

Dream Homes Community Center

To: Mayor Mark Boughton and the City Council

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Re: July 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

From July 1, 2012 until July 30, 2012, DHCC has provided services to **90 people (20 families with children and 23 single adults)** through the Point of Entry at ARC. The following is a breakdown of people served, by towns within the Greater Danbury Area:

Town	July 2010 - June 2011	July 2011 - June 2012	July 1, 2012 - July 30, 2012
Danbury	535	592	66
Bethel	39	26	1
Brookfield	38	33	0
New Fairfield	25	34	5
New Milford	81	77	12
Newtown	17	4	0
Redding	6	7	0
Ridgefield	9	8	0
Sherman	6	2	0
Other Towns	78	45	6
Total	834	828	90

III. Program Highlights—Story of 1 person we worked with this month (*names changed*)

Michael was referred to Dream Homes Community Center by New Fairfield social services in 2010. He had been in a hospital for most of the winter following a number of surgeries. During that time, his home was left unoccupied and pipes burst throughout the house. His insurance lapsed while he was in the hospital, because he had missed the bill, and when he was released from the hospital his home was uninhabitable. A veteran with multiple medical disabilities, Michael lives on a fixed income and could not afford to pay a full rent on an apartment. He also could not afford to make the necessary repairs to his home to be able to live there. With no where to go, he began living in his car.

When Michael first met with the Homeless and Housing Advocate, he was reluctant to share any of the details of his situation, including any personally identifying information that would be required for any housing applications. Over the next year, the Homeless and Housing Advocate worked to develop trust with Michael and encouraged him to work with the Veteran's Administration homeless team to explore housing options through the VA. In 2011, Michael agreed to apply for a VASH voucher – a rental subsidy available through the VA to help pay for an apartment and would also provide in-home case management services to program participants. Michael's application was added to the wait list and given an estimated time of 6 months – 1 year before he would be able to move into an apartment.

In the spring of 2012, Michael was approved for a VASH voucher. During this time, he continued to work with ARC, New Fairfield Social Services, and the VA homeless team for support in exploring housing options as well as continuing to participate in his medical treatments. At the time he was approved, his mobility had decreased to a point he could not walk up steps. This added another barrier to quickly securing an apartment, as he needed something on the first floor and that would be handicapped accessible. After three months of searching for a place, Michael and his team identified an apartment which met his needs and was within the VASH guidelines.

A request for tenancy was submitted to the VASH program to have the apartment inspected and approved, with a move in date scheduled for August 1. Michael's team worked quickly to line up additional resources: The security deposit will be covered through the Security Deposit Guarantee Program, available through the State Dept. of Social Services, and a hospital bed will be provided by the VA. ARC's Homeless and Housing Advocate completed a furniture request for Make A Home Foundation, which will provide all the furnishings needed to turn Michael's new apartment – into a home.

IV. HMIS Report – Dream Homes Community Center July 1, 2012 – July 30, 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.	5	1	5	2
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	2	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)	6	1	5	2
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)	6			2
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?				9
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	1	0	0
	b. 51 - 61	0	0	0
	c. 31 - 50	0	0	0
	d. 18 - 30	1	0	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				0
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino				2
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			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	
9a. Special Needs.				
		All	Chronic	
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		1	1	
g. Domestic violence		0	0	
h. Other (please specify)		0	0	
9b. Disabled.				
How many of the participants are disabled?				1
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.)		1	1	
b. Emergency shelter		1	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		
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	0	0	0	0
d. \$251 - \$500	0	0	0	0

e. \$501 - \$1000	1	1	1	1
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)	1	1	1	1
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 (SCHIP)	0	0	0	0
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	1	1	1
m. Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0
n. No financial resources	0	0	0	0
12a. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who left during the operating year.				
	All	Chronic		
a. Less than 1 month	0	0		
b. 1 to 2 months	1	1		
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	2	1		
b. 1 to 2 months	3	0		
c. 3 - 6 months	2	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	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
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	1	1
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)	0	0
q. Other (please specify)	0	0
UNKNOWN		
r. Unknown	0	0