



## Dream Homes Community Center

**To:** Mayor Mark Boughton and the Common Council  
**From:** Karl Myers, on behalf of the Dream Homes Community Center collaborative  
**Re:** May 22, 2009 monthly report

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### I. Program Synopsis

Per the proposal endorsed by Mayor Boughton and the Common Council, the Dream Homes Community Center (DHCC) is a collaborative effort of 3 agencies: Housing Authority of the City of Danbury, The Association of Religious Communities, and We CAHR. The collaborative has financial and in-kind partners, to date: The City of Danbury, Mc Cue Mortgage, an Anonymous Donor, Housing Authority, ARC & We CAHR, Town of New Fairfield, and the Town of Ridgefield, HUD-CDBG and HUD HMIS Grant, DSS Beyond Shelter CT Grant.

Dream Homes works with 4 populations:

- 1) Point of Entry for persons who are homeless
- 2) Beyond Shelter CT Program
- 3) Rentals
- 4) First-time Home ownership

All three of the above components are a part of Dream Homes. The Point of Entry is not a separate program; rather, it is 1 of the 3 components of Dream Homes ~ per the proposal passed by Mayor Boughton and the Common Council.

The collaborative Leadership Team shares responsibilities for leadership, decision-making, risk-taking, and fundraising. This report is submitted by Karl Myers on behalf of the collaborative Leadership Team, which also includes: Rev. Phyllis J. Leopold, Jean Bowen, Patricia Tomka, and Carolyn Sistrunk.

In addition to the Leadership Team, salaried professionals implement the program:

Program Director (part-time): Karl Myers

Housing Advocate for Persons with Disabilities (part-time): Jeanne Braude-Magi

## I. Operations

- No new information to report.

## II. Outreach & Education

- No new information to report.

### A) Rental

- No New Information to report

### B) Regional

- No new information to report.

### C) Community Involvement

- No new information to report

## III. Beyond Shelter CT Program

- Currently working with 7 individuals and 2 families.
- At the time of this report the program has housed 1 family and 4 individuals.

## IV. Point of Entry

- Presented the 2008 HMIS Data Report to the Housing Partnership at it's May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting

**HUD Annual Progress Report (HUD-40118)**  
**January 1 to April 30 2009**  
**All Danbury CoC Agencies using HMIS**

**Note: All figures are un-audited and are subject to change.**

<b>2. Persons Served during the operating year.</b>	<b>Number of Singles Not in Families</b>	<b>Number of Adults in Families</b>	<b>Number of Children in Families</b>	<b>Number of Families</b>
a. Number on the first day of the operating year.	<u>260</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>35</u>	17
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	<u>113</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	12
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	<u>53</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	8
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	320	26	42	21
<b>3. Project Capacity.</b>	<b>Number of Singles Not in Families</b>	<b>Number of Adults in Families</b>	<b>Number of Children in Families</b>	<b>Number of Families</b>
a. Number on last day (from 2d, columns 1 and 4)	320			21
<b>4. Non-homeless persons. (Sec. 8 SRO projects only)</b>				

How many income-eligible non-homeless persons were housed by the SRO program during the operating year?	<u>64</u>
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**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
<b>Single Persons (from 2b, column 1)</b>	a. 62 and over	<u>3</u>	0	0
	b. 51 - 61	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>	0
	c. 31 - 50	<u>47</u>	<u>17</u>	0
	d. 18 - 30	<u>20</u>	<u>7</u>	0
	e. 17 and under	<u>2</u>	0	0
	<b>Not given</b>	0	0	0
<b>Persons in Families (from 2b, columns 2 &amp; 3)</b>	f. 62 and over	0	0	0
	g. 51 - 61	0	0	0
	h. 31 - 50	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	0
	i. 18 - 30	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	0
	j. 13 - 17	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	0
	k. 6 - 12	0	<u>2</u>	0
	l. 1 - 5	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	0
	m. Under 1	0	<u>1</u>	0
<b>Not given</b>	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.	<u>12</u>
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**6b. Chronically Homeless.**

How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?	<u>22</u>
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**7. Ethnicity.**

a. Hispanic or Latino	<u>14</u>
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino	<u>114</u>

**8. Race.**

a. American Indian or Alaskan Native	<u>1</u>
b. Asian	<u>2</u>
c. Black or African American	<u>27</u>
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
e. White	<u>91</u>
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	<u>2</u>
k. Other/Unknown (all that do not match)	<u>5</u>

**9a. Special Needs.**

	All	Chronic
a. Mental illness	<u>25</u>	<u>5</u>
b. Alcohol abuse	<u>12</u>	4

c. Drug abuse	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>
d. HIV/AIDS or related diseases	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
e. Developmental disability	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
f. Physical disability	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>
g. Domestic violence	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>
h. Other (please specify)	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>

**9b. Disabled.**

How many of the participants are disabled? 35

**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.)	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>
b. Emergency shelter	<u>32</u>	<u>6</u>
c. Transitional housing for homeless persons	<u>0</u>	
d. Psychiatric facility	<u>0</u>	
e. Substance abuse treatment facility	<u>4</u>	
f. Hospital	<u>0</u>	
g. Jail/prison	<u>9</u>	
h. Domestic violence situation	<u>1</u>	
i. Living with relatives/friends	<u>30</u>	
j. Rental housing	<u>9</u>	
k. Other (please specify)	<u>39</u>	

**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	<u>39</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>8</u>
b. \$1-150	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
c. \$151 - \$250	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
d. \$251 - \$500	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
e. \$501 - \$1000	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>
f. \$1001 - \$1500	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
g. \$1501 - \$2000	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
h. \$2000 +	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
Source	C. Income Sources at Entry		D. Income Sources at Exit	
	All	Chronic	All	Chronic
a. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
b. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>
c. Social Security	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
d. General Public Assistance	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
e. Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
f. State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
g. Veterans benefits	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

<b>h.</b> Employment Income	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>i.</b> Unemployment Benefits	0	0	0	0
<b>j.</b> Veteran's Health Care	0	0	0	0
<b>k.</b> Medicaid	0	0	0	0
<b>l.</b> Food Stamps	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>
<b>m.</b> Other (please specify)	<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>
<b>n.</b> No financial resources	<u>39</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>8</u>

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

	<b>All</b>	<b>Chronic</b>
<b>a.</b> Less than 1 month	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>b.</b> 1 to 2 months	<u>16</u>	<u>2</u>
<b>c.</b> 3 - 6 months	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>
<b>d.</b> 7 months - 12 months	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>e.</b> 13 months - 24 months	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>
<b>f.</b> 25 months - 3 years	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>g.</b> 4 years - 5 years	0	0
<b>h.</b> 6 years - 7 years	0	0
<b>i.</b> 8 years - 10 years	0	0
<b>j.</b> over 10 years	0	0

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

	<b>All</b>	<b>Chronic</b>
<b>a.</b> Less than 1 month	<u>23</u>	<u>3</u>
<b>b.</b> 1 to 2 months	<u>59</u>	<u>10</u>
<b>c.</b> 3 - 6 months	<u>100</u>	<u>25</u>
<b>d.</b> 7 months - 12 months	<u>63</u>	<u>7</u>
<b>e.</b> 13 months - 24 months	<u>60</u>	<u>17</u>
<b>f.</b> 25 months - 3 years	<u>27</u>	<u>3</u>
<b>g.</b> 4 years - 5 years	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>h.</b> 6 years - 7 years	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>i.</b> 8 years - 10 years	<u>2</u>	0
<b>j.</b> over 10 years	0	0

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

	<b>All</b>	<b>Chronic</b>
<b>a.</b> Left for a housing opportunity before completing program	<u>4</u>	0
<b>b.</b> Completed program	<u>29</u>	<u>6</u>
<b>c.</b> Non-payment of rent/occupancy charge	0	0
<b>d.</b> Non-compliance with project	0	0
<b>e.</b> Criminal activity / destruction of property / violence	<u>5</u>	0
<b>f.</b> Reached maximum time allowed in project	<u>1</u>	0
<b>g.</b> Needs could not be met by project	<u>2</u>	0
<b>h.</b> Disagreement with rules/persons	<u>1</u>	0
<b>i.</b> Death	0	0
<b>j.</b> Other (please specify)	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>

k. Unknown/disappeared	10	3
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**14. Destination. Participants who left during the operating year.**

		All	Chronic
<b>PERMANENT</b> (a - h)	<b>a.</b> Rental house or apartment (no subsidy)	<u>20</u>	<u>5</u>
	<b>b.</b> Public Housing	<u>1</u>	0
	<b>c.</b> Section 8	<u>4</u>	0
	<b>d.</b> Shelter Plus Care	<u>1</u>	0
	<b>e.</b> HOME subsidized house or apartment	0	0
	<b>f.</b> Other subsidized house or apartment	0	0
	<b>g.</b> Homeownership	0	0
	<b>h.</b> Moved in with family or friends	<u>2</u>	0
<b>TRANSITIONAL</b> (i - j)	<b>i.</b> Transitional housing for homeless persons	0	0
	<b>j.</b> Moved in with family or friends	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>INSTITUTION</b> (k - m)	<b>k.</b> Psychiatric hospital	0	0
	<b>l.</b> Inpatient alcohol/drug treatment facility	<u>1</u>	0
	<b>m.</b> Jail/prison	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>
<b>EMERGENCY SHELTER</b> (n)	<b>n.</b> Emergency shelter	<u>5</u>	0
<b>OTHER</b> (o - q)	<b>o.</b> Other supportive housing	0	0
	<b>p.</b> Places not meant for human habitation (e.g. street)	0	0
	<b>q.</b> Other (please specify)	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
<b>UNKNOWN</b>	<b>r.</b> Unknown	<u>14</u>	<u>4</u>

**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/Shelter	BH	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
2.	Homeless Shelter	BH-1800.8500	<u>14</u>	<u>3</u>
3.	Social Health Insurance	NS-8000	<u>1</u>	0

**Needs/Service Report: January 1 2009 to April 30, 2009**

<b>NEED COUNT</b>						
Need Type	Total	Pending	Fully Met	Partially Met	Unmet	F/U needed
Food Pantries (BD-1800.2000)	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Housing/Shelter (BH)	<u>1937</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Emergency Shelter (BH-1800)	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Homeless Shelter (BH-1800.8500)	<u>83</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
Homeless Motel Vouchers (BH-1800.8500-300)	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Housing Counseling (BH-3700)	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
Rent Payment Assistance (BH-3800.7000)	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Rental Deposit Assistance (BH-3800.7250)	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
Public Housing (BH-7000.4600-600)	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers (BH-7000.4600-700)	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Single Room Occupancy Housing (BH-7000.4600-800)	2	0	0	0	0	2
Transitional Housing/Shelter (BH-8600)	7	0	0	0	3	4
Bus Fare (BT-8300.1000)	1	0	1	0	0	0
Veteran Benefits Assistance (FT-1000.9000)	2	0	2	0	0	0
Employment (ND)	1	0	1	0	0	0
Comprehensive Job Assistance Centers (ND-1500)	3	0	1	0	1	1
Basic Income Maintenance Programs (NL-1000)	2	0	2	0	0	0
SSI (NL-1000.8100)	1	0	1	0	0	0
TANF (NL-1000.8500)	3	0	3	0	0	0
Medicaid (NL-5000.5000)	4	0	4	0	0	0
Food Stamps (NL-6000.2000)	26	1	22	0	2	1
Social Security Disability Insurance (NS-1800.8000)	9	1	5	0	0	3
Social Health Insurance (NS-8000)	23	0	23	0	0	0
Unemployment Insurance (NS-9000)	4	0	3	0	0	1
Hotels/Motels (PL-4500.3000)	1	0	1	0	0	0
Mental Health Care and Counseling (R)	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Total (26 Need Types)</b>	<b>2154</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2101</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>24</b>

**Zip Code Report**  
**January 1, 2009 to April 30 2009**

<b><u>Town</u></b>	<b><u>2007 Figures</u></b>		<b><u>2008 Figures</u></b>		<b><u>2009 Figures</u></b>	
	<b><u>Persons</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of Total</u></b>	<b><u>Persons</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of Total</u></b>	<b><u>Persons</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of Total</u></b>
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Danbury	159	39.3%	185	41.3%	79	50.3%
New Milford	31	7.7%	41	9.2%	9	5.7%
Bethel	15	3.7%	24	5.4%	2	1.3%
Brookfield	12	3.0%	10	2.2%	0	0.0%
New Fairfield	4	1.0%	4	0.9%	4	2.5%
Ridgefield	3	0.7%	7	1.6%	2	1.3%
Newtown	3	0.7%	2	0.4%	1	0.6%
Sherman	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Bridgewater	0	0.0%	3	0.0%	0	0.0%
Redding	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
Rest of State	72	17.8%	71	15.8%	21	13.4%
Out of State	44	10.9%	38	8.5%	14	8.9%
Unknown	61	15.1%	62	13.8%	25	15.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>405</b>		<b>448</b>		<b>157</b>	

**Dream Homes Community Center Collaborative**  
**Preventing Homelessness and Rental Issues**

Total number of new clients served by the collaborative **this month:** \_\_9\_\_

**Race/Ethnicity**

White\_\_8\_\_ Black \_\_ Black \_\_ Native American\_\_1\_\_ Asian\_\_ Hispanic/Latino\_\_ Other\_\_

**Family Information**

Total Families: \_\_3\_\_ Female\_\_5\_\_ Male\_\_1\_\_ Minors/ Parents (under 18)\_\_\_\_  
Total Singles: \_\_3\_\_ Female\_\_2\_\_ Male\_\_1\_\_ Minor (under 18)\_\_\_\_

**Age**

0-5\_\_4\_\_ 6-12\_\_ 13-17\_\_2\_\_ 18-20\_\_2\_\_ 21-25\_\_1\_\_ 26-34\_\_ 35-49\_\_2\_\_ 50-64\_\_2\_\_ 65+\_\_

**Education Level**

No High School\_\_\_\_ Some High School\_\_1\_\_ High School Diploma/GED\_\_3\_\_  
Some College/Degree\_\_\_\_ Graduate School\_\_\_\_ Unknown\_\_6\_\_

**Income Information**

Employed\_\_2\_\_ SAGA\_\_2\_\_ Child Support\_\_1\_\_ SSI\_\_\_\_ SSDI\_\_4\_\_  
Unemploy. Comp\_\_\_\_ Veteran\_\_\_\_ None\_\_\_\_ TFA\_\_\_\_ Other\_\_

**Housing Issues**

Disaster Victim\_\_\_\_ Deinstitutionalized\_\_\_\_ Lockout\_\_\_\_ Legal Eviction\_\_5\_\_  
Out of Jail/Prison\_\_\_\_ Left Voluntarily\_\_\_\_ Fmly/Friend Eviction\_\_\_\_ Other\_\_2\_\_

**Contributing Factors**

Substance Abuse\_\_\_\_ Expenses Exceed Income\_\_1\_\_ Unemployed\_\_\_\_  
Physical Illness\_\_\_\_ New to Area\_\_\_\_ Divorced/Separated\_\_\_\_  
Family Abuse\_\_\_\_ Mental Illness\_\_3\_\_ Other\_\_5\_\_