



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: December 22, 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, HUD-CDBG and HUD HMIS Grant, DSS Beyond Shelter CT Grant.

Dream Homes works with 4 populations:

- 1) Point of Entry for persons who are homeless
- 2) Beyond Shelter CT Program
- 3) Rentals
- 4) 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/Homeless Coordinator (part-time): Melanie Karkos

Housing Advocate for Persons with Disabilities (part-time): Jeanne Braude-Magi

I. Operations

- The new Housing/Homeless Coordinator for Beyond Shelter CT, Melanie Karkos started on December 1, 2008. Ms. Karkos is currently training for the position. The program has already received two referrals from Harmony House, one has been accepted into the program, the other referral more information is required.

II. Outreach & Education

- DHCC held a Home Ownership workshop at GDMHA on Thursday December 11, 2008.

B) Rental

- No new information in this area to report.

C) Regional

- No new information in this area to report..

D) Community Involvement

- DHCC attended and had a display table at the World Aids breakfast on December 2nd.
- DHCC along with We CHAR will be participated in Project Homeless Connect on Wednesday December 3rd.

III. Point of Entry

- DHCC has been working with Harmony House to update their bed lists and clients in HMIS to prepare for the new reporting requirements by DSS.

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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>215</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>35</u>	18
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	<u>17</u>	1	<u>2</u>	1
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	2
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	226	18	35	17
3 Project Capacity	Number of Singles	Number of Adults	Number of	Number of

	Not in Families	in Families	Children in Families	Families
a. Number on last day (from 2d, columns 1 and 4)	226			17
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>44</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	0	0	0
	c. 31 - 50	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>	0
	d. 18 - 30	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	0
	e. 17 and under	0	<u>1</u>	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	<u>1</u>	0
	j. 13 - 17	0	0	0
	k. 6 - 12	0	0	0
	l. 1 - 5	<u>1</u>	0	0
	m. Under 1	<u>1</u>	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.				0
6b. Chronically Homeless.				
How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?				<u>5</u>
7. Ethnicity.				
a. Hispanic or Latino				<u>1</u>
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino				<u>17</u>
8. Race.				
a. American Indian or Alaskan Native				0
b. Asian				0
c. Black or African American				<u>2</u>
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander				0
e. White				<u>14</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				<u>2</u>

k. Other/Unknown (all that do not match)	0
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9a. Special Needs.

	All	Chronic
a. Mental illness	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
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	0	0
g. Domestic violence	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
h. Other (please specify)	0	0

9b. Disabled.

How many of the participants are disabled?	<u>2</u>
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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.)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
b. Emergency shelter	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>
c. Transitional housing for homeless persons	0	
d. Psychiatric facility	0	
e. Substance abuse treatment facility	0	
f. Hospital	0	
g. Jail/prison	<u>3</u>	
h. Domestic violence situation	0	
i. Living with relatives/friends	<u>4</u>	
j. Rental housing	<u>1</u>	
k. Other (please specify)	<u>4</u>	

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	<u>3</u>	0	<u>2</u>	0
b. \$1-150	0	0	0	0
c. \$151 - \$250	<u>2</u>	0	<u>2</u>	0
d. \$251 - \$500	0	0	0	0
e. \$501 - \$1000	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
f. \$1001 - \$1500	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	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)	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
b. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	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>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>
m. Other (please specify)	<u>2</u>	0	<u>3</u>	0
n. No financial resources	<u>3</u>	0	<u>2</u>	0

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

	All	Chronic
a. Less than 1 month	0	0
b. 1 to 2 months	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
c. 3 - 6 months	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
d. 7 months - 12 months	<u>3</u>	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	<u>18</u>	<u>5</u>
b. 1 to 2 months	<u>86</u>	<u>22</u>
c. 3 - 6 months	<u>30</u>	<u>5</u>
d. 7 months - 12 months	<u>47</u>	<u>8</u>
e. 13 months - 24 months	<u>45</u>	<u>15</u>
f. 25 months - 3 years	<u>13</u>	<u>2</u>
g. 4 years - 5 years	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
h. 6 years - 7 years	<u>1</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	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
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		6	1
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	2	1
	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	0	0
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)	0	0
	q. Other (please specify)	0	0
UNKNOWN	r. Unknown	7	1
15. Supportive Services. Participants who left during the operating year.			
No supportive services found.			

Needs/Service Report: November 1, 2008 to November 30,2008

Need Type	Total	Pending	Fully Met	Partially Met	Unmet	Follow up Pending
Food Pantries (BD-1800.2000)	1	0	1	0	0	0
Homeless Shelter (BH-1800.8500)	530	0	517	0	0	13
Housing Counseling (BH-3700)	3	0	3	0	0	0
Public Housing (BH-7000.4600-600)	3	0	0	0	3	0
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers (BH-7000.4600-700)	4	1	0	0	3	0
Transitional Housing/Shelter (BH-8600)	3	3	0	0	0	0
Employment (ND)	1	0	0	0	0	1

TANF (NL-1000.8500)	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Food Stamps (NL-6000.2000)	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Social Security Disability (NS-1800.8000)	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Social Health Insurance (NS-8000)	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total (11 Need Types)	<u>557</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>532</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>15</u>

Zip Code Report
January 1, 2008 to November 30,2008

<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	317		Maine		5
06776	New Milford	CT	64		Florida		6
06702	Waterbury	CT	42		Colorado		2
06801	Bethel	CT	35		Wyoming		1
06804	Brookfield	CT	18		New York State		31
06512	New Haven	CT	10		Virginia		3
06854	Norwalk	CT	9		Texas		1
06877	Ridgefield	CT	7		Tennessee		5
06488	Southbury	CT	7		Georgia		6
06606	Bridgeport	CT	6		West Virginia		2
06790	Torrington	CT	5		California		4
06470	Newtown	CT	5		Pennsylvania		2
06902	Stamford	CT	4		Oklahoma		1
06112	Hartford	CT	3		New Jersey		3
06482	Sandy Hook	CT	2		New Hampshire		1
06812	New Fairfield	CT	2		North Carolina		3
06752	Bridgewater	CT	2		Maryland		5
	Rest of Connecticut		47		Kentucky		1
					Massachusetts		1

HMIS Data Analysis

Total clients entered into HMIS by <i>all</i> Danbury CoC agencies:	2012
Identified as Chronically Homeless:	514
Identified as Military Veteran:	113
Pregnant:	87
Unemployed at time of entry:	1176

Homelessness Primary Reason:

Unemployed	267	Domestic Violence Victim	28
Substance Abuse	179	Loss of Job	17
Family Breakup	193	Criminal Activity	12
Out of Jail/Prison	158	New to Area	22

Legal Eviction	126	Family Abuse	12
Family Friend Eviction	81	Health/Safety	11
Left Voluntarily	73	Underemployment/Low Income	5
Mental Health	39	Physical Illness	6
Lack of Income	36	Disaster Victim	2
Mental Illness	29	Loss of Transportation	8
Expenses Exceed Income	29	Mortgage Foreclosure	10
Release from Institution	24	Substandard Housing	7
Medical Condition	15	Loss of Child Care	1
Divorced/Separated	29	No Reason Entered	572
No Affordable Housing	19	Loss of Public Assistance	2
Disaster Victim	5		
		Total	2012

Dream Homes Community Center Collaborative
Preventing Homelessness and Rental Issues

Total number of new clients served by the collaborative **this month:** ____18____

Race/Ethnicity

White_12__ Black ____ Native American____ Asian__ Hispanic/Latino_6__ Other____

Family Information

Total Families: __4__ Female_8__ Male__5__ Minors/ Parents (under 18)____
Total Singles: __5__ Female__3__ Male_2__ Minor (under 18)____

Age

0-5__1__ 6-12_1__ 13-17_4__ 18-20__ 21-25__2__ 26-34____ 35-49_9__ 50-64_1__ 65+____

Education Level

No High School____ Some High School__2__ High School Diploma/GED__4__
Some College/Degree__1__ Graduate School____ Unknown_10__

Income Information

Employed_3__ SAGA_2__ Child Support____ SSI_1__ SSDI_1__
Unemploy. Comp____ Veteran____ None__3__ TFA____ Other____

Housing Issues

Disaster Victim____ Deinstitutionalized____ Lockout____ Legal Eviction_2__
Out of Jail/Prison____ Left Voluntarily____ Fmly/Friend Eviction__1__ Other____

Contributing Factors

Substance Abuse____ Expenses Exceed Income__2__ Unemployed__3__

Physical Illness_1__
Family Abuse_____

New to Area_____
Mental Illness__3__

Divorced/Separated_____
Other_____

IV. First Time Home Ownership/Housing

- No new information in this area.

