

Dream Homes Community Center

To: Mayor Mark Boughton and the Common Council

From: Nikki Singer, Homeless and Housing Advocate

Re: July 2011 Monthly Report

cc: ARC Executive Director, ARC Board of Directors, and
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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 a total of **\$32,490** in grants to end homelessness for **13 individuals** and **11 families** and **\$64,965** in grants to prevent homelessness for **30 individuals** and **30 families**.

In July 2011, we provided **\$4,800** in HPRP grants to 4 families and 2 individuals. Some of the financial highlights of the HPRP grants that were awarded this month:

July HPRP Grants

Re-Housing:

- **\$1,100 Security Deposit** – for a single mother and her son to move out of a shelter into permanent housing.
- **\$700 Security Deposit** – for a single man to move out of a hotel into permanent housing.
- **\$450 Rent Subsidy** – to help a family who had moved out of a domestic violence shelter continue to maintain their rent while the mother finishes a nursing degree.

Homelessness Prevention:

- **\$1,000 Security Deposit** – to secure safe and secure housing for a couple with 5 children who were being evicted from their previous housing.
- **\$750 Security Deposit** – to secure a more affordable apartment for an older couple who were facing eviction
- **\$800 Security Deposit** – to secure a more affordable apartment for a single mother and her daughter, both are disabled and could not afford their existing housing

III. Point of Entry

From July 1, 2011 until July 21, 2011, DHCC has provided services to **52 people (37 people in families with children and 15 adults without children)** through the Point of Entry at ARC. The following is a breakdown of people served, by towns within the Greater Danbury Area:

Town	July 2009 – June 2010	July 2010 – June 2011	July 1 – July 21, 2011
Danbury	552	535	28
Bethel	61	39	2
Brookfield	9	38	0
New Fairfield	22	25	3
New Milford	67	81	1
Newtown	11	17	0
Redding	3	6	0
Ridgefield	12	9	0
Sherman	3	6	0
Other Towns	15	78	18
Total	737	834	52

IV. Program Highlights

Mary's Story (*names have been changed*)

Mary and her son were referred to ARC in April 2011 by Harmony House. They were living there after Mary lost her job and could no longer afford her rent. When Mary first met with ARC's Homeless and Housing Advocate, she had started two new part-time jobs.

Mary is a young mother, and has several evictions in her housing history. She was repeatedly denied for apartments because of her credit, even though she made enough at her two jobs to cover the rent. ARC's Homeless and Housing Advocate enrolled Mary in Housing First for Families, a case management program which provides additional support to young families to help them become rent ready. The Homeless and Housing Advocate connected Mary with an in-depth budgeting program so she could begin to improve her credit.

In early June, Mary found a modest one-bedroom apartment with a landlord who was willing to work with Mary and ARC, despite Mary's credit. The landlord required 1 ½ months rent for a security, plus the first month's rent to move in. Mary was able to apply through ARC for the Homeless Prevention and Re-Housing Program (HPRP). She completed her application with the Homeless and Housing Advocate, and was approved for **85%** of her security deposit. She signed a lease to begin July 1, 2011, so that she could save some extra money before moving in.

Mary was excited about her new apartment, but had no furniture or household items to make it a home for herself and her son. Even with her savings, she wouldn't be able to afford beds. An ARC Angel contacted ARC in June: her father was downsizing, and had nearly a house full of furniture to donate (two beds, a dresser, kitchen table and chairs, sofa, and two end tables). The ARC Homeless and Housing Advocate coordinated a delivery for the furniture donation to arrive the day after Mary moved into her new home – despite it being a holiday weekend. Within one short month, Mary was able to secure a new home and a new start for her family.

V. **HMIS Report** – Dream Homes Community Center July 1 – 21, 2011

Entry/Exit Report

Report Options:

Provider: Dream Homes Community Center (#330)

This provider AND its children. This provider ONLY.

Entry/Exit Type: HUD-40118

Operating Year Date Range: 07/01/2011 to 07/21/2011 (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.**

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.	5	11	11	9
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	5	1	2	1
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	4	0	0	0
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	6	12	13	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)	6			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?				27
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	2	0	0
	c. 31 - 50	3	0	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	0	0
	i. 18 - 30	0	1	0
	j. 13 - 17	0	0	0
	k. 6 - 12	0	0	0
	l. 1 - 5	0	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.				2
6b. Chronically Homeless.				
How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?				3
7. Ethnicity.				
a. Hispanic or Latino				1
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino				5
8. Race.				
a. American Indian or Alaskan Native				0
b. Asian				0
c. Black or African American				1
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				0
k. Other/Unknown (all that do not match)				0
9a. Special Needs.				
			All	Chronic
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	1		
h. Other (please specify)	0	0		
9b. Disabled.				
How many of the participants are disabled?		1		
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	3	3		
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	1			
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	1	0
b. \$1-150	0	0	0	0
c. \$151 - \$250	1	1	2	1
d. \$251 - \$500	0	0	0	0
e. \$501 - \$1000	1	1	1	1
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)	1	1	1	1
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	0	0	0	0

(SCHIP)				
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	2	1	2	1
l. Food Stamps	1	1	2	1
m. Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0
n. No financial resources	3	1	3	1
12a. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who left during the operating year.				
		All	Chronic	
a. Less than 1 month		4	2	
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		4	1	
b. 1 to 2 months		10	2	
c. 3 - 6 months		4	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	
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			4	2
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	1	0
	m. Jail/prison	0	0
EMERGENCY SHELTER (n)	n. Emergency shelter	2	2
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)	1	0
UNKNOWN	r. Unknown	0	0
15. Supportive Services. Participants who left during the operating year.			
No supportive services found.			