

Dream Homes Community Center

To: Mayor Mark Boughton and the Common Council
From: Rev. Phyllis J. Leopold
Re: October 2009 monthly report

I. Program Synopsis

Per the proposal endorsed by Mayor Boughton and the Common Council, Dream Homes Community Center (DHCC) was established 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

One highlight from this month involves a person I will nickname “Noreen”:

Noreen came on a referral from the Women’s Center of Greater Danbury. Noreen was able to stay at the Women’s Center shelter temporarily. With few resources and feeling overwhelmed at how she would provide a stable and happy home for her children, Noreen came to the Point of Entry at ARC hoping for some guidance.

DHCC was able to help Noreen apply for a Section 8 voucher, reserved for victims of domestic violence, and to collect all necessary documents to submit her application. Housing Advocate & Case Manager for DHCC, Nikki Singer, spent time reviewing the Section 8 Voucher application with Noreen and helped her to accurately complete it. Nikki Singer is listed as a secondary contact.

When Noreen had to move to a different shelter, Nikki was able to keep Noreen informed of upcoming orientations and meetings she will need to attend in order to secure her Section 8 Voucher. The Housing Authority of the City of Danbury has worked effectively with Nikki Singer on behalf of Noreen, to guide her through the process and ensure they have taken all necessary steps to apply for the Voucher.

Noreen and Nikki are in the process of looking for an apartment for Noreen and her children. Noreen will continue working with the DHCC Housing Advocate & Case Manager for the next 12 months.

A little over a month after her first meeting with the DHCC Housing Advocate & Case Manager, Noreen no longer comes to ARC completely overwhelmed. Noreen is excited about the support she is receiving, and she is motivated to succeed.

For a woman and family from a background of domestic violence, new housing will not only fill a basic need but will also function as an important part of the family’s healing process.

III. Supportive Housing/Rentals and Home Ownership

Housing for Heroes – Homes for Heroes and the Non-profit Development Corporation have completed their renovation for permanent and transitional units for Veterans on New Street. DHCC has met with agencies funding and providing case management to the residents, on October 19 and October 23. We are developing criteria in collaboration with MCCA, the Veterans Administration and the Homes for Heroes Project Manager to identify and screen appropriate individuals for the program. We interviewed the first candidate this month.

First Time Home Ownership -- Three individuals have requested information and resources to become homeowners. All three are female heads of household with children and one holds a section 8 Voucher. Appropriate referrals have been made for homeownership training, employment and financing information.

IV. Outreach & Program Development

Project Homeless Connect – DHCC Case Manager & Housing Advocate participated in the October planning meeting, held at the Danbury Police Station.

Housing Partnership Fundraising Breakfast – On behalf of the ARC Board of Directors and all partners in DHCC, Rev. Leopold, the Executive Director of ARC was pleased to take purchase a table and accept an Award in recognition of the work of DHCC to advance the Mayor’s and City of Danbury “Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness.”

Danbury Continuum of Care -- DHCC Case Manager & Housing Advocate participated in the October meeting, held at City Hall.

Homeless Consortium -- DHCC Case Manager & Housing Advocate participated in the October 15 meeting at City Shelter on New Street.

City Shelter – Mayor Boughton and Rev. Leopold met to discuss new possibilities.

V. Program Development

DHCC Housing Advocate & Case Manager, Nikki Singer, as well as ARC’s Program & Outreach Manager, Millie Perez, both participated in two trainings this month: 1) Oct 5 - AHAR / HMIS – Screening, and 2) Oct 6 - HPRP - Working with Families.

VI. Fundraising: HUD/HMIS Renewal Grant

Rev. Leopold and Jean Bowen, DHCC Consultant, developed and submitted material to the United Way, on October 22, per the process of applying for a \$20,000 renewal to be distributed at approximately \$7,000 per year, for the next three years.

VII. HMIS Report – 9/1/09 to 9/21/09:

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.	<u>107</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>44</u>	21
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	4
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	0	0	0	0
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	115	33	52	25
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)	115			25
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?				<u>68</u>
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	0	<u>1</u>	0
	b. 51 - 61	0	0	0
	c. 31 - 50	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	0
	d. 18 - 30	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	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	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	0
	i. 18 - 30	0	0	0
	j. 13 - 17	<u>1</u>	0	0
	k. 6 - 12	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
	l. 1 - 5	0	<u>2</u>	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.				0
6b. Chronically Homeless.				

How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?	0	
7. Ethnicity.		
a. Hispanic or Latino	5	
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino	9	
8. Race.		
a. American Indian or Alaskan Native	0	
b. Asian	0	
c. Black or African American	3	
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	
e. White	6	
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)	5	
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	0	0
g. Domestic violence	0	0
h. Other (please specify)	0	0
9b. Disabled.		
How many of the participants are disabled?	0	
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	0
b. Emergency shelter	0	0
c. Transitional housing for homeless persons	1	
d. Psychiatric facility	0	
e. Substance abuse treatment facility	1	
f. Hospital	0	
g. Jail/prison	0	
h. Domestic violence situation	0	
i. Living with relatives/friends	3	
j. Rental housing	3	
k. Other (please specify)	5	
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	0	0	0	0
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)	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0
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	0	0		
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	<u>33</u>	0
b. 1 to 2 months	<u>15</u>	0
c. 3 - 6 months	<u>17</u>	<u>1</u>
d. 7 months - 12 months	<u>21</u>	<u>4</u>
e. 13 months - 24 months	<u>54</u>	<u>14</u>
f. 25 months - 3 years	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>
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	0	0
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	0	0
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
15. Supportive Services. Participants who left during the operating year.			
No supportive services found.			