



Dream Homes Community Center

To: Mayor Mark Boughton and the Common Council
From: Karl Myers, on behalf of the Dream Homes Community Center collaborative
Re: September 30, 2008 monthly report

I. Program Synopsis

Per the proposal endorsed by Mayor Boughton and the Common Council, the Dream Homes Community Center (DHCC) is a collaborative effort of 3 agencies: Housing Authority of the City of Danbury, The Association of Religious Communities, and We CAHR. The collaborative has financial and in-kind partners, to date: The City of Danbury, Mc Cue Mortgage, an Anonymous Donor, Housing Authority, ARC & We CAHR, Town of New Fairfield, and the Town of Ridgefield.

Dream Homes works with 3 populations:

- 1) Point of Entry for persons who are homeless
- 2) Rentals
- 3) First-time Home ownership

All three of the above components are a part of Dream Homes. The Point of Entry is not a separate program; rather, it is 1 of the 3 components of Dream Homes ~ per the proposal passed by Mayor Boughton and the Common Council.

The collaborative Leadership Team shares responsibilities for leadership, decision-making, risk-taking, and fundraising. This report is submitted by Karl Myers on behalf of the collaborative Leadership Team, which also includes: Rev. Phyllis J. Leopold, Jean Bowen, Patricia Tomka, and Carolyn Sistrunk.

In addition to the Leadership Team, salaried professionals implement the program:

Program Director (full-time): Karl Myers
Housing Advocate for Persons with Disabilities (part-time): Jeanne Braude-Magi
Homeless Coordinator (part-time): Karen Jacobs

I. Operations

- DHCC has begun to search for a part-time Homeless/Housing Coordinator for the Beyond Shelter CT Program that is now part of DHCC.

II. Outreach & Education

- DHCC along with the Hispanic Center will be holding a tenants and landlord “Know Your Rights” workshop on Thursday November 6 starting at 6:30pm.
- DHCC will be hosting a Legislative Breakfast to discuss housing issues on Tuesday November 18th at 7:30am at the Greenery Café 115 Main Street Danbury.

B) Regional

- The New Milford Emergency Shelter will open November 9th for the season. They will also be participating in HMIS and designed an intake form to capture the universal data elements for HMIS.
- The Program Director was invited to speak at the Annual Training Institute on September 26th, which is held by the CT Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH). He will be speaking along with the Director of Policy & Impact of CCEH, and the Lead Consultant from Nutmeg Consulting. The topic will be how the Danbury CoC has utilized HMIS data as well in statewide level efforts.

C) Community Involvement

- No new information in this area.

III. Point of Entry

- DHCC had to rescheduled its HMIS Data Presentation to the Housing Partnership to the October meeting.
- DHCC has received the sign in sheets through the month of August from Dorothy Day and has begun entering into HMIS client stays.

HUD Annual Progress Report (HUD-40118)

August 1 to August 31, 2008

All Danbury CoC Agencies using HMIS

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.	<u>371</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>31</u>	15
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	<u>27</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	1
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	1

d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	396	17	31	15
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)	396			15
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?				<u>97</u>
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	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	0
	c. 31 - 50	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	0
	d. 18 - 30	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	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	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	0
	i. 18 - 30	0	0	0
	j. 13 - 17	<u>1</u>	0	0
	k. 6 - 12	0	<u>1</u>	0
	l. 1 - 5	0	0	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.				<u>1</u>
6b. Chronically Homeless.				
How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?				<u>5</u>
7. Ethnicity.				
a. Hispanic or Latino				<u>4</u>
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino				<u>25</u>
8. Race.				
a. American Indian or Alaskan Native				0
b. Asian				<u>1</u>
c. Black or African American				<u>3</u>
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander				0
e. White				<u>19</u>
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)					6
9a. Special Needs.					
		All		Chronic	
a. Mental illness		4		1	
b. Alcohol abuse		2		1	
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		4		0	
h. Other (please specify)		2		2	
9b. Disabled.					
How many of the participants are disabled?					7
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.)		1		0	
b. Emergency shelter		7		4	
c. Transitional housing for homeless persons		0			
d. Psychiatric facility		0			
e. Substance abuse treatment facility		1			
f. Hospital		0			
g. Jail/prison		0			
h. Domestic violence situation		0			
i. Living with relatives/friends		2			
j. Rental housing		6			
k. Other (please specify)		12			
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	1	1	1	
b. \$1-150	0	0	0	0	
c. \$151 - \$250	1	1	1	1	
d. \$251 - \$500	0	0	0	0	
e. \$501 - \$1000	2	0	2	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	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
m. Other (please specify)	<u>2</u>	0	<u>2</u>	0
n. No financial resources	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

12a. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who left during the operating year.			
	All	Chronic	
a. Less than 1 month	<u>2</u>	0	
b. 1 to 2 months	0	0	
c. 3 - 6 months	0	0	
d. 7 months - 12 months	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
e. 13 months - 24 months	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
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	<u>25</u>	<u>4</u>	
b. 1 to 2 months	<u>50</u>	<u>8</u>	
c. 3 - 6 months	<u>99</u>	<u>14</u>	
d. 7 months - 12 months	<u>180</u>	<u>61</u>	
e. 13 months - 24 months	<u>30</u>	<u>6</u>	
f. 25 months - 3 years	<u>19</u>	<u>2</u>	
g. 4 years - 5 years	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	
h. 6 years - 7 years	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	
i. 8 years - 10 years	<u>1</u>	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	0	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)	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>
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	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
EMERGENCY SHELTER (n)	n. Emergency shelter	0	0
OTHER (o - q)	o. Other supportive housing	0	0
	p. Places not meant for human habitation (e.g. street)	<u>2</u>	0
	q. Other (please specify)	0	0
UNKNOWN	r. Unknown	0	0

15. Supportive Services. Participants who left during the operating year.

No supportive services found.

Needs/Service Report
January 1, 2008 to August 31,2008

Note: DHCC combined data from all Danbury HMIS agencies to create this report.

NEED COUNT January 1,2008 to August 31,2008
Danbury CoC

NEED COUNT							
<u>Need Type</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Pending</u>	<u>Fully Met</u>	<u>Partially Met</u>	<u>Unmet</u>	<u>Follow Up Pending</u>	
Homeless Shelter	3217	0	3204	0	9	4	
Food Stamps	73	8	57	0	7	1	
Social Health Insurance	52	2	47	1	1	1	
Employment	37	0	15	0	17	5	
Rental Deposit Assistance	34	0	10	0	16	8	
Public Housing	19	3	2	0	6	8	
Transitional Housing/Shelter	23	1	8	0	9	5	
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	22	4	5	0	11	2	
Housing Counseling	22	0	22	0	0	0	
Social Security Disability	22	5	14	0	2	1	
Bathing Facilities	19	0	9	0	0	10	
Supportive Housing	18	4	5	0	8	1	
Substance Abuse Services	16	2	10	0	0	4	
SSI	15	0	15	0	0	0	
Mental Health Care	14	0	13	0	0	1	
Case Management Referrals	12	0	3	0	0	9	
Food Pantries	12	0	6	0	3	3	
Domestic Violence Shelters	11	0	6	0	4	1	
Medicaid	10	0	9	0	1	0	
TANF	7	0	7	0	0	0	
Hotels/Motels	7	0	7	0	0	0	
Clothing	5	0	0	0	0	5	
Single Room Occupancy Housing	5	0	2	0	0	3	
Job Assistance Centers	5	0	3	0	2	0	
Unemployment Insurance	4	2	2	0	0	0	
Temporary Financial Assistance	4	0	4	0	0	0	
Child Care Centers	2	0	0	0	0	2	
Emergency Shelter	2	0	2	0	0	0	
Medicare	2	0	2	0	0	0	
WIC	2	0	2	0	0	0	
Alcohol Dependency Support Groups	1	0	1	0	0	0	
Checking/Savings Account	1	0	0	0	1	0	
Homeless Motel Vouchers	1	0	1	0	0	0	
Veteran Homes	1	1	0	0	0	0	
Bus Fare	1	0	0	0	1	0	
Totals	3698	32	3493	1	98	74	

Zip Code Report
January 1, 2008 to August 31, 2008

<u>Zip Code</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Number of Persons</u>	<u>Zip Code</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Number of Persons</u>
06810/06811	Danbury	CT	238	06755	Gaylordsville	CT	1

06776 New Milford	CT	56	06340 Groton	CT	1
06702 Waterbury	CT	27	18201 Hazelton	PA	1
06801 Bethel	CT	24	92543 Hemet	CA	1
06804 Brookfield	CT	16	11550 Hempsted	NY	1
06854 Norwalk	CT	7	12531 Holmes	NU	1
06488 Southbury	CT	7	07306 Jersey City	NJ	1
06512 New Haven	CT	6	06351 Jewet City	CT	1
06606 Bridgeport	CT	5	06419 Killingworth	CT	1
06877 Ridgefield	CT	5	81050 La Junita	CO	1
01104 SpringField	Ma	5	06759 Litchfield	CT	1
30301 Atlanta	GA	4	40211 Louisville	KY	1
06450 Meridan	CT	4	24501 Lynchburg	VA	1
12601 Poughkeepsie	NY	4	24572 Madison Hieghts	VA	1
06902 Stamford	CT	4	10541 Mahopac	NY	1
10512 Carmel	NY	3	33052 Marathon	FL	1
06825 Fairfield	CT	3	37127 Marsfreesboro	TN	1
06770 Naugatuck	CT	3	06468 Monore	CT	1
06470 Newtown	CT	3	06050 New Britian	CT	1
06069 Sharon	CT	3	16101 New Castle	PA	1
06790 Torrington	CT	3	06057 New Hartford	CT	1
06029 Ellington	CT	2	06320 New London	CT	1
06112 Hartford	CT	2	06777 New preston	CT	1
25701 Huntington	WV	2	06740 Newtown	CT	1
90631 La Harbra	CA	2	01060 Northampton	Ma	1
06812 New Fairfield	CT	2	37137 Nunnelly	TN	1
32822 Orlando	FI	2	10026 NYC	NY	1
06482 Sandy Hook	CT	2	06477 Orange	CT	1
04479 Sangerville	ME	2	12563 Patterson	NY	1
28401 Wilmington	NC	2	06896 Redding	CT	1
93309 Bakersfield	CA	1	06067 Rocky Hill	CT	1
10509 Brewster	NY	1	30165 Rome	GA	1
06752 Bridgewater	CT	1	31401 Savannah	GA	1
10457 Bronx	NY	1	06484 Shelton	CT	1
06019 Canton	CT	1	13460 Sherburne	NY	1
28401 Cape Fear	NC	1	06784 Sherman	CT	1
06410 Cheshire	CT	1	33711 St Petersburg	FL	1
12047 Cohes	NY	1	10591 Tarrytown	NY	1
78403 Corpus Christi	TX	1	74101 Tulsa	OK	1
37725 Dandridge	TN	1	06492 Wallingford	CT	1
07869 Dover	NJ	1	06793 Washington	CT	1
12522 Dover Plains	NY	1	06880 Westport	CT	1
21222 Dundallias	Md	1	06226 Willimantic	CT	1
06118 East Hartford	CT	1	03470 Winchester	NH	1
06082 Enfield	CT	1	11377 Woodside	NY	1
06031 Falls Village	CT	1			

HMIS Data Analysis

Total clients entered into HMIS by <i>all</i> Danbury CoC agencies:	1849
Identified as Chronically Homeless:	487
Identified as Military Veteran:	102
Pregnant:	83
Unemployed at time of entry:	1087
Homelessness Primary Reason:	

Unemployed	243	Domestic Violence Victim	26
Substance Abuse	164	Loss of Job	15
Family Breakup	177	Criminal Activity	11
Out of Jail/Prison	148	New to Area	16
Legal Eviction	107	Family Abuse	9
Family Friend Eviction	69	Health/Safety	11
Left Voluntarily	63	Underemployment/Low Income	5
Mental Health	38	Physical Illness	5
Lack of Income	31	Disaster Victim	2
Mental Illness	27	Loss of Transportation	8
Expenses Exceed Income	29	Mortgage Foreclosure	6
Release from Institution	24	Substandard Housing	7
Medical Condition	15	Loss of Child Care	1
Divorced/Separated	28	No Reason Entered	542
No Affordable Housing	17	Loss of Public Assistance	2
		Disaster Victim	5
		Total	1849

Dream Homes Community Center Collaborative Preventing Homelessness and Rental Issues

Total number of new clients served by the collaborative **this month:** 8

Race/Ethnicity

White_3_ Black ___ Native American___ Asian___ Hispanic/Latino_5_ Other___

Family Information

Total Families:___1___ Female_2___ Male_3___ Minors/ Parents (under 18)_____
Total Singles:___3___ Female_2___ Male_1___ Minor (under 18)_____

Age

0-5___ 6-12_2_ 13-17_3_ 18-20___ 21-25___ 26-34_4_
35-49_1_ 50-64___ 65+___

Education Level

No High School___ Some High School___ High School Diploma/GED_4_
Some College/Degree_1_ Graduate School___ Unknown___

Income Information

Employed_1_ SAGA_2_ Child Support_____
SSI_1_ SSDI___ Unemploy. Comp_____
Veteran___ None___ TFA___ Other___

Housing Issues

Disaster Victim___ Deinstitutionalized___ Lockout___
Legal Eviction_6_ Out of Jail/Prison___ Left Voluntarily___
Fmly/Friend Eviction_1_ Other_1_

Contributing Factors

Substance Abuse___ Expenses Exceed Income_5_ Unemployed___
Physical Illness_2_ New to Area___ Divorced/Separated___
Family Abuse___ Mental Illness_2_ Other___

IV. First Time Home Ownership/Housing

- DHCC has another applicant that currently has Section 8 and has applied to the Housing Authority for a Home Ownership Voucher. If approved he will then be able to begin searching for houses to purchase.