

# Dream Homes Community Center

**To:** Mayor Mark Boughton and the Common Council

**From:** Rev. Phyllis J. Leopold

**Re:** November 2010 Monthly Report

**cc:** ARC Board of Directors, Homeless & Housing Advocate/Nikki Singer, and  
DHCC Consultant/Jean Bowen

## I. Program Synopsis

Per the proposal endorsed by Mayor Boughton and the Common 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. Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Program

In 2009 ARC secured a grant which is bringing **\$205,632 to the Danbury area**, over 3 years, through the government program called “Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing” (**HPRP**): to help end and prevent homelessness for the people of Danbury by providing financial assistance through *security deposits, rental assistance, motel vouchers, and moving or storage costs*.

Since October 2009, we have provided **\$15,602** in grants to end homelessness for **11 individuals** and **7 families** and **\$42,847.12** in grants to prevent homelessness for **19 individuals** and **20 families**.

In November 2010, we provided **\$3,705** in HPRP grants to 3 individuals and 2 families. Some of the financial highlights of the HPRP grants that were awarded this month:

### **Re-Housing:**

- **\$600** Security Deposit – A single young female professional, who lost her housing due to family abuse; she was living in her car while working full time in a medical office, without her employers aware of her situation

### **Homelessness Prevention:**

- **\$800** toward a Security Deposit -- for a single young veteran, who lost his previous apartment after a fire and was staying with friends temporarily
- **\$250** toward Back Rent – a single mother living in public housing, who was struggling to catch up on rent after losing her job
- **\$655** toward a Security Deposit – for a single woman with physical and emotional disabilities, who lost housing she was sharing with a family member and needed to move into her own apartment
- **\$1,400** for a Security Deposit – a single mother of 5, who lost her previous apartment after taking her landlord to court due to poor housing conditions

### **III. Point of Entry**

From July 1, 2010 until November 29, 2010, DHCC has provided services to **298 people** (212 people in families with children and 86 adults without children) through the Point of Entry at ARC.

One highlight involves a person I will nickname “Tasha”

Tasha came to ARC in September 2010 to seek help with an apartment. Tasha was recently homeless. She met with ARC’s Homeless/Housing Advocate, Nikki Singer, to discuss her options for new housing.

Tasha had been living with her mother while working full time at a pediatric office, earning about \$1,500 per month. She reported that her relationship with her mother had always been unstable, and that they had a falling out and her mother had kicked her out. She had been staying in her car, and occasionally with friends. Her job did not know what she was going through, and she was concerned that she might lose her job if she didn’t find a more stable situation.

Nikki conducted a budget review with Tasha to evaluate what her housing budget would be. Based on her income and other expenses, \$700 was the most Tasha could

afford, not including utilities. Nikki told Tasha about the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP), which could help Tasha to cover a security deposit for a new apartment.

Over the next month, Nikki worked with Tasha to find a studio apartment within this budget. Tasha looked at a number of apartments, but because of her credit, she was repeatedly denied. In late October, they found a landlord who was willing to overlook Tasha's credit and accepted references to verify Tasha's ability to pay rent. Tasha was approved for a modest one bedroom apartment that would cost \$175 per week, but would include all utilities. The landlord also agreed to let Tasha pay \$350 every two weeks, since she gets paid bi-weekly.

With the apartment lined up, Nikki presented Tasha's application for HPRP to the HPRP screening committee, which approved Tasha for the full security deposit amount of \$600. Nikki contacted the landlord to notify her that Tasha's application was approved. Nikki and the landlord scheduled a time for Nikki to inspect the apartment for safety and security, the final step in securing the check.

Tasha had to juggle many obstacles, including her poor credit, while maintaining her professionalism at work and working with ARC to find housing. Tasha moved into her apartment November 8, less than two months after she first set foot in ARC. ARC presented Tasha with an "ARC Angel" Welcome Basket the same day.

#### IV. HMIS Report

Dream Homes Community Center: 11/01/10 – 11/30/10

Entry/Exit Report (ServicePoint 4.05 version)	
<b>Report Options:</b>	
Provider	Dream Homes Community Center (#330)
<input type="checkbox"/>	This provider AND its children.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This provider ONLY.
Entry/Exit Type	HUD-40118
Operating Year Date Range	11/01/2010 to 11/30/2010 (mm/dd/yyyy)
Legal Adult Age	18 (as defined by foster care law in your state)

Or

-Select-

**\* 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.	16	9	10	6	
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	8	2	3	2	
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	8	3	2	1	
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	16	8	11	7	
<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)	16			7	
<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?				28	
<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	0	0	0	
	c. 31 - 50	3	2	0	
	d. 18 - 30	2	1	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	0	0	
	i. 18 - 30	0	2	0	
	j. 13 - 17	1	0	0	
	k. 6 - 12	0	0	0	
	l. 1 - 5	2	0	0	
	m. Under 1	0	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.		3
<b>6b. Chronically Homeless.</b>		
How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?		3
<b>7. Ethnicity.</b>		
a. Hispanic or Latino		1
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino		9
<b>8. Race.</b>		
a. American Indian or Alaskan Native		0
b. Asian		0
c. Black or African American		2
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		0
e. White		8
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
<b>9a. Special Needs.</b>		
	<b>All</b>	<b>Chronic</b>
a. Mental illness	1	1
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	1	1
g. Domestic violence	1	0
h. Other (please specify)	0	0
<b>9b. Disabled.</b>		
How many of the participants are disabled?		1
<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.)	0	0
b. Emergency shelter	1	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	7			
j. Rental housing	0			
k. Other (please specify)	2			
<b>11. Amount and Source of Monthly Income at Entry and Exit. Participants who left during the operating year.</b>				
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	1	1	1	1
d. \$251 - \$500	0	0	0	0
e. \$501 - \$1000	1	0	1	0
f. \$1001 - \$1500	2	0	2	0
g. \$1501 - \$2000	4	0	4	0
h. \$2000 +	1	0	1	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)	1	0	1	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	1	0	1	0
h. Employment Income	7	0	7	0
i. Unemployment Benefits	0	0	0	0
j. Veteran's Health Care	0	0	0	0
k. Medicaid	1	0	1	0
l. Food Stamps	5	1	5	1
m. Other (please specify)	3	0	3	0
n. No financial resources	3	1	3	1
<b>12a. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who left during the operating year.</b>				
	All	Chronic		
a. Less than 1 month	3	1		
b. 1 to 2 months	2	0		
c. 3 - 6 months	5	0		
d. 7 months - 12 months	0	0		
e. 13 months - 24 months	1	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>12b. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who did not leave during the operating year.</b>			
	<b>All</b>	<b>Chronic</b>	
a. Less than 1 month	9	3	
b. 1 to 2 months	5	1	
c. 3 - 6 months	4	1	
d. 7 months - 12 months	6	2	
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>			
	<b>All</b>	<b>Chronic</b>	
a. Left for a housing opportunity before completing program	0	0	
b. Completed program	10	1	
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	1	0	
<b>14. Destination. Participants who left during the operating year.</b>			
		<b>All</b>	<b>Chronic</b>
<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	1	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	1	1
	j. Moved in with family or friends	0	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</b> (n)	<b>n.</b> Emergency shelter	0	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)	9	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.	Food Pantries	BD-1800.2000	1	0
2.	Housing Counseling	BH-3700	4	1
3.	Household Goods	BM-3000	1	0