

Dream Homes Community Center

To: Mayor Mark Boughton and the City Council

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Re: December 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. Program Updates

Dream Homes Community Center participated in the 6th Annual Danbury Project Homeless Connect Event, sponsored by the Danbury Continuum of Care in conjunction with the Danbury Housing Partnership. ARC was represented by our team of Homeless & Housing Advocates from Dream Homes Community Center as well as the Program Coordinator for the Family Violence Education Program. Over 190 consumers attended the event and were connected with a variety of services, including haircuts, eye exams, dental exams and flu shots, as well as information on programs available through 60 different social service agencies. .

III. Point of Entry

From July 1, 2012 until December 19, 2012, DHCC has provided services to **244 people (65 families with children and 70 single adults)** through the Point of Entry at ARC. The following is a breakdown of people served, by towns within the Greater Danbury Area:

Town	July 2010 - June 2011	July 2011 - June 2012	July 1, 2012 - December 19, 2012
Danbury	535	592	205
Bethel	39	26	23
Brookfield	38	33	2
New Fairfield	25	34	7
New Milford	81	77	46
Newtown	17	4	5
Redding	6	7	0
Ridgefield	9	8	1
Sherman	6	2	0
Other Towns	78	45	15
Total	834	828	290

IV. ***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 to help families and individuals who meet the HUD definition of homeless.

Dream Homes Community Center will begin accepting applications for financial assistance after January 1, 2013.

V. **Program Highlights**—Story of 1 person we worked with this month (*names changed*)

Simon first became homeless 3 years ago following a divorce. He began experiencing periodic episodes of homelessness and had been relying on various family members for his housing needs. Simon suffers from mental health and cognitive limitations, and was often taken advantage of by his family members.

For the last year, Simon was living in an increasingly stressful and emotionally abusive situation. Ultimately Simon left the home he was staying in and began sleeping at the City of Danbury's emergency shelter. He was referred to **ARC** by Catholic Charities to explore different options for securing his own apartment. **ARC's** Homeless and Housing Advocate met with Simon to review his resources and develop a monthly household budget. ARC then connected Simon to Danbury landlords. Simon successfully secured a studio apartment for himself from one of these connections. Simon was able to pay 1 month rent and most of his security deposit, however - he was still in need of \$313.00 to cover the balance.

Upon successful completion of his application **ARC** paid the balance of Simon's security deposit. Simon was able to move into his new home after 30 days living in the shelter. **ARC** also provided Simon with an **ARC** Angel Welcome Basket valued at \$150.00 filled with cleaning and personal care items.

ARC recently met with Simon and we can report that he is happy to have a safe, stable and sustainable apartment he can call "home."

VI. HMIS Report – Dream Homes Community Center July 1, 2012 –December 20, 2012

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	2	6	3
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	30	17	20	11
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	32	16	18	10
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	3	3	8	4
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)	3			4
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?				66
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	4	1	0
	b. 51 - 61	6	3	0
	c. 31 - 50	7	1	0
	d. 18 - 30	3	5	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	1	0	0
	h. 31 - 50	2	3	0
	i. 18 - 30	4	7	0
	j. 13 - 17	1	0	1
	k. 6 - 12	3	3	0
	l. 1 - 5	7	5	0
	m. Under 1	0	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.		9
6b. Chronically Homeless.		
How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?		5
7. Ethnicity.		
a. Hispanic or Latino		6
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino		41
8. Race.		
a. American Indian or Alaskan Native		1
b. Asian		1
c. Black or African American		18
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		0
e. White		27
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	10	2
b. Alcohol abuse	3	0
c. Drug abuse	0	0
d. HIV/AIDS or related diseases	0	0
e. Developmental disability	0	0
f. Physical disability	11	4
g. Domestic violence	12	1
h. Other (please specify)	2	0
9b. Disabled.		
How many of the participants are disabled?		21
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.)	6	2
b. Emergency shelter	13	2
c. Transitional housing for homeless persons	1	
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	10	
j. Rental housing	7	
k. Other (please specify)	6	

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	8	0	7	0
b. \$1-150	2	0	2	0
c. \$151 - \$250	7	1	8	1
d. \$251 - \$500	2	1	2	1
e. \$501 - \$1000	10	2	9	2
f. \$1001 - \$1500	10	2	10	2
g. \$1501 - \$2000	5	0	4	0
h. \$2000 +	4	0	5	0
Source	C. Income Sources at Entry		D. Income Sources at Exit	
	All	Chronic	All	Chronic
a. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	1	1	1	1
b. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	8	2	8	2
c. Social Security	4	0	4	0
d. General Public Assistance	0	0	0	0
e. Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)	4	0	4	0
f. State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	3	0	3	0
g. Veterans benefits	1	0	1	0
h. Employment Income	10	1	10	1
i. Unemployment Benefits	1	0	1	0
j. Veteran's Health Care	7	1	7	1
k. Medicaid	14	1	17	1
l. Food Stamps	26	3	30	4
m. Other (please specify)	15	2	14	2
n. No financial resources	14	0	14	0

12a. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who left during the operating year.

	All	Chronic
a. Less than 1 month	35	5

b. 1 to 2 months	11	1
c. 3 - 6 months	2	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	2	0
b. 1 to 2 months	1	0
c. 3 - 6 months	1	0
d. 7 months - 12 months	2	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	5	0
b. Completed program	38	6
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	1	0
i. Death	0	0
j. Other (please specify)	0	0
k. Unknown/disappeared	4	0

14. Destination. Participants who left during the operating year.

		All	Chronic
PERMANENT (a - h)	a. Rental house or apartment (no subsidy)	6	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	6	1
	g. Homeownership	0	0
	h. Moved in with family or friends	2	0
TRANSITIONAL (i - j)	i. Transitional housing for homeless persons	6	2
	j. Moved in with family or friends	7	2
INSTITUTION (k - m)	k. Psychiatric hospital	0	0
	l. Inpatient alcohol/drug treatment facility	0	0
	m. Jail/prison	1	0
EMERGENCY SHELTER (n)	n. Emergency shelter	11	1
OTHER (o - q)	o. Other supportive housing	1	0
	p. Places not meant for human habitation (e.g. street)	1	0
	q. Other (please specify)	5	0
UNKNOWN	r. Unknown	2	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.	Rental Deposit Assistance	BH-3800.7250	4	1
2.	Identification Card Fee Payment Assistance	DF-7020.3300	1	0
3.	Case/Care Management	PH-1000	2	0