

# Dream Homes Community Center

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

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

**Re:** August 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 **\$33,440** in grants to end homelessness for **14 individuals** and **11 families** and **\$67,815** in grants to prevent homelessness for **32 individuals** and **31 families**.

In August 2011, we provided **\$3,800** in HPRP grants to 2 families and 3 individuals. Some of the financial highlights of the HPRP grants that were awarded this month:

## August HPRP Grants

### Re-Housing:

- **\$500 Security Deposit** – for a single man who has been homeless almost 1 year, to secure a studio.
- **\$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:

- **\$1,500 Security Deposit** – to secure safe and secure housing for a single mother and 3 children who were doubled up with friends after leaving a domestic violence situation.
- **\$800 Security Deposit** – to secure housing for a single woman moving due to domestic violence.
- **\$550 Security Deposit** – to secure adequate housing a for a mother to be reunited with her children.

### III. Point of Entry

From July 1, 2011 until August 26, 2011, DHCC has provided services to **107 people (73 people in families with children and 34 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 – June 2011	July 1 – August 26, 2011
<b>Danbury</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>58</b>
Bethel	61	39	2
Brookfield	9	38	0
New Fairfield	22	25	8
New Milford	67	81	13
Newtown	11	17	0
Redding	3	6	0
Ridgefield	12	9	0
Sherman	3	6	0
Other Towns	15	78	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>107</b>

## IV. Program Highlights

### Sarah's Story (*names have been changed*)

Sarah has been precariously housed for almost a year, bouncing between different relatives' and friends' homes. She has a part time job at a restaurant where she has worked for almost one year. She has been working towards improving her stability in order to be reunited with her children.

In August, Sarah was approved for a Shelter Plus Care voucher through the PILOTS program and had the opportunity to move into her own apartment. She quickly found a two-bedroom apartment in a quiet neighborhood in Brookfield, where her children can stay with her and eventually move in with her full time. Her voucher would cover most of the rent, and one-half of the security deposit. Although she has a job, her income is not significant to provide for a security deposit and other start-up housing costs.

Sarah was referred to ARC by PILOTS to apply for the Homeless Prevention and Re-housing Program to apply for assistance for with the balance of her security deposit. Sarah completed her application for the balance of the deposit with ARC's Homeless & Housing Advocate. She was approved for assistance for 50% of the balance. ARC partnered with Off the Streets to cover 100% of the deposit for Sarah.

Sarah was able to move into her new home on August 15. She was able to receive home furnishing from ARC and Off the Streets, including kitchenware, towels, furniture, and an ARC Angel Welcome Baskets filled with cleaning and personal care items, valued at \$150.

Securing her own housing has been a huge step for Sarah in her path to reunite her family. She continues to work and receive follow up case management to retain her housing.

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<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>
a. Number on the first day of the operating year.	8	13	16	11
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	2	0	0	0
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 year. (a+b-c=d)	7	13	16	11
<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)	7			11
<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?				32
<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	0	0	0
	c. 31 - 50	1	1	0
	d. 18 - 30	0	0	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	0	0
	i. 18 - 30	0	0	0
	j. 13 - 17	0	0	0
	k. 6 - 12	0	0	0
	l. 1 - 5	0	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.				0
<b>6b. Chronically Homeless.</b>				

How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?			0
<b>7. Ethnicity.</b>			
a. Hispanic or Latino			0
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino			2
<b>8. Race.</b>			
a. American Indian or Alaskan Native			0
b. Asian			0
c. Black or African American			1
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander			0
e. White			1
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
<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	0	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.)	0	0	
b. Emergency shelter	2	0	
c. Transitional housing for homeless persons	0		
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	0		
j. Rental housing	0		
k. Other (please specify)	0		
<b>11. Amount and Source of Monthly Income at Entry and Exit. Participants who left during</b>			

<b>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>
<b>a. No Income</b>	1	0	1	0
<b>b. \$1-150</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>c. \$151 - \$250</b>	1	0	1	0
<b>d. \$251 - \$500</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>e. \$501 - \$1000</b>	1	1	1	1
<b>f. \$1001 - \$1500</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>g. \$1501 - \$2000</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>h. \$2000 +</b>	0	0	0	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>
<b>a. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>b. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>c. Social Security</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>d. General Public Assistance</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>e. Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>f. State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>g. Veterans benefits</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>h. Employment Income</b>	2	1	2	1
<b>i. Unemployment Benefits</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>j. Veteran's Health Care</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>k. Medicaid</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>l. Food Stamps</b>	1	1	1	1
<b>m. Other (please specify)</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>n. No financial resources</b>	1	0	1	0
<b>12a. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who left during the operating year.</b>				
		<b>All</b>	<b>Chronic</b>	
<b>a. Less than 1 month</b>		3	1	
<b>b. 1 to 2 months</b>		0	0	
<b>c. 3 - 6 months</b>		0	0	
<b>d. 7 months - 12 months</b>		0	0	
<b>e. 13 months - 24 months</b>		0	0	
<b>f. 25 months - 3 years</b>		0	0	
<b>g. 4 years - 5 years</b>		0	0	
<b>h. 6 years - 7 years</b>		0	0	
<b>i. 8 years - 10 years</b>		0	0	
<b>j. over 10 years</b>		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	1	0
b. 1 to 2 months	11	1
c. 3 - 6 months	8	2
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	3	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
<b>14. Destination. Participants who left during the operating year.</b>		
	All	Chronic
<b>PERMANENT (a - h)</b>		
a. Rental house or apartment (no subsidy)	0	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	1
g. Homeownership	0	0
h. Moved in with family or friends	0	0
<b>TRANSITIONAL (i - j)</b>		
i. Transitional housing for homeless persons	0	0
j. Moved in with family or friends	0	0
<b>INSTITUTION (k - m)</b>		
k. Psychiatric hospital	0	0
l. Inpatient alcohol/drug treatment facility	0	0
m. Jail/prison	0	0
<b>EMERGENCY SHELTER (n)</b>		
n. Emergency shelter	2	0
<b>OTHER (o - q)</b>		
o. Other supportive housing	0	0
p. Places not meant for human habitation (e.g. street)	0	0
q. Other (please specify)	0	0

<b>UNKNOWN</b>	r. Unknown	0	0
<b>15. Supportive Services. Participants who left during the operating year.</b>			
No supportive services found.			