fast approaching on October 20.

Helen continues to work two jobs, day and night.

She is a little more relaxed now that she knows she has a place for her and her children to live.

#### **IV. HMIS Report**

Dream Homes Community Center: **10/01/10 – 10/25/10**

<b>2. Persons Served during the operating year.</b>	<b>Number of Singles Not in Families</b>	<b>Number of Adults in Families</b>	<b>Number of Children in Families</b>	<b>Number of Families</b>
<b>a.</b> Number on the first day of the operating year.	18	17	20	13
<b>b.</b> Number entering program during the operating year.	8	1	1	1
<b>c.</b> Number who left the program during the operating year.	4	7	9	6
<b>d.</b> Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	22	11	12	8
<b>3. Project Capacity.</b>	<b>Number of Singles Not in Families</b>	<b>Number of Adults in Families</b>	<b>Number of Children in Families</b>	<b>Number of Families</b>

a. Number on last day (from 2d, columns 1 and 4)	22			8
<b>4. Non-homeless persons. (Sec. 8 SRO projects only)</b>				
How many income-eligible non-homeless persons were housed by the SRO program during the operating year?	46			
<b>5. Age and Gender. Of those who entered during the operating year, how many people are in the following age and gender categories?</b>				
	<b>Age</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Other/Not given</b>
<b>Single Persons (from 2b, column 1)</b>	a. 62 and over	0	0	0
	b. 51 - 61	1	0	0
	c. 31 - 50	2	2	0
	d. 18 - 30	2	1	0
	e. 17 and under	0	0	0
	<b>Not given</b>	0	0	0
<b>Persons in Families (from 2b, columns 2 &amp; 3)</b>	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	0	0	0
	l. 1 - 5	1	0	0
	m. Under 1	0	0	0
	<b>Not given</b>	0	0	0
<b>6 - 10. Participants who entered during the operating year.</b>				
<b>6a. Veterans Status.</b>				
A veteran is anyone who has ever been on active military duty status.	2			
<b>6b. Chronically Homeless.</b>				
How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?	2			
<b>7. Ethnicity.</b>				
a. Hispanic or Latino	1			
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino	8			
<b>8. Race.</b>				
a. American Indian or Alaskan Native	0			
b. Asian	0			
c. Black or African American	3			
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0			
e. White	4			
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	0			

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

<b>b.</b> Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	2	0	2	0
<b>c.</b> Social Security	0	0	0	0
<b>d.</b> General Public Assistance	0	0	0	0
<b>e.</b> Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)	4	0	4	0
<b>f.</b> State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	1	0	1	0
<b>g.</b> Veterans benefits	0	0	0	0
<b>h.</b> Employment Income	3	0	5	0
<b>i.</b> Unemployment Benefits	2	0	1	0
<b>j.</b> Veteran's Health Care	0	0	0	0
<b>k.</b> Medicaid	2	0	2	0
<b>l.</b> Food Stamps	8	0	9	0
<b>m.</b> Other (please specify)	4	0	3	0
<b>n.</b> No financial resources	2	0	2	0
<b>12a. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who left during the operating year.</b>				
		<b>All</b>	<b>Chronic</b>	
<b>a.</b> Less than 1 month		2	0	
<b>b.</b> 1 to 2 months		3	0	
<b>c.</b> 3 - 6 months		6	0	
<b>d.</b> 7 months - 12 months		0	0	
<b>e.</b> 13 months - 24 months		0	0	
<b>f.</b> 25 months - 3 years		0	0	
<b>g.</b> 4 years - 5 years		0	0	
<b>h.</b> 6 years - 7 years		0	0	
<b>i.</b> 8 years - 10 years		0	0	
<b>j.</b> over 10 years		0	0	
<b>12b. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who did not leave during the operating year.</b>				
		<b>All</b>	<b>Chronic</b>	
<b>a.</b> Less than 1 month		8	2	
<b>b.</b> 1 to 2 months		8	1	
<b>c.</b> 3 - 6 months		13	1	
<b>d.</b> 7 months - 12 months		3	2	
<b>e.</b> 13 months - 24 months		1	0	
<b>f.</b> 25 months - 3 years		0	0	
<b>g.</b> 4 years - 5 years		0	0	
<b>h.</b> 6 years - 7 years		0	0	
<b>i.</b> 8 years - 10 years		0	0	
<b>j.</b> over 10 years		0	0	
<b>13. Reasons for Leaving. Participants who left during the operating year.</b>				
		<b>All</b>	<b>Chronic</b>	
<b>a.</b> Left for a housing opportunity before completing program		1	0	
<b>b.</b> Completed program		9	0	
<b>c.</b> Non-payment of rent/occupancy charge		0	0	
<b>d.</b> 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	1	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
<b>PERMANENT</b> (a - h)	a. Rental house or apartment (no subsidy)	3	0
	b. Public Housing	0	0
	c. Section 8	0	0
	d. Shelter Plus Care	0	0
	e. HOME subsidized house or apartment	0	0
	f. Other subsidized house or apartment	1	0
	g. Homeownership	0	0
	h. Moved in with family or friends	0	0
	<b>TRANSITIONAL</b> (i - j)	i. Transitional housing for homeless persons	0
j. Moved in with family or friends		5	0
<b>INSTITUTION</b> (k - m)	k. Psychiatric hospital	0	0
	l. Inpatient alcohol/drug treatment facility	0	0
	m. Jail/prison	0	0
<b>EMERGENCY SHELTER</b> (n)	n. Emergency shelter	0	0
<b>OTHER</b> (o - q)	o. Other supportive housing	0	0
	p. Places not meant for human habitation (e.g. street)	0	0
	q. Other (please specify)	1	0
<b>UNKNOWN</b>	r. Unknown	1	0

**15. Supportive Services. Participants who left during the operating year.**

**NOTE: The below services were given to participants who left during the operating year. Add the following counts into the appropriate category for question 15.**

	Service	Service Code	All	Chronic
1.	Housing Counseling	BH-3700	4	0
2.	Rental Deposit Assistance	BH-3800.7250	1	0