

Dream Homes Community Center

To: Mayor Mark Boughton and the City Council

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Re: May 2012 Monthly Report

cc: ARC Executive Director & ARC Board of Directors

I. Program Synopsis

Per the proposal endorsed by Mayor Boughton and the City 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. *NEW* HUD Leasing Vouchers

In October 2010, ARC submitted an application to the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for 2 “**Lease Only**” **Supportive Housing Vouchers**. The two vouchers provide rental assistance for two single adults who are homeless and have a disability. The vouchers cover 100% of the recipients’ rent for 2 years. The 2 program participants had both secured apartments by the middle of April. We had enough funding remaining to provide a 3rd voucher, which will cover 75% of a rent for another person who is chronically homeless and disabled.

In May we were notified Dream Homes Community Center will be awarded a second HUD contract to provide 4 **additional voucher**, which will be available to a mix of veterans and families who are homeless. We expect these new vouchers to become available in the fall of 2012.

III. 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 our original contract**, we secured an **additional \$72,136** in aid for the Danbury area – a total of **\$277,768** to support to the City’s “Ten Year Plan To End Homelessness”. Funding for this **one-time** grant ended in April 2012. Since October 2009, we have provided a total of **\$59,765** in grants to end homelessness for **26 individuals** and **16 families** and **\$122,211** in grants to prevent homelessness for **49 individuals** and **50 families**.

IV. Point of Entry

From July 1, 2011 until May 29, 2012, DHCC has provided services to **728 people (160 families and 182 households 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, 2011 - May 29, 2012
Danbury	552	535	520
Bethel	61	39	18
Brookfield	9	38	26
New Fairfield	22	25	33
New Milford	67	81	67
Newtown	11	17	3
Redding	3	6	7
Ridgefield	12	9	8
Sherman	3	6	2
Other Towns	15	78	43
Total	737	834	727

V. Program Highlights

Pam was staying at the City of Danbury Shelter after being kicked out of her parents' home. She had started working, and was trying to move into an apartment. The shelter staff directed Pam to the Point of Entry to get assistance with securing permanent housing.

Pam was able to meet with the Homeless and Housing Advocate as a walk-in. She had found an apartment which included her utilities, and she would be able to afford the monthly rent. The landlords had agreed that Pam would be able to move in with the first month's rent, and a \$500 security deposit. She had her first month's rent saved up from working, but did not have the extra \$500. She also had no furnishings, and no savings to use to buy a bed and other necessities.

The Homeless and Housing Advocate connected Pam with Off the Streets, and arranged for someone from that organization to meet with Pam at ARC the next morning. Off the Streets agreed to cover the security deposit for Pam on the recommendation of ARC. They would also provide Pam with kitchen items, including dishes, pots and utensils. ARC provided Pam with an "ARC Angel" Welcome Basket, valued at \$150 of cleaning supplies and personal care items, as well as bed linens and towels. ARC collaborated with Make A Home Foundation, based in Newtown, to provide the additional furnishings that Pam would need for her new apartment.

Pam had spent 3 months living in emergency shelters in Danbury. In two days, she was able to access the resources she needed to move into her new home because of the collaboration coordinated through the City's Homeless Point of Entry.

VI. HMIS Report – Dream Homes Community Center July 1, 2011 – May 29, 2012

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.	11	6	6	4
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	175	89	115	71
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	175	94	119	74
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	11	1	2	1
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)	11			1
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?				319
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	10	4	0
	b. 51 - 61	27	16	0
	c. 31 - 50	33	37	0
	d. 18 - 30	17	16	0
	e. 17 and under	5	6	0
		Not given	1	0
Persons in Families (from 2b, columns 2 & 3)	f. 62 and over	0	0	0
	g. 51 - 61	0	1	0
	h. 31 - 50	4	38	0
	i. 18 - 30	11	35	0
	j. 13 - 17	10	14	0
	k. 6 - 12	20	12	0
	l. 1 - 5	30	18	0
	m. Under 1	9	2	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.				41
6b. Chronically Homeless.				
How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?				44
7. Ethnicity.				
a. Hispanic or Latino				43
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino				221
8. Race.				
a. American Indian or Alaskan Native				1
b. Asian				9
c. Black or African American				67
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander				0

e. White					162
f. American Indian/Alaskan Native & White					1
g. Asian & White					1
h. Black/African American & White					6
i. American Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African American					0
j. Other Multi-Racial					2
k. Other/Unknown (all that do not match)					15
9a. Special Needs.					
		All		Chronic	
a. Mental illness		43		21	
b. Alcohol abuse		5		1	
c. Drug abuse		2		1	
d. HIV/AIDS or related diseases		0		0	
e. Developmental disability		6		0	
f. Physical disability		39		11	
g. Domestic violence		56		10	
h. Other (please specify)		6		3	
9b. Disabled.					
How many of the participants are disabled?					78
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.)		28		8	
b. Emergency shelter		62		23	
c. Transitional housing for homeless persons		4			
d. Psychiatric facility		2			
e. Substance abuse treatment facility		4			
f. Hospital		0			
g. Jail/prison		1			
h. Domestic violence situation		0			
i. Living with relatives/friends		76			
j. Rental housing		13			
k. Other (please specify)		74			
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		71	9	60	7
b. \$1-150		2	0	2	0
c. \$151 - \$250		26	9	27	8
d. \$251 - \$500		12	3	9	2
e. \$501 - \$1000		46	12	49	15
f. \$1001 - \$1500		40	6	41	6
g. \$1501 - \$2000		35	1	38	3
h. \$2000 +		28	1	30	0

Source	C. Income Sources at Entry		D. Income Sources at Exit	
	All	Chronic	All	Chronic
a. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	19	4	20	5
b. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	28	5	30	6
c. Social Security	1	0	1	0
d. General Public Assistance	1	0	1	0
e. Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)	22	2	23	3
f. State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	8	1	10	1
g. Veterans benefits	6	3	6	3
h. Employment Income	95	8	102	10
i. Unemployment Benefits	23	4	23	3
j. Veteran's Health Care	3	2	4	2
k. Medicaid	29	9	35	9
l. Food Stamps	116	21	124	21
m. Other (please specify)	48	4	57	9
n. No financial resources	93	15	85	14

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

	All	Chronic
a. Less than 1 month	158	23
b. 1 to 2 months	80	12
c. 3 - 6 months	26	4
d. 7 months - 12 months	5	2
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	7	5
b. 1 to 2 months	5	2
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

13. Reasons for Leaving. Participants who left during the operating year.

	All	Chronic
a. Left for a housing opportunity before completing program	7	0

b. Completed program	200	35
c. Non-payment of rent/occupancy charge	0	0
d. Non-compliance with project	1	1
e. Criminal activity / destruction of property / violence	0	0
f. Reached maximum time allowed in project	1	0
g. Needs could not be met by project	16	0
h. Disagreement with rules/persons	3	1
i. Death	0	0
j. Other (please specify)	0	0
k. Unknown/disappeared	41	4

14. Destination. Participants who left during the operating year.

		All	Chronic
PERMANENT (a - h)	a. Rental house or apartment (no subsidy)	51	1
	b. Public Housing	0	0
	c. Section 8	0	0
	d. Shelter Plus Care	5	1
	e. HOME subsidized house or apartment	0	0
	f. Other subsidized house or apartment	29	12
	g. Homeownership	0	0
	h. Moved in with family or friends	2	0
TRANSITIONAL (i - j)	i. Transitional housing for homeless persons	15	4
	j. Moved in with family or friends	55	3
INSTITUTION (k - m)	k. Psychiatric hospital	0	0
	l. Inpatient alcohol/drug treatment facility	1	0
	m. Jail/prison	0	0
EMERGENCY SHELTER (n)	n. Emergency shelter	28	11
OTHER (o - q)	o. Other supportive housing	6	0
	p. Places not meant for human habitation (e.g. street)	6	2
	q. Other (please specify)	12	1
UNKNOWN	r. Unknown	59	6

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	100	10
2.	Rental Deposit Assistance	BH-3800.7250	25	5
3.	Housing Search and Information	BH-3900	2	0
4.	Housing Search Assistance	BH-3900.3100	6	0
5.	Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	BH-7000.4600-700	2	2
6.	Supportive Housing	BH-8400	3	1
7.	Veteran Homes	BH-8400.9000	5	2
8.	Transitional Housing/Shelter	BH-8600	1	1
9.	Household Goods	BM-3000	1	0
10.	Furniture	BM-3000.2000	3	1

11.	Winter Clothing	BM-6500.1500-920	1	0
12.	Debt Management	DD-5000.1800	1	0
13.	Personal Finances/Budget Counseling	DD-5000.6500	5	0
14.	Military Records	DF-7000.5200	1	0
15.	Child Custody/Visitation Petition Filing Offices	FJ-1600.1500	1	0
16.	Individual Advocacy	FP-0500.3300	1	1
17.	Child Support Assistance/Enforcement	FT-3000.1600	1	0
18.	Public Schools	HD-8000	1	0
19.	Food Stamps	NL-6000.2000	3	1
20.	Case/Care Management	PH-1000	15	4
21.	Hotels/Motels	PL-4500.3000	3	0