

# Dream Homes Community Center

**To:** Mayor Mark Boughton and the Common Council  
**From:** Rev. Phyllis J. Leopold  
**Re:** August 2010 monthly report  
**CC:** ARC President & Board of Directors, Jean Bowen, Nikki Singer

## 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

From July 1, 2010 to August 27, 2010, DHCC provided services to assist **139 people**. One highlight from this month involves a person I will nickname “Denise.”

Denise was referred to ARC by the Women’s Center of Greater Danbur. She had been at the shelter for two months due to domestic violence. She did not have a job while she lived with her husband.

At the time of her first meeting at the Homeless Point of Entry, Denise had just started a part-time job and had an interview scheduled for a second job. The DHCC Housing Advocate & Case Manager informed Denise about requirements for financial assistance and Denise agreed to return to ARC in two weeks: with a paystub from her part-time job and a written offer of employment if she got the second job. At the second meeting: Denise was able to demonstrate she would now be earning enough income to afford \$700 per month for an apartment. Denise and the Housing Advocate & Case Manager, Nikki Singer, immediately completed an application for assistance through the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP). In turn:

Denise found an apartment for \$700 per month. It was in a good location for Denise: near the bus stop, helpful to her because she does not have a car. Denise had given the landlord a deposit – which was all the money from her first paycheck – to hold the apartment.

Denise’s HPRP application was processed and approved by both the HPRP Screening Committee and ARC Executive Director for the full amount requested: \$700. Denise was able to move into the apartment a week later, where she received a hearty congratulations: approximately \$200 of in-kind donations generated by ARC to help Denise start up ~ her new home:

- Dishes, Kitchenware, & an ARC Angel Welcome Basket filled with cleaning supplies for Bathroom, Kitchen, and Laundry.

### III. Outreach & Program Development

**Danbury Continuum of Care** – The Continuum of Care met Tuesday August 10 at 2:00 pm at the Danbury City Hall. Jason Coppola (Dept of Labor), Michele Conderino (Catholic Charities), Melanie Johnson (Aids Project Greater Danbury), Eileen Walsh (New Opportunities Inc), Alecia Andrews (UWWC), Nikki Singer (ARC), Joe Shea (Danbury Hospital), John Sullivan (VA-CT), Nicole Campbell (VA-CT), Joe Dobbins (Head Start), Gladys McFarland (Amos House), and Milena Sangut (WCMHN) were present.

The COC received an update from the VA and from the Housing Authority about new vouchers available this fall to persons on existing waitlists. The COC discussed the NOFA process and applying for new available funding. The COC's 2009 application for a Shelter Plus Care voucher was denied. Milena will try to find out why the application was denied.

**HPRP Screening Committee** – The committee met twice in August: on August 10th at 10 am at ARC and on August 24th at 10am at CACD.

On August 10: Eileen Walsch (NOW) and Nikki Singer (ARC) were present. There was no representative from CACD.

Nikki Singer presented 3 cases for screening. One case was approved for a security deposit. The other two cases were tentatively approved pending additional documentation of housing stability.

On August 24: Vestina Rankin(CACD), Arthur Gomez (CACD), Eileen Walsch (NOW), and Nikki Singer (ARC) were present.

Nikki Singer presented 5 cases, all for Rapid re-housing. Three cases were for chronically homeless individuals and they were all approved for full security deposits. Two cases were for single women who have recently become homeless: they are both working and were both approved for security deposit assistance. CACD presented 2 cases for homelessness prevention. One case was found ineligible due to insufficient income and the second case is pending additional documentation of income.

Since October 2009 ARC has presented **60 cases** at screening meetings and **49 cases have been approved**. CACD has presented **26 cases** and **15 have been approved**.

**HPRP Monitoring Review** – On Friday August 6, 2010 Omar Andujar and Mary Anthony-Rush from New Opportunities, Inc of Waterbury (NOI) conducted a monitoring visit at ARC for the HPRP program. Approximately one third of files were reviewed for eligibility and compliance with program standards. During the visit, Omar indicated there are a number of new forms that will need to be incorporated into files.

## IV. HMIS Report – 08/01/10 – 08/27/10

**\* The numbers generated by this HUD report may not be valid for Federal funding purposes unless the report is run by an Agency Administrator or Executive Director.**

<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.	22	19	23	14
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	6	5	7	5
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	2	1	2	1
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	26	23	28	18
<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)	26			18
<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?				53
<b>5. Age and Gender. Of those who entered during the operating year, how many people are in the following age and gender categories?</b>				
	<b>Age</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Other/Not given</b>
<b>Single Persons (from 2b, column 1)</b>	a. 62 and over	0	0	0
	b. 51 - 61	3	3	0
	c. 31 - 50	0	0	0
	d. 18 - 30	0	0	0
	e. 17 and under	0	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	0	1	0
	i. 18 - 30	0	4	0
	j. 13 - 17	1	0	0
	k. 6 - 12	0	1	0
	l. 1 - 5	1	3	0
	m. Under 1	1	0	0
	<b>Not given</b>	0	0	0
	<b>6 - 10. Participants who entered during the operating year.</b>			
<b>6a. Veterans Status.</b>				
A veteran is anyone who has ever been on active military duty status.				2

<b>6b. Chronically Homeless.</b>		
How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?		2
<b>7. Ethnicity.</b>		
a. Hispanic or Latino		3
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino		8
<b>8. Race.</b>		
a. American Indian or Alaskan Native		0
b. Asian		1
c. Black or African American		2
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		0
e. White		5
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		1
k. Other/Unknown (all that do not match)		2
<b>9a. Special Needs.</b>		
	<b>All</b>	<b>Chronic</b>
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	4	1
g. Domestic violence	4	2
h. Other (please specify)	0	0
<b>9b. Disabled.</b>		
How many of the participants are disabled?		4
<b>10. Prior Living Situation. Participants slept in the following places the week prior to entering.</b>		
	<b>All</b>	<b>Chronic</b>
a. Non-housing (street, park, car, bus station, etc.)	1	0
b. Emergency shelter	3	1
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	5	
j. Rental housing	0	
k. Other (please specify)	2	

**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	2	0	2	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	1	0	1	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)	1	0	1	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	2	0	2	0
m. Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0
n. No financial resources	2	0	2	0

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

	All	Chronic
a. Less than 1 month	3	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	8	2
b. 1 to 2 months	21	1
c. 3 - 6 months	18	3
d. 7 months - 12 months	2	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
<b>13. Reasons for Leaving. Participants who left during the operating year.</b>		
	All	Chronic
a. Left for a housing opportunity before completing program	0	0
b. Completed program	2	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	1	0
h. Disagreement with rules/persons	0	0
i. Death	0	0
j. Other (please specify)	0	0
k. Unknown/disappeared	0	0
<b>14. Destination. Participants who left during the operating year.</b>		
	All	Chronic
<b>PERMANENT (a - h)</b>		
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
<b>TRANSITIONAL (i - j)</b>		
i. Transitional housing for homeless persons	0	0
j. Moved in with family or friends	1	0
<b>INSTITUTION (k - m)</b>		
k. Psychiatric hospital	0	0
l. Inpatient alcohol/drug treatment facility	0	0
m. Jail/prison	0	0
<b>EMERGENCY SHELTER (n)</b>		
n. Emergency shelter	0	0
<b>OTHER (o - q)</b>		
o. Other supportive housing	1	0
p. Places not meant for human habitation (e.g. street)	1	0

	<b>q.</b> Other (please specify)	0	0	
<b>UNKNOWN</b>	<b>r.</b> Unknown	0	0	
<b>15. Supportive Services. Participants who left during the operating year.</b>				
<b>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.</b>				
	<b>Service</b>	<b>Service Code</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Chronic</b>
1.	Housing Counseling	BH-3700	1	0