

Dream Homes Community Center

To: Mayor Mark Boughton and the Common Council

From: Nikki Singer, Homeless and Housing Advocate

Re: January 2012 Monthly Report

cc: ARC Executive Director, ARC Board of Directors, and
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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 **\$50,340** in grants to end homelessness for **23 individuals** and **13 families** and **\$86,329** in grants to prevent homelessness for **43 individuals** and **41 families**.

In January 2012, we provided **\$4,929** in HPRP grants to **4 families and 2 single adults**. Some of the financial highlights of the HPRP grants that were awarded this month:

Re-Housing:

- **\$600 Rental Assistance** – for a single mother and her daughter, living in Harmony House, to secure permanent housing after being homeless for one year.

Homelessness Prevention:

- **\$839 for Moving Costs** – for a grandmother and her two granddaughters; who had to move because their home was foreclosed on.
- **\$300 Back Rent Assistance** – for a family of 4 to remain in their apartment, the family fell behind in rent when both parents were laid off. Both parents are now working again.
- **\$400 Security Deposit** – to secure a new apartment for a single man, who had lost his apartment when his unemployment payments ended. He is now receiving Social Security Disability payments. He also received **\$400 for the first month's rent**
- **\$695 Security Deposit** – for a single woman who was doubled up and in an abusive relationship, to secure safe housing. She also received **\$695 for her first month's rent**

III. Point of Entry

From July 1, 2011 until January 27, 2012, DHCC has provided services to **531 people** (**351 families with children** and **180 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 – Jan. 27, 2012
Danbury	552	535	356
Bethel	61	39	14
Brookfield	9	38	19
New Fairfield	22	25	25
New Milford	67	81	56
Newtown	11	17	3
Redding	3	6	2
Ridgefield	12	9	4
Sherman	3	6	2
Other Towns	15	78	50
Total	737	834	531

IV. Program Highlights

Highlights – Story of one family we provided Housing Advocacy services to (names changed):

Maryann and her two granddaughters were renting an apartment in Danbury, where they had lived for a few years. The landlord was unable to maintain the mortgage and the house was going into foreclosure. In November 2011, Maryann found out she had to be out the apartment by December 17. Maryann works part-time, and receives assistance through the state for her two granddaughters, but did not make enough money to be able to afford an apartment in Danbury, or the deposit.

Maryann was referred to the Association of Religious Communities, Inc. (**ARC**) by her DCF case worker. She has been on a waitlist for supportive housing for nearly a year, but there was no telling how soon her family would be approved for a rental subsidy. She met with ARC's Homeless & Housing Advocate to explore her options for securing stable housing before she had to be out of her apartment.

The first thing that the Homeless & Housing Advocate worked on with Maryann was applications to Nolan Enterprise's subsidized housing programs in Danbury, Bethel and Ridgefield. If Maryann was approved for one of these apartments, she would pay approximately 30% of her income for rent. Maryann also submitted an application for the Homeless Prevention and Re-Housing Program (**HPRP**) to get help with a security deposit and moving costs.

Within a week Maryann was approved for a two-bedroom apartment in Halpin Court in Ridgefield; her rent would be **\$700** per month, and she would need a security deposit of **\$790**. The apartment would be available January 1, 2012, and her current landlord agreed to let her stay until the end of December so that she would be able to move right into the new apartment.

ARC's Homeless and Housing Advocate presented Maryann's HPRP application to the review team, and was able to get Maryann approved for the full security deposit as well as a grant to pay for a moving company to relocate the family's items, as Maryann had no family to assist with the move and has physical disabilities that prevented her from being able to lift furniture.

The apartment in Ridgefield became available December 27, and Maryann was able to move in on the 28th with the help of the moving company. She is happy to have a new home with her granddaughters, and continues to receive follow up support services from both ARC and DCF to ensure stable and successful housing for her family.

v. **HMIS Report** – Dream Homes January 1 – 26, 2012

Entry/Exit Report				
Report Options:				
Provider	Dream Homes Community Center (#330)			
	<input type="radio"/> This provider AND its children. <input checked="" type="radio"/> This provider ONLY.			
Entry/Exit Type	HUD-40118			
Operating Year Date Range	01/01/2012 to 01/26/2012 (mm/dd/yyyy)			
Legal Adult Age	18 (as defined by foster care law in your state)			
Or				
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* 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.				
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.	8	6	4	4
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	6	0	0	0
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	1	0	0	0
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	13	6	4	4
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)	13			4
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?				18
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	0	0	0
	b. 51 - 61	1	1	0
	c. 31 - 50	1	1	0
	d. 18 - 30	1	1	0
	e. 17 and under	0	0	0
	Not given	0	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	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
Not given	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.				1
6b. Chronically Homeless.				
How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?				1
7. Ethnicity.				
a. Hispanic or Latino				1
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino				5
8. Race.				
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				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
a. Mental illness			1	1
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	3	0		
g. Domestic violence	0	0		
h. Other (please specify)	0	0		
9b. Disabled.				
How many of the participants are disabled?		4		
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.)	2	0		
b. Emergency shelter	2	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	1			
j. Rental housing	0			
k. Other (please specify)	0			
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	0	1	0
d. \$251 - \$500	0	0	0	0
e. \$501 - \$1000	0	0	0	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	0	0	0	0

(SCHIP)				
g. Veterans benefits	0	0	0	0
h. Employment Income	0	0	0	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	1	0	1	0
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		0	0	
c. 3 - 6 months		0	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	
12b. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who did not leave during the operating year.				
		All	Chronic	
a. Less than 1 month		6	2	
b. 1 to 2 months		8	2	
c. 3 - 6 months		5	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	
13. Reasons for Leaving. Participants who left during the operating year.				
		All	Chronic	
a. Left for a housing opportunity before completing program		0	0	
b. Completed program		1	0	
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)	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	0	0
	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)	1	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.			