

# Dream Homes Community Center

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

**From:** Nikki Singer, Homeless and Housing Advocate

**Re:** September 2012 Monthly Report

**cc:** ARC Executive Director & ARC Board of Directors

## I. Program Synopsis

Per the proposal endorsed by Mayor Boughton and the City 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. Point of Entry

From July 1, 2012 until September 24, 2012, DHCC has provided services to **212 people (44 families with children and 53 single adults)** through the Point of Entry at ARC. The following is a breakdown of people served, by towns within the Greater Danbury Area:

<b>Town</b>	<b>July 2010 - June 2011</b>	<b>July 2011 - June 2012</b>	<b>July 1, 2012 - September 24, 2012</b>
<b>Danbury</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>141</b>
Bethel	39	26	13
Brookfield	38	33	1
New Fairfield	25	34	5
New Milford	81	77	40
Newtown	17	4	5
Redding	6	7	0
Ridgefield	9	8	0
Sherman	6	2	0
Other Towns	78	45	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>212</b>

### III. **\*NEW\* Emergency Security Deposit & Rent Assistance Grants**

Dream Homes Community Center wrapped up the Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Program in April 2012. The program provided emergency financial assistance with security deposits and back rent payments. This was extremely effective – ending and preventing homelessness for **75 single adults and 66 families** in our region. The ARC Board has allocated funds for Dream Homes Community Center to continue providing emergency assistance with security deposits during the current fiscal year. The new funds are being targeted to help families and individuals who meet the HUD definition of homeless.

### IV. **Program Highlights**—Story of 1 family we worked with this month (*names changed*)

Andrea and her 2 children were referred to Dream Homes Community Center by the Women’s Center domestic violence shelter. The family was staying at the shelter after an incident with the children’s father. The family had been living in the area less than a year and has limited family in the area to assist them with getting their own apartment.

At the time of Andrea’s first appointment with Dream Homes, she had been at her job just over 2 months. She would be able to afford a modest two-bedroom and was looking at apartments, but did not have any money saved up to go toward a deposit. She also expressed concerns over being new to the area, and not knowing where to look for an apartment to keep her children in the same schools.

The Dream Homes Homeless & Housing Advocate explained to Andrea that there were many services and programs that could help her family work toward a safe and stable home in the community. The Homeless & Housing Advocate connected the family with the social worker and McKinney-Vento liaison for Danbury Public Schools. The liaison will work with the family to keep the children in the same schools for the remainder of the school year, and work with Andrea to access before and after school programs, breakfast and lunch meal plans, and can assist the family with school supplies and summer camp expenses.

To help Andrea quickly exit the shelter system, the Homeless & Housing Advocate enrolled Andrea in “Housing Families First” – a case management program to assist families locate safe and affordable housing. Families enrolled in HFF receive follow-up support to ensure families succeed in private housing, including providing budget guidance, accessing furniture donations, and connections to energy assistance programs. Andrea will also be able to access financial assistance with her security deposit and her first month’s rent. At the time of this report, Andrea is slated to move into her new apartment October 1.

V. **HMIS Report – Dream Homes Community Center July 1, 2012 – September 24, 2012**

<b>2. Persons Served during the operating year.</b>	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	1	5	2
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	16	4	5	3
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	6	1	2	1
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	15	4	8	4
<b>3. Project Capacity.</b>	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)	15			4
<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?				29
<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>				
	Age	Male	Female	Other/Not given
<b>Single Persons (from 2b, column 1)</b>	a. 62 and over	3	0	0
	b. 51 - 61	2	2	0
	c. 31 - 50	4	1	0
	d. 18 - 30	3	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	1	0
	i. 18 - 30	2	1	0
	j. 13 - 17	0	0	1
	k. 6 - 12	1	0	0
	l. 1 - 5	1	2	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.				6
<b>6b. Chronically Homeless.</b>				
How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?				4
<b>7. Ethnicity.</b>				
a. Hispanic or Latino				2
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino				18
<b>8. Race.</b>				
a. American Indian or Alaskan Native				1
b. Asian				0

c. Black or African American			7	
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander			0	
e. White			12	
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>				
			All	Chronic
a. Mental illness			6	1
b. Alcohol abuse			1	0
c. Drug abuse			0	0
d. HIV/AIDS or related diseases			0	0
e. Developmental disability			0	0
f. Physical disability			7	4
g. Domestic violence			5	1
h. Other (please specify)			0	0
<b>9b. Disabled.</b>				
How many of the participants are disabled?				10
<b>10. Prior Living Situation. Participants slept in the following places the week prior to entering.</b>				
			All	Chronic
a. Non-housing (street, park, car, bus station, etc.)			4	2
b. Emergency shelter			3	1
c. Transitional housing for homeless persons			0	
d. Psychiatric facility			1	
e. Substance abuse treatment facility			3	
f. Hospital			0	
g. Jail/prison			0	
h. Domestic violence situation			0	
i. Living with relatives/friends			4	
j. Rental housing			2	
k. Other (please specify)			3	
<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	0	0	0	0
b. \$1-150	0	0	0	0
c. \$151 - \$250	3	0	3	0
d. \$251 - \$500	0	0	0	0
e. \$501 - \$1000	2	1	1	1

<b>f.</b> \$1001 - \$1500	2	1	2	1
<b>g.</b> \$1501 - \$2000	0	0	0	0
<b>h.</b> \$2000 +	0	0	0	0
Source	C. Income Sources at Entry		D. Income Sources at Exit	
	All	Chronic	All	Chronic
<b>a.</b> Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	1	1	1	1
<b>b.</b> Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	1	1	1	1
<b>c.</b> Social Security	0	0	0	0
<b>d.</b> General Public Assistance	0	0	0	0
<b>e.</b> Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)	1	0	1	0
<b>f.</b> State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	0	0	0	0
<b>g.</b> Veterans benefits	0	0	0	0
<b>h.</b> Employment Income	0	0	0	0
<b>i.</b> Unemployment Benefits	0	0	0	0
<b>j.</b> Veteran's Health Care	3	1	3	1
<b>k.</b> Medicaid	3	0	3	0
<b>l.</b> Food Stamps	5	1	6	2
<b>m.</b> Other (please specify)	3	1	2	1
<b>n.</b> No financial resources	2	0	2	0
<b>12a. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who left during the operating year.</b>				
	All	Chronic		
<b>a.</b> Less than 1 month	5	1		
<b>b.</b> 1 to 2 months	1	1		
<b>c.</b> 3 - 6 months	1	0		
<b>d.</b> 7 months - 12 months	0	0		
<b>e.</b> 13 months - 24 months	0	0		
<b>f.</b> 25 months - 3 years	0	0		
<b>g.</b> 4 years - 5 years	0	0		
<b>h.</b> 6 years - 7 years	0	0		
<b>i.</b> 8 years - 10 years	0	0		
<b>j.</b> over 10 years	0	0		
<b>12b. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who did not leave during the operating year.</b>				
	All	Chronic		
<b>a.</b> Less than 1 month	7	0		
<b>b.</b> 1 to 2 months	9	3		
<b>c.</b> 3 - 6 months	3	0		
<b>d.</b> 7 months - 12 months	0	0		
<b>e.</b> 13 months - 24 months	0	0		
<b>f.</b> 25 months - 3 years	0	0		
<b>g.</b> 4 years - 5 years	0	0		
<b>h.</b> 6 years - 7 years	0	0		
<b>i.</b> 8 years - 10 years	0	0		
<b>j.</b> 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	7	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

<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	1	1
	g. Homeownership	0	0
	h. Moved in with family or friends	0	0
<b>TRANSITIONAL (i - j)</b>	i. Transitional housing for homeless persons	4	1
	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)	0	0
	q. Other (please specify)	0	0
<b>UNKNOWN</b>	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.	Identification Card Fee Payment Assistance	DF-7020.3300	1	0