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TO: The Honorable Mayor Mark Boughton and City Council

THROUGH: Scott LeRoy, Director of Health and Human Services

RE: Donation to the City's Emergency Shelter

The City of Danbury's Emergency Shelter has received a charitable donation of a computer laptop, software and printer by the Non-Profit Development Corporation of Danbury for a value of approximately three thousand dollars (\$3000.00).

This extremely generous gift to the shelter will be utilized for a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) mandate called Coordinated Assess. Coordinated Assessment is a common process for accessing homeless assistance services including prevention, diversion, emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing, supportive services and permanent supportive housing.

HUD is requiring that all Continuum of Care programs establish and operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system to conduct an initial, comprehensive assessment of the housing and service needs for all people entering into homelessness.

This donated computer equipment will assist the local agencies involved in Coordinated Assess to place all vital and statistical data into the Housing Management Information System. HMIS is a computerized data collection tool specifically designed to collect client-level data on the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of becoming homeless.

The equipment provided by the Non-Profit Development Corporation of Danbury will allow the input of viable information on our homeless population and to continue to follow the mandate required by HUD. The City of Danbury's Information Technology (IT) Department will provide technical assistance for the installation of the computer equipment at the Emergency Shelter.

Please except this valuable equipment so that the City of Danbury's various social service organizations will continue to support and fulfill the obligations of the Mayor's Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness.