

# Dream Homes Community Center

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

**From:** Nikki Singer, Homeless/Housing Advocate

**Re:** March 2011 Monthly Report

**cc:** ARC Executive Director, ARC Board of Directors, 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 stimulus 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 a total of **\$20,772** in grants to end homelessness for **10 individuals** and **8 families** and **\$51,242** in grants to prevent homelessness for **23 individuals** and **26 families**.

In January 2011, we provided **\$3,790** in HPRP grants to 6 families. Some of the financial highlights of the HPRP grants that were awarded this month:

### **Re-Housing:**

- **\$750** Security Deposit – to secure housing for a couple living in the Danbury City Shelter
- **\$690** Security Deposit – to pay the balance of the security deposit for a family moving out of a domestic violence shelter
- **\$400** Rent Subsidy – to help a family who had moved out of a domestic violence shelter continue to maintain their rent while the mother finishes a nursing degree.

### **Homelessness Prevention:**

- **\$1,500** Security Deposit – to secure housing for a single mother with 4 daughters, fleeing a domestic violence situation
- **\$1,000** Security Deposit – to secure housing for a single mother with 2 sons, who had lost her housing due to medical complications
- **\$450** Rent Subsidy – a couple with one son, the father was diagnosed with brain cancer and can no longer work, to retain current housing while he is undergoing treatment

## **III. Point of Entry**

From July 1, 2010 until March 25, 2011, DHCC has provided services to **533 people** (372 people in families with children and 161 adults without children) through the Point of Entry at ARC.

One highlight involves a person I will nickname “Anthony”

Anthony was referred to ARC in January 2011 by Catholic Charities Homeless Outreach Team. Anthony and his wife were staying at the Danbury City Shelter, and his wife had just been offered a job. The couple had no money to put gas in their car so she could start her job. Through ARC’s Emergency Aid Network, they were able to receive a \$20 gas card. They were also referred to Dream Homes for housing assistance.

ARC’s Homeless/Housing Advocate met with Anthony to develop a rental budget. With only his wife’s income, they could not afford a rental. Anthony was looking for a job, and agreed to come back to ARC when he found employment.

A short month later, Anthony was hired for a part-time job. Now that both Anthony and his wife were working, they had enough income to secure a studio apartment. Anthony

met with the Homeless/Housing Advocate to complete an application for help with his security deposit through the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP). ARC's Homeless/Housing Advocate also referred Anthony to a local landlord, Nolan Enterprises, to apply for housing.

The Homeless/Housing Advocate went with Anthony to turn in his application. Anthony and his wife both had poor credit and limited rental history. With the support of ARC, Catholic Charities, and the City Shelter, Nolan Enterprises agreed to rent to Anthony, and showed him 3 available rentals that day. Anthony was approved for assistance for his deposit within 24 hours, and was able to move into his new apartment within one week of starting his job.

ARC's staff and volunteers were able to provide furniture for Anthony's new apartment: a pull-out sleeper sofa, kitchen table, household items, and an ARC Angel Welcome Basket. When Anthony's wife saw the apartment with the furniture, she sat on the couch with her face in her hands—in tears of joy that they had finally found a home.

#### IV. HMIS Report

Dream Homes Community Center: **03/01/11 – 03/25/11**

HUD Annual Performance Report (HUD-40118)

Report Options:

Provider

This provider AND its children.  This provider ONLY.

Operating Year Date Range

to  (mm/dd/yyyy)

Legal Adult Age

(as defined by foster care law in your state)

Or

**\* The numbers generated by this HUD report may not be valid for Federal funding purposes unless the report is run by an Agency Administrator or**

**Executive Director.**

<b>2. Persons Served during the operating year.</b>	Number of Singles Not in Families	Number of Adults in Families	Number of Children in Families	Number of Families
<b>a.</b> Number on the first day of the operating year.	12	14	19	10
<b>b.</b> Number entering program during the operating year.	6	2	1	1
<b>c.</b> Number who left the program during the operating year.	3	4	3	2
<b>d.</b> Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	15	12	17	9
<b>3. Project Capacity.</b>	Number of Singles Not in Families	Number of Adults in Families	Number of Children in Families	Number of Families
<b>a.</b> Number on last day (from 2d, columns 1 and 4)	15			9
<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?				38
<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>				
	Age	Male	Female	Other/Not given
<b>Single Persons (from 2b, column 1)</b>	<b>a.</b> 62 and over	0	0	0
	<b>b.</b> 51 - 61	2	0	0
	<b>c.</b> 31 - 50	2	1	0
	<b>d.</b> 18 - 30	1	0	0
	<b>e.</b> 17 and under	0	0	0
	<b>Not given</b>	0	0	0
<b>Persons in Families (from 2b, columns 2 &amp; 3)</b>	<b>f.</b> 62 and over	0	0	0
	<b>g.</b> 51 - 61	0	0	0
	<b>h.</b> 31 - 50	0	1	0

	<b>i. 18 - 30</b>	1	0	0
	<b>j. 13 - 17</b>	0	0	0
	<b>k. 6 - 12</b>	0	0	0
	<b>l. 1 - 5</b>	1	0	0
	<b>m. Under 1</b>	0	0	0
	<b>Not given</b>	0	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. 2

**6b. Chronically Homeless.**

How many participants were chronically homeless individuals? 2

**7. Ethnicity.**

**a. Hispanic or Latino** 1

**b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino** 7

**8. Race.**

**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** 5

**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)** 0

**9a. Special Needs.**

	All	Chronic
<b>a. Mental illness</b>	3	1
<b>b. Alcohol abuse</b>	2	1
<b>c. Drug abuse</b>	1	0
<b>d. HIV/AIDS or related diseases</b>	0	0
<b>e. Developmental disability</b>	0	0
<b>f. Physical disability</b>	1	0
<b>g. Domestic violence</b>	1	0

<b>h. Other (please specify)</b>	1	0		
<b>9b. Disabled.</b>				
How many of the participants are disabled?		4		
<b>10. Prior Living Situation. Participants slept in the following places the week prior to entering.</b>				
	All	Chronic		
<b>a. Non-housing (street, park, car, bus station, etc.)</b>	2	0		
<b>b. Emergency shelter</b>	2	2		
<b>c. Transitional housing for homeless persons</b>	0			
<b>d. Psychiatric facility</b>	0			
<b>e. Substance abuse treatment facility</b>	1			
<b>f. Hospital</b>	0			
<b>g. Jail/prison</b>	0			
<b>h. Domestic violence situation</b>	0			
<b>i. Living with relatives/friends</b>	1			
<b>j. Rental housing</b>	0			
<b>k. Other (please specify)</b>	2			
<b>11. Amount and Source of Monthly Income at Entry and Exit. Participants who left during the operating year.</b>				
Amount	A. Monthly Income at <b>Entry</b>		B. Monthly Income at <b>Exit</b>	
	All	Chronic	All	Chronic
<b>a. No Income</b>	1	1	1	1
<b>b. \$1-150</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>c. \$151 - \$250</b>	1	1	1	1
<b>d. \$251 - \$500</b>	1	0	1	0
<b>e. \$501 - \$1000</b>	2	0	2	0
<b>f. \$1001 - \$1500</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>g. \$1501 - \$2000</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>h. \$2000 +</b>	2	0	2	0
Source	C. Income Sources at <b>Entry</b>		D. Income Sources at <b>Exit</b>	
	All	Chronic	All	Chronic
<b>a. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>b. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)</b>	1	0	1	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)	0	0	0	0
<b>f.</b> State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	0	0	0	0
<b>g.</b> Veterans benefits	0	0	0	0
<b>h.</b> Employment Income	3	0	3	0
<b>i.</b> Unemployment Benefits	2	0	2	0
<b>j.</b> Veteran's Health Care	0	0	0	0
<b>k.</b> Medicaid	1	1	1	1
<b>l.</b> Food Stamps	1	1	1	1
<b>m.</b> Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0
<b>n.</b> No financial resources	1	1	1	1

**12a. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who left during the operating year.**

	All	Chronic
<b>a.</b> Less than 1 month	3	1
<b>b.</b> 1 to 2 months	4	1
<b>c.</b> 3 - 6 months	0	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

**12b. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who did not leave during the operating year.**

	All	Chronic
<b>a.</b> Less than 1 month	5	1
<b>b.</b> 1 to 2 months	7	0
<b>c.</b> 3 - 6 months	10	2
<b>d.</b> 7 months - 12 months	2	1
<b>e.</b> 13 months - 24 months	3	2
<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>			
	All	Chronic	
<b>a.</b> Left for a housing opportunity before completing program	0	0	
<b>b.</b> Completed program	3	1	
<b>c.</b> Non-payment of rent/occupancy charge	0	0	
<b>d.</b> Non-compliance with project	0	0	
<b>e.</b> Criminal activity / destruction of property / violence	0	0	
<b>f.</b> Reached maximum time allowed in project	0	0	
<b>g.</b> Needs could not be met by project	0	0	
<b>h.</b> Disagreement with rules/persons	0	0	
<b>i.</b> Death	0	0	
<b>j.</b> Other (please specify)	0	0	
<b>k.</b> Unknown/disappeared	4	1	
<b>14. Destination. Participants who left during the operating year.</b>			
	All	Chronic	
<b>PERMANENT (a - h)</b>	<b>a.</b> Rental house or apartment (no subsidy)	0	0
	<b>b.</b> Public Housing	0	0
	<b>c.</b> Section 8	0	0
	<b>d.</b> Shelter Plus Care	0	0
	<b>e.</b> HOME subsidized house or apartment	0	0
	<b>f.</b> Other subsidized house or apartment	0	0
	<b>g.</b> Homeownership	0	0
	<b>h.</b> Moved in with family or friends	0	0
<b>TRANSITIONAL (i - j)</b>	<b>i.</b> Transitional housing for homeless persons	0	0
	<b>j.</b> Moved in with family or friends	0	0
<b>INSTITUTION (k - m)</b>	<b>k.</b> Psychiatric hospital	0	0
	<b>l.</b> Inpatient alcohol/drug treatment facility	0	0
	<b>m.</b> Jail/prison	0	0
<b>EMERGENCY SHELTER (n)</b>	<b>n.</b> Emergency shelter	1	1
<b>OTHER (o - q)</b>	<b>o.</b> Other supportive housing	0	0

	<b>p.</b> Places not meant for human habitation (e.g. street)	0	0
	<b>q.</b> Other (please specify)	2	0
<b>UNKNOWN</b>	<b>r.</b> Unknown	4	1

**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	6	1