

Dream Homes Community Center

To: Mayor Mark Boughton and the City Council

From: Nikki Singer, Homeless and Housing Advocate

Re: June 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. Point of Entry

Total served: 827 people (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012)

<p><u>Homeless: 225 people --</u></p> <p><i><u>89 Single Adults</u></i></p> <p><i><u>48 families with 71 children</u></i></p> <p><i><u>Persons with Disabilities: 30%</u></i></p> <p><i><u>Veterans: 10%</u></i></p> <p><i><u>Domestic Violence Victims: 30%</u></i></p> <p><u>Low-Income Renters: 602 people</u></p>	<table><thead><tr><th><u>Town</u></th><th><u># of People</u></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Bethel</td><td>22</td></tr><tr><td>Brookfield</td><td>33</td></tr><tr><td>Danbury</td><td>593</td></tr><tr><td>New Fairfield</td><td>34</td></tr><tr><td>New Milford</td><td>74</td></tr><tr><td>Newtown</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>Redding</td><td>7</td></tr><tr><td>Ridgefield</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>Sherman</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Other*</td><td>50</td></tr></tbody></table>	<u>Town</u>	<u># of People</u>	Bethel	22	Brookfield	33	Danbury	593	New Fairfield	34	New Milford	74	Newtown	4	Redding	7	Ridgefield	8	Sherman	2	Other*	50
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**Towns beyond the greater Danbury area*

In 2011/2012 we successfully housed and helped to end homelessness ... for **45 people!!** In addition to social services & case management, we provided:

- Security Deposits
- First Month's Rent
- *NEW* Rental-Lease vouchers through the Point of Entry
- Vet House

III. Program Highlights

Story of two people we helped to *end homelessness (names have been changed)*:

Ashley came to ARC as a “walk-in”; she had been staying at the Danbury City Shelter after a falling out with her family. Her only income is from Social Security Disability, and she had been approved for State Supplemental income, provided she could produce a lease and show she had a monthly rental expense. She was interested in getting help to find an apartment, and to apply for assistance with a security deposit.

During her intake interview, ARC's Homeless and Housing Advocate reviewed her budget with both her current and expected income. It would not be sufficient to support a monthly rental alone. After discussing various options, Ashley agreed to talk to some family and friends about splitting an apartment.

The following week Ashley came in with her friend Ben, who was also staying at the shelter. Ben had recently lost his job and was collecting unemployment benefits, but it was not enough income for him to find an apartment or even a room to rent on his own. ARC's Homeless & Housing Advocate did a budget with their combined incomes, and they would be able to afford a modest 2 bedroom apartment and both have adequate income left over after rent to cover basic living expenses.

The Homeless & Housing Advocate linked Ashley and Ben with a local landlord who had affordable rentals. The landlord had a small two-bedroom available for \$750 and agreed to only charge them the first month's rent and a one-month security deposit. The pair could come up with \$1,000 to put toward the apartment, but would need help with the remaining balance of \$500.

ARC's Homeless and Housing Advocate set up a meeting with Off the Streets, a partner organization that could provide help with a security deposit. At the recommendation of ARC, Off the Streets agreed to cover the balance of the security deposit so that Ashley and Ben would be able to move in before their 30-day time limited at the shelter ended.

ARC also worked with Make A Home Foundation to provide basic furnishing for their new apartment, and provided an “ARC Angel” Welcome Basket filled with cleaning supplies and personal care items. After less than 30 days utilizing the City Shelter, Ashley and Ben are able to make a fresh start in their new home.

IV. **HMIS Report – Dream Homes July 1, 2011 – June 25, 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.	2	6	6	5
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	92	39	54	31
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	87	40	52	32
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	7	5	8	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)	7			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?				160
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	6	5	0
	b. 51 - 61	14	9	0
	c. 31 - 50	17	22	0
	d. 18 - 30	7	8	0
	e. 17 and under	0	0	0
	Not given	1	0	3
Persons in Families (from 2b, columns 2 & 3)	f. 62 and over	0	1	0
	g. 51 - 61	0	0	0
	h. 31 - 50	1	18	0
	i. 18 - 30	4	15	0
	j. 13 - 17	6	4	0
	k. 6 - 12	10	4	0
	l. 1 - 5	12	13	0
	m. Under 1	3	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.				21
6b. Chronically Homeless.				

How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?	30	
7. Ethnicity.		
a. Hispanic or Latino	20	
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino	111	
8. Race.		
a. American Indian or Alaskan Native	1	
b. Asian	10	
c. Black or African American	25	
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	
e. White	85	
f. American Indian/Alaskan Native & White	1	
g. Asian & White	0	
h. Black/African American & White	4	
i. American Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African American	0	
j. Other Multi-Racial	0	
k. Other/Unknown (all that do not match)	5	
9a. Special Needs.		
	All	Chronic
a. Mental illness	32	15
b. Alcohol abuse	3	0
c. Drug abuse	1	1
d. HIV/AIDS or related diseases	0	0
e. Developmental disability	3	1
f. Physical disability	24	9
g. Domestic violence	31	7
h. Other (please specify)	4	2
9b. Disabled.		
How many of the participants are disabled?	54	
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.)	16	8
b. Emergency shelter	41	14
c. Transitional housing for homeless persons	5	
d. Psychiatric facility	2	
e. Substance abuse treatment facility	1	
f. Hospital	0	
g. Jail/prison	0	
h. Domestic violence situation	0	
i. Living with relatives/friends	29	
j. Rental housing	9	

k. Other (please specify)	28	
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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	26	1	22	1
b. \$1-150	0	0	0	0
c. \$151 - \$250	17	6	17	5
d. \$251 - \$500	4	1	3	1
e. \$501 - \$1000	34	13	34	13
f. \$1001 - \$1500	11	3	13	4
g. \$1501 - \$2000	14	0	16	1
h. \$2000 +	16	1	17	0
Source	C. Income Sources at Entry		D. Income Sources at Exit	
	All	Chronic	All	Chronic
a. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	13	5	13	5
b. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	17	6	17	6
c. Social Security	3	0	3	0
d. General Public Assistance	1	0	1	0
e. Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)	8	3	9	4
f. State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	4	1	4	1
g. Veterans benefits	4	2	4	2
h. Employment Income	47	6	49	6
i. Unemployment Benefits	5	2	7	2
j. Veteran's Health Care	5	3	5	3
k. Medicaid	20	8	23	8
l. Food Stamps	51	14	55	14
m. Other (please specify)	26	3	29	5
n. No financial resources	44	5	40	4

12a. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who left during the operating year.		
	All	Chronic
a. Less than 1 month	91	19
b. 1 to 2 months	26	8
c. 3 - 6 months	10	1
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	5	0	
b. 1 to 2 months	7	3	
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	3	0	
b. Completed program	87	22	
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	10	0	
h. Disagreement with rules/persons	3	3	
i. Death	0	0	
j. Other (please specify)	1	0	
k. Unknown/disappeared	23	3	
14. Destination. Participants who left during the operating year.			
		All	Chronic
PERMANENT (a - h)	a. Rental house or apartment (no subsidy)	25	1
	b. Public Housing	0	0
	c. Section 8	0	0
	d. Shelter Plus Care	2	2
	e. HOME subsidized house or apartment	0	0
	f. Other subsidized house or apartment	12	6
	g. Homeownership	0	0
	h. Moved in with family or friends	1	0
TRANSITIONAL (i - j)	i. Transitional housing for homeless persons	9	2
	j. Moved in with family or friends	14	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	18	7
OTHER (o - q)	o. Other supportive housing	2	0
	p. Places not meant for human habitation (e.g. street)	6	3
	q. Other (please specify)	5	0
UNKNOWN	r. Unknown	32	4

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.	Homeless Motel Vouchers	BH-1800.8500-300	1	0
2.	Housing Counseling	BH-3700	14	3
3.	Rental Deposit Assistance	BH-3800.7250	13	3
4.	Housing Search and Information	BH-3900	2	0
5.	Housing Search Assistance	BH-3900.3100	3	0
6.	Supportive Housing	BH-8400	3	2
7.	Veteran Homes	BH-8400.9000	2	1
8.	Furniture	BM-3000.2000	2	0
9.	Debt Management	DD-5000.1800	1	0
10.	Personal Finances/Budget Counseling	DD-5000.6500	1	0
11.	Military Records	DF-7000.5200	1	0
12.	Child Custody/Visitation Petition Filing Offices	FJ-1600.1500	1	0
13.	Child Support Assistance/Enforcement	FT-3000.1600	1	0
14.	Public Schools	HD-8000	1	0
15.	Food Stamps	NL-6000.2000	2	0
16.	Case/Care Management	PH-1000	11	2