

# Dream Homes Community Center

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

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

**Re:** June 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 **\$30,240** in grants to end homelessness for **12 individuals** and **10 families** and **\$63,765** in grants to prevent homelessness for **29 individuals** and **29 families**.

In June 2011, we provided **\$3,823** in HPRP grants to 2 families and 2 individuals. Some of the financial highlights of the HPRP grants that were awarded this month:

## June HPRP Grants

### Re-Housing:

- **\$450** 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:

- **\$825** Security Deposit – to secure safe and secure housing for a single man who was evicted from an illegal apartment
- **\$1,198** Security Deposit – to secure new housing for a young single mother who was doubled – up with family
- **\$1,350** Security Deposit – to secure safe and adequate housing for a single mother to be re-united with her son

## III. Point of Entry

From July 1, 2010 until June 24, 2011, DHCC has provided services to **812 people (563 people in families with children and 249 adults without children)** through the Point of Entry at ARC. The following is a breakdown of people served, by towns within the Greater Danbury Area:

Town	July 2009 – June 2010	July 2010 – May 2011
<b>Danbury</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>526</b>
Bethel	61	42
Brookfield	9	38
New Fairfield	22	13
New Milford	67	81
Newtown	11	14
Redding	3	6
Ridgefield	12	9
Sherman	3	6
Other Towns	15	77
<b>Total</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>812</b>

## **IV. Program Highlights**

This is the story of one family, who we will nickname “Sheryl”:

Sheryl was renting an apartment with her two children. Last year Sheryl lost her job and began collecting unemployment. Her monthly benefits totaled less than her rent, and she quickly fell behind. In March 2011 she and her family were evicted from their home, and moved into a hotel. At that time, she was referred to the Dream Homes Community Center by the United Way 211 Info-Line.

Sheryl met with Dream Homes Community Center’s Homeless & Housing Advocate to review her options for securing more permanent housing. The Homeless & Housing Advocate did a budget and housing assessment to determine what amount of rent Sheryl could afford with her unemployment. Sheryl was given referrals to apartments that fell within her budget, however, due to her credit and multiple evictions, she was turned down time and again.

Sheryl continued to work with the Homeless & Housing Advocate to pursue any opportunity for housing. In June, Sheryl’s daughter was able to secure a part-time job, increasing their monthly income. With the added income, Sheryl and the Homeless & Housing Advocate were able to work with a landlord who agreed to overlook her credit and rent the family a modest two bedroom.

Having spent so long in a hotel, Sheryl had no excess income for a security deposit. She applied for help with her deposit through Dream Homes Community Center’s Homelessness Prevention and Re-Housing Program (HPRP), and was approved within 48 hours of her application. The landlord allowed Sheryl to move in with an award letter from Dream Homes, enabling the family to have a home again after months of instability.

V. **HMIS Report** – Dream Homes Community Center June 1 – 28, 2011

Entry/Exit Report

Report Options:

Provider

This provider AND its children.  This provider ONLY.

Entry/Exit Type

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.	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	7
<b>b.</b> Number entering program during the operating year.	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	4
<b>c.</b> Number who left the program during the operating year.	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	3
<b>d.</b> Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	7	10	10	8

<b>3. Project Capacity.</b>	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)	7			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?				<u>35</u>
<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>	a. 62 and over	0	<u>1</u>	0
	b. 51 - 61	<u>1</u>	0	0
	c. 31 - 50	<u>3</u>	0	0
	d. 18 - 30	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	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	<u>1</u>	0
	i. 18 - 30	0	<u>4</u>	0
	j. 13 - 17	<u>1</u>	0	0
	k. 6 - 12	<u>2</u>	0	0
	l. 1 - 5	0	0	0
	m. Under 1	<u>2</u>	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.				<u>1</u>
<b>6b. Chronically Homeless.</b>				
How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?				0
<b>7. Ethnicity.</b>				
a. Hispanic or Latino				<u>2</u>

<b>b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino</b>			<u>10</u>
<b>8. Race.</b>			
<b>a. American Indian or Alaskan Native</b>			0
<b>b. Asian</b>			<u>1</u>
<b>c. Black or African American</b>			<u>3</u>
<b>d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</b>			0
<b>e. White</b>			<u>7</u>
<b>f. American Indian/Alaskan Native &amp; White</b>			0
<b>g. Asian &amp; White</b>			<u>1</u>
<b>h. Black/African American &amp; White</b>			0
<b>i. American Indian/Alaskan Native &amp; Black/African American</b>			0
<b>j. Other Multi-Racial</b>			0
<b>k. Other/Unknown (all that do not match)</b>			0
<b>9a. Special Needs.</b>			
	All	Chronic	
<b>a. Mental illness</b>	<u>2</u>	0	
<b>b. Alcohol abuse</b>	<u>1</u>	0	
<b>c. Drug abuse</b>	0	0	
<b>d. HIV/AIDS or related diseases</b>	0	0	
<b>e. Developmental disability</b>	0	0	
<b>f. Physical disability</b>	<u>3</u>	0	
<b>g. Domestic violence</b>	<u>3</u>	0	
<b>h. Other (please specify)</b>	0	0	
<b>9b. Disabled.</b>			
How many of the participants are disabled?			<u>4</u>
<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>	0	0	
<b>b. Emergency shelter</b>	<u>5</u>	0	
<b>c. Transitional housing for homeless persons</b>	0		
<b>d. Psychiatric facility</b>	0		
<b>e. Substance abuse treatment facility</b>	0		
<b>f. Hospital</b>	0		
<b>g. Jail/prison</b>	0		

<b>h.</b> Domestic violence situation	0	
<b>i.</b> Living with relatives/friends	<u>5</u>	
<b>j.</b> Rental housing	0	
<b>k.</b> Other (please specify)	<u>2</u>	

**11. Amount and Source of Monthly Income at Entry and Exit. Participants who left during the operating year.**

Amount	A. Monthly Income at <b>Entry</b>		B. Monthly Income at <b>Exit</b>	
	All	Chronic	All	Chronic
<b>a.</b> No Income	<u>3</u>	0	<u>3</u>	0
<b>b.</b> \$1-150	0	0	0	0
<b>c.</b> \$151 - \$250	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0
<b>d.</b> \$251 - \$500	0	0	0	0
<b>e.</b> \$501 - \$1000	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>f.</b> \$1001 - \$1500	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>g.</b> \$1501 - \$2000	<u>2</u>	0	<u>2</u>	0
<b>h.</b> \$2000 +	0	0	0	0
Source	C. Income Sources at <b>Entry</b>		D. Income Sources at <b>Exit</b>	
	All	Chronic	All	Chronic
<b>a.</b> Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0
<b>b.</b> Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	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)	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	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	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>i.</b> Unemployment Benefits	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>j.</b> Veteran's Health Care	0	0	0	0
<b>k.</b> Medicaid	0	0	0	0
<b>l.</b> Food Stamps	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>m.</b> Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0
<b>n.</b> No financial resources	<u>3</u>	0	<u>3</u>	0

<b>12a. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who left during the operating year.</b>		
	All	Chronic
a. Less than 1 month	<u>6</u>	0
b. 1 to 2 months	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>
c. 3 - 6 months	<u>2</u>	0
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
<b>12b. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who did not leave during the operating year.</b>		
	All	Chronic
a. Less than 1 month	<u>7</u>	0
b. 1 to 2 months	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>
c. 3 - 6 months	<u>4</u>	0
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
<b>13. Reasons for Leaving. Participants who left during the operating year.</b>		
	All	Chronic
a. Left for a housing opportunity before completing program	0	0
b. Completed program	<u>12</u>	<u>2</u>
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

<b>i. Death</b>		0	0	
<b>j. Other (please specify)</b>		0	0	
<b>k. Unknown/disappeared</b>		0	0	
<b>14. Destination. Participants who left during the operating year.</b>				
		All	Chronic	
<b>PERMANENT (a - h)</b>	<b>a. Rental house or apartment (no subsidy)</b>	<u>4</u>	0	
	<b>b. Public Housing</b>	0	0	
	<b>c. Section 8</b>	0	0	
	<b>d. Shelter Plus Care</b>	0	0	
	<b>e. HOME subsidized house or apartment</b>	0	0	
	<b>f. Other subsidized house or apartment</b>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	
	<b>g. Homeownership</b>	0	0	
	<b>h. Moved in with family or friends</b>	0	0	
<b>TRANSITIONAL (i - j)</b>	<b>i. Transitional housing for homeless persons</b>	<u>1</u>	0	
	<b>j. Moved in with family or friends</b>	0	0	
<b>INSTITUTION (k - m)</b>	<b>k. Psychiatric hospital</b>	0	0	
	<b>l. Inpatient alcohol/drug treatment facility</b>	0	0	
	<b>m. Jail/prison</b>	0	0	
<b>EMERGENCY SHELTER (n)</b>	<b>n. Emergency shelter</b>	<u>3</u>	0	
<b>OTHER (o - q)</b>	<b>o. Other supportive housing</b>	0	0	
	<b>p. Places not meant for human habitation (e.g. street)</b>	0	0	
	<b>q. Other (please specify)</b>	0	0	
<b>UNKNOWN</b>	<b>r. Unknown</b>	<u>2</u>	0	
<b>15. Supportive Services. Participants who left during the operating year.</b>				
<b>NOTE:</b> 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	<u>4</u>	0
2.	Rental Deposit Assistance	BH-3800.7250	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
3.	Case/Care Management	PH-1000	<u>2</u>	0