

Dream Homes Community Center

To: Mayor Mark Boughton and the Common Council

From: Nikki Singer, Homeless/Housing Advocate

Re: December 2010 Monthly Report

cc: ARC Executive Director, ARC Board of Directors, 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 stimulus 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 **\$17,757** in grants to end homelessness for **10 individuals** and **6 families** and **\$45,692** in grants to prevent homelessness for **21 individuals** and **23 families**.

In December 2010, we provided **\$4,445** in HPRP grants to 3 individuals and 1 family. Some of the financial highlights of the HPRP grants that were awarded this month:

Re-Housing:

- **\$1600** Security Deposit – A single female, who became unemployed last spring and couldn't afford to stay in her apartment; she was living in her car and hotels because she couldn't save enough for a deposit

Homelessness Prevention:

- **\$1495** toward a Security Deposit -- for a single mother with three daughters, fleeing physical and emotional abuse
- **\$750** Security Deposit – a young single woman, homeless after leaving a substance abuse treatment program and trying to re-build a stable life
- **\$600** Security Deposit – for a single woman with physical and emotional disabilities, who was precariously housed in a hostile and emotionally abusive situation

III. Point of Entry

From July 1, 2010 until December 24, 2010, DHCC has provided services to **360 people** (260 people in families with children and 100 adults without children) through the Point of Entry at ARC.

One highlight involves a person I will nickname “Shirley”

Shirley is a single mother with three children. She had a stroke in 2008, which made it impossible for her to work. Her family was living in a public housing property and could not afford their minimum rental payments while waiting to be approved for Social Security Disability. In September 2010 the family was evicted from their home.

Two weeks after the eviction, Shirley was approved for Social Security Disability – a total of \$2,164/month with payments for her children. Shirley was staying with a friend in the same complex she was evicted from, jeopardizing her family's stability and the stability of the family she was staying with, if the landlord should find out. She heard about ARC from the United Way 211 Info-line and decided to reach out for help.

Shirley met with ARC's Homeless/Housing Advocate, Nikki Singer, in late November. Her situation was increasingly precarious; the property manager found out she was still staying with another tenant and was threatening to evict both families if Shirley did not move out. Nikki had Shirley apply for the Homelessness Prevention and Re-Housing Program (HPRP) to receive financial assistance for a security deposit.

The family would need at least a large two-bedroom but could not afford more than \$1,000 per month, which severely limited what units Shirley could access. They discussed other options for income supports, and Shirley agreed to see if a family member would be willing to co-sign an apartment and contribute some funds toward utilities.

Shirley was able to secure assistance from her mother, which increased her housing budget to \$1200/month. In mid-December, after weeks of looking for a unit, Nikki found an apartment that fit Shirley’s needs – and budget – perfectly. Just days before Christmas, the landlord agreed to rent the unit to Shirley and signed a lease for January 1, 2011. Shirley will receive the full security deposit through HPRP. She will also continue to receive follow up services from ARC to ensure she retains her new home.

After one of the hardest years her family has been through, Shirley will be starting the new year with new stability, and a new home.

IV. Project Homeless Connect

Dream Homes Community Center participated in Danbury’s 2010 Project Homeless Connect on December 10, at the WCSU Mid-town campus. The program had a table with information about DHCC’s programs and Nikki Singer, Homeless/Housing Advocate, was available throughout the event to answer questions and schedule appointments for people in need of housing services. As a result of Project Homeless Connect, DHCC was able to provide information on services to 10 new persons, 5 of whom followed up with intake and assessment at the ARC office.

V. HMIS Report

Dream Homes Community Center: 12/01/10 – 12/24/10

* 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.				
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.	16	8	11	7
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	3	4	12	4
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	0	1	4	1
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	19	11	19	10

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)	19			10
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?				35
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	0	0
	b. 51 - 61	0	0	0
	c. 31 - 50	2	1	0
	d. 18 - 30	0	0	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	0	2	0
	i. 18 - 30	0	2	0
	j. 13 - 17	0	2	0
	k. 6 - 12	4	1	0
	l. 1 - 5	3	1	0
	m. Under 1	1	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?				1
7. Ethnicity.				
a. Hispanic or Latino				2
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino				5
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				4
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	
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			2	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.)			0	0
b. Emergency shelter			2	0
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			4	
j. Rental housing			0	
k. Other (please specify)			1	
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	1	0	1	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	1	0	1	0
12a. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who left during the operating year.				
	All	Chronic		
a. Less than 1 month	1	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	7	2		
b. 1 to 2 months	11	3		
c. 3 - 6 months	6	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		
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		1	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	1	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.				
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 Counseling	BH-3700	1	0