

Dream Homes Community Center

To: Mayor Mark Boughton and the City Council

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Re: November 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 November 23, 2012, DHCC has provided services to **244 people (65 families with children and 70 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 - November 23, 2012
Danbury	535	592	198
Bethel	39	26	21
Brookfield	38	33	1
New Fairfield	25	34	5
New Milford	81	77	46
Newtown	17	4	5
Redding	6	7	0
Ridgefield	9	8	0
Sherman	6	2	0
Other Towns	78	45	14
Total	834	828	290

III. ***NEW* Emergency Security Deposit & Rent Assistance Grants**

Dream Homes Community Center wrapped up the Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Program in April 2012. The program provided emergency financial assistance with security deposits and back rent payments. This was extremely effective – ending and preventing homelessness for **75 single adults and 66 families** in our region. The ARC Board has allocated funds for Dream Homes Community Center to continue providing emergency assistance to help families and individuals who meet the HUD definition of homeless.

In November, we provided grants to 3 households:

- **\$1,000 Security Deposit** – single mother attempting to flee a domestic violence environment with her two young children. Grant helped mother to secure an affordable apartment and to quickly exit an unsafe living environment.
- **\$400 toward a Security Deposit** – assisted veteran to exit the City Shelter and secure permanent housing with a HUD-VASH housing choice voucher. See highlights below.
- **\$313 toward a Security Deposit** – single adult male with chronic disabilities was able to secure permanent housing in an affordable studio.

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

Richard is a veteran and has been homeless for almost two years, after he lost his job. He had been living in the Danbury homeless shelter off and on for nearly six months when he was approved for a HUD-VASH housing choice voucher. That program would help Richard to pay his rent, and also provides on-going case management services to help him retain his housing. Richard was referred to ARC by the Danbury City Shelter to seek assistance with his security deposit.

When Richard met with the Homeless and Housing Advocate in October, his unemployment had recently ended. Richard had applied for an apartment with a local landlord, who agreed to work with Richard as he had a rental voucher. He would still need to cover the security deposit, a total of \$1350. He had no income and no way to put up a security deposit to move into an apartment.

Richard applied for assistance with his deposit through ARC, which would be able to cover a portion but not all of the deposit. Richard and ARC worked to apply for all possible programs that could help with the balance of the deposit. Ultimately, ARC was able to coordinate a matching grant from Off the Streets, and to apply for the “Housing For Heroes” Fund on behalf of Richard to come up with 100% of the deposit.

Richard was able to sign his lease and move into the apartment before Thanksgiving, finally ending his homelessness. ARC provided Richard with an “ARC Angel” Welcome Basket, valued at \$150, which includes household cleaning and personal care items. He continues to work with his case worker through the HUD-VASH program to seek employment opportunities.

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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	2	6	3	
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	28	16	19	10	
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	22	11	9	6	
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	11	7	16	7	
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			7	
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?				63	
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	4	1	0	
	b. 51 - 61	6	3	0	
	c. 31 - 50	6	1	0	
	d. 18 - 30	3	4	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	1	0	0	
	h. 31 - 50	2	3	0	
	i. 18 - 30	4	6	0	
	j. 13 - 17	1	0	1	
	k. 6 - 12	3	3	0	
	l. 1 - 5	6	5	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.				9	
6b. Chronically Homeless.					
How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?				4	
7. Ethnicity.					
a. Hispanic or Latino				5	
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino				39	
8. Race.					
a. American Indian or Alaskan Native				1	

b. Asian					1
c. Black or African American					17
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander					0
e. White					25
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		9		1	
b. Alcohol abuse		3		0	
c. Drug abuse		0		0	
d. HIV/AIDS or related diseases		0		0	
e. Developmental disability		0		0	
f. Physical disability		11		4	
g. Domestic violence		11		1	
h. Other (please specify)		2		0	
9b. Disabled.					
How many of the participants are disabled?					20
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.)		6		2	
b. Emergency shelter		12		1	
c. Transitional housing for homeless persons		1			
d. Psychiatric facility		1			
e. Substance abuse treatment facility		3			
f. Hospital		0			
g. Jail/prison		0			
h. Domestic violence situation		0			
i. Living with relatives/friends		8			
j. Rental housing		7			
k. Other (please specify)		6			
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		6	0	6	0
b. \$1-150		2	0	2	0
c. \$151 - \$250		5	0	5	0
d. \$251 - \$500		1	0	1	0

e. \$501 - \$1000	8	1	7	1
f. \$1001 - \$1500	6	1	6	1
g. \$1501 - \$2000	1	0	1	0
h. \$2000 +	4	0	4	0
Source	C. Income Sources at Entry		D. Income Sources at Exit	
	All	Chronic	All	Chronic
a. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	1	1	1	1
b. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	5	1	5	1
c. Social Security	4	0	4	0
d. General Public Assistance	0	0	0	0
e. Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)	3	0	3	0
f. State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	2	0	2	0
g. Veterans benefits	1	0	1	0
h. Employment Income	6	0	6	0
i. Unemployment Benefits	0	0	0	0
j. Veteran's Health Care	7	1	7	1
k. Medicaid	11	0	11	0
l. Food Stamps	20	1	21	2
m. Other (please specify)	11	1	10	1
n. No financial resources	11	0	11	0

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

	All	Chronic
a. Less than 1 month	24	1
b. 1 to 2 months	7	1
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

12b. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who did not leave during the operating year.

	All	Chronic
a. Less than 1 month	2	0
b. 1 to 2 months	10	0
c. 3 - 6 months	5	3
d. 7 months - 12 months	1	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	2	0		
b. Completed program	28	2		
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	1	0		
i. Death	0	0		
j. Other (please specify)	0	0		
k. Unknown/disappeared	2	0		
14. Destination. Participants who left during the operating year.				
	All	Chronic		
PERMANENT (a - h)				
a. Rental house or apartment (no subsidy)	4	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	5	1		
g. Homeownership	0	0		
h. Moved in with family or friends	2	0		
TRANSITIONAL (i - j)				
i. Transitional housing for homeless persons	5	1		
j. Moved in with family or friends	1	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	8	0		
OTHER (o - q)				
o. Other supportive housing	1	0		
p. Places not meant for human habitation (e.g. street)	0	0		
q. Other (please specify)	5	0		
UNKNOWN				
r. Unknown	2	0		
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.	Rental Deposit Assistance	BH-3800.7250	3	0
2.	Identification Card Fee Payment Assistance	DF-7020.3300	1	0
3.	Case/Care Management	PH-1000	2	0