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DATE: July 25, 2012

TO: Honorable Mayor Mark Boughton & Members of the City Council, City of Danbury

FROM: Sue Zaborowski, Secretary Danbury Housing Partnership

THROUGH: Scott LeRoy, Director of Health

RE: Danbury Housing Partnership

The Danbury Housing Partnership is tasked with coordinating community efforts to address homelessness, implement the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness and encourage the development of affordable housing in the community to support economic growth and diversity.

The fourth annual Breakfast held at the Amber Room on October 20, 2011 was quite a success. Two (2) local banks, Savings Bank of Danbury and Webster Bank, were major contributors sponsoring the Danbury Housing Partnership breakfast. The fifth annual breakfast, this year, will provide financial assistance for the **sixth annual Project Homeless Connect to be held this year on December 14, 2012 at Western Connecticut State University.**

Breakfast expenses for our 2011 Annual Housing Partnership breakfast did not exceed \$5500.00 which includes the costs of the Amber Room, awards/plaques, flower arrangements, public awareness advertisements, coordination of the event, video production, etc...

Project Homeless Connect 2012 expenses will not exceed \$5500.00. Items should include, but not limited to:

1. T-shirts (60) from Old Tyme Graphics: approximately \$650.00 for volunteer recognition.
2. Lawn Signs (12) from Joseph Merritt and Company: approximately \$250.00.
3. Postage Stamps (200) for mailings: approximately \$88.00
4. Privacy screens/drapes from Convention Enterprises: approximately \$500.00.
5. Assorted personal hygiene items, snacks, etc., from Wal-Mart: approximately \$800.00.
6. Assorted clothing from Wal-Mart: approximately \$1000.00
7. Tables and Chairs from Durant Tents and Events: approximately \$1100.00
8. Client incentive cards from Subway, Dunkin Donuts: approximately \$1000.00

Project Homeless Connect Committee members will strive to encourage community donations and any additional monetary and/or goods for this annual occasion to defray the above mentioned costs. Due to stresses in the economy, past financial assistance may be reduced or eliminated, but the committee will make every effort to provide needed services to our homeless population during this day long event.

During this summer the Danbury Housing Partnership also collaborated with Danbury Downtown Council and Fairfield County Community Foundation to assist in leverage funding for a 2 to 1 match for WIC, Senior Voucher Program and SNAP recipients to receive increased purchasing power at the City Center Farmers' Market. Our donation of \$999.00 assisted in funding this most essential and necessary support service for our local community. The Farmers' Market has been a much needed program and has been successful in providing increase nutritional and health benefits and value to our very low income population.

We request your approval and acceptance of all funding into **DBYHOUSPART Account number 5679**, and acknowledgement of the efforts of these events, and subsequent expenditures.