



## 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:** February 24, 2009 monthly report

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### 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 (part-time): Karl Myers

Housing/Homeless Coordinator (part-time): Melanie Karkos

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

## **I. Operations**

- No new information to report.

## **II. Outreach & Education**

- No new information to report.

### **A) Rental**

- DHCC, working in collaboration with the Housing Authority of Danbury, was able to obtain the necessary documentation or information to prevent two families from being evicted, one was in New Milford, the other individual was from Danbury.

### **B) Regional**

- DHCC will be making a presentation to HVCEO at it's February meeting.
- DHCC's Program Director will be testifying to the Legislature Appropriations Committee in February per the request of the CT Coalition to End Homelessness.
- DHCC attended the Ten Year Plan Summit on January 16, 2009 put on by the CT Coalition to End Homelessness.

### **C) Community Involvement**

- DHCC participated in the Point in Time Count on January 27, 2009.

## **III. Beyond Shelter CT Program**

- Currently working with 2 individuals that are transitioning out of shelters. One is from a referral from the New Milford Homeless Shelter; the other is from Dorothy Day. Also working with one family that was housed by DHCC from Harmony House in July 2008.
- Transitioning one referral from Harmony House to Lower Fairfield Cty. Beyond Shelter Program for client obtained housing in that region for work purposes.
- Housing Coordinator has met with the following programs in January: New Milford Shelter Coalition, Women's Center, Shelter of the Cross, Harmony House City Shelter, and Dorothy Day.

## **IV. Point of Entry**

- DHCC worked with Harmony House so that they could produce their monthly DSS report via HMIS.
- DHCC is currently working on the 2008 HMIS Regional Report. The report is expected to be complete in February.
- Three of the New Street fire families were referred over to the Point of Entry for assistance. Two secured housing on their own, one is still working with DHCC to secure housing due to her having a Section 8 Voucher.

**HUD Annual Progress Report (HUD-40118)**  
**January 1 to January 31, 2009**  
**All Danbury CoC Agencies using HMIS**

**HUD Annual Progress Report (HUD-40118)**

**Report Options:**

Provider Group  Unduplicated

Provider

This provider AND its children.  This provider ONLY.

Operating Year Date Range  to  (mm/dd/yyyy)

Legal Adult Age  (as defined by foster care law in your state)

Or

<b>2. Persons Served during the operating year.</b>	<b>Number of Singles Not in Families</b>	<b>Number of Adults in Families</b>	<b>Number of Children in Families</b>	<b>Number of Families</b>
a. Number on the first day of the operating year.	<u>233</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>32</u>	16
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	<u>31</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	4
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	<u>18</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	3
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	246	21	35	17
<b>3. Project Capacity.</b>	<b>Number of Singles Not in Families</b>	<b>Number of Adults in Families</b>	<b>Number of Children in Families</b>	<b>Number of Families</b>
a. Number on last day (from 2d, columns 1 and 4)	246			17
<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?				<u>49</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
<b>Single Persons (from 2b, column 1)</b>	a. 62 and over	<u>2</u>	0	0
	b. 51 - 61	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	0
	c. 31 - 50	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>	0
	d. 18 - 30	<u>6</u>	0	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	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	0
	i. 18 - 30	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	0
	j. 13 - 17	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	0
	k. 6 - 12	0	<u>1</u>	0
	l. 1 - 5	0	<u>3</u>	0
	m. Under 1	0	0	0
<b>Not given</b>	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. 3

**6b. Chronically Homeless.**

How many participants were chronically homeless individuals? 9

**7. Ethnicity.**

a. Hispanic or Latino 4

b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino 34

**8. Race.**

a. American Indian or Alaskan Native 0

b. Asian 0

c. Black or African American 14

d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander 0

e. White 23

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 1

k. Other/Unknown (all that do not match) 0

**9a. Special Needs.**

	All	Chronic
a. Mental illness	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>
b. Alcohol abuse	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
c. Drug abuse	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>

d. HIV/AIDS or related diseases	<u>1</u>	0
e. Developmental disability	0	0
f. Physical disability	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
g. Domestic violence	<u>1</u>	0
h. Other (please specify)	<u>1</u>	0

**9b. Disabled.**

How many of the participants are disabled? 11

**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>3</u>	0
b. Emergency shelter	<u>8</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>4</u>	
h. Domestic violence situation	0	
i. Living with relatives/friends	<u>10</u>	
j. Rental housing	<u>1</u>	
k. Other (please specify)	<u>12</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>13</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>5</u>
b. \$1-150	0	0	0	0
c. \$151 - \$250	0	0	0	0
d. \$251 - \$500	0	0	0	0
e. \$501 - \$1000	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
f. \$1001 - \$1500	<u>2</u>	0	<u>2</u>	0
g. \$1501 - \$2000	0	0	0	0
h. \$2000 +	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	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)	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</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

<b>h.</b> Employment Income	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>i.</b> Unemployment Benefits	0	0	0	0
<b>j.</b> Veteran's Health Care	0	0	0	0
<b>k.</b> Medicaid	0	0	0	0
<b>l.</b> Food Stamps	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
<b>m.</b> Other (please specify)	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>n.</b> No financial resources	<u>13</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>5</u>

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

	<b>All</b>	<b>Chronic</b>
<b>a.</b> Less than 1 month	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>b.</b> 1 to 2 months	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>
<b>c.</b> 3 - 6 months	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
<b>d.</b> 7 months - 12 months	<u>2</u>	0
<b>e.</b> 13 months - 24 months	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>f.</b> 25 months - 3 years	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<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

**12b. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who did not leave during the operating year.**

	<b>All</b>	<b>Chronic</b>
<b>a.</b> Less than 1 month	<u>34</u>	<u>9</u>
<b>b.</b> 1 to 2 months	<u>33</u>	<u>4</u>
<b>c.</b> 3 - 6 months	<u>88</u>	<u>18</u>
<b>d.</b> 7 months - 12 months	<u>39</u>	<u>8</u>
<b>e.</b> 13 months - 24 months	<u>55</u>	<u>17</u>
<b>f.</b> 25 months - 3 years	<u>14</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>g.</b> 4 years - 5 years	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>h.</b> 6 years - 7 years	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>i.</b> 8 years - 10 years	<u>1</u>	0
<b>j.</b> over 10 years	0	0

**13. Reasons for Leaving. Participants who left during the operating year.**

	<b>All</b>	<b>Chronic</b>
<b>a.</b> Left for a housing opportunity before completing program	<u>2</u>	0
<b>b.</b> Completed program	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>
<b>c.</b> Non-payment of rent/occupancy charge	0	0
<b>d.</b> Non-compliance with project	0	0
<b>e.</b> Criminal activity / destruction of property / violence	0	0
<b>f.</b> Reached maximum time allowed in project	0	0
<b>g.</b> Needs could not be met by project	<u>2</u>	0
<b>h.</b> Disagreement with rules/persons	0	0
<b>i.</b> Death	0	0

j. Other (please specify)		<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	
k. Unknown/disappeared		<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	
<b>14. Destination. Participants who left during the operating year.</b>				
		<b>All</b>	<b>Chronic</b>	
<b>PERMANENT (a - h)</b>	<b>a. Rental house or apartment (no subsidy)</b>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	
	<b>b. Public Housing</b>	0	0	
	<b>c. Section 8</b>	0	0	
	<b>d. Shelter Plus Care</b>	0	0	
	<b>e. HOME subsidized house or apartment</b>	0	0	
	<b>f. Other subsidized house or apartment</b>	0	0	
	<b>g. Homeownership</b>	0	0	
	<b>h. Moved in with family or friends</b>	<u>1</u>	0	
<b>TRANSITIONAL (i - j)</b>	<b>i. Transitional housing for homeless persons</b>	0	0	
	<b>j. Moved in with family or friends</b>	<u>1</u>	0	
<b>INSTITUTION (k - m)</b>	<b>k. Psychiatric hospital</b>	0	0	
	<b>l. Inpatient alcohol/drug treatment facility</b>	0	0	
	<b>m. Jail/prison</b>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	
<b>EMERGENCY SHELTER (n)</b>	<b>n. Emergency shelter</b>	<u>2</u>	0	
<b>OTHER (o - q)</b>	<b>o. Other supportive housing</b>	0	0	
	<b>p. Places not meant for human habitation (e.g. street)</b>	0	0	
	<b>q. Other (please specify)</b>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
<b>UNKNOWN</b>	<b>r. Unknown</b>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	
<b>15. Supportive Services. Participants who left during the operating year.</b>				
<b>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.</b>				
	<b>Service</b>	<b>Service Code</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Chronic</b>
1.	Homeless Shelter	BH-1800.8500	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>
2.	Social Health Insurance	NS-8000	<u>1</u>	0

**Needs/Service Report: January 1 2009 to January 31,2009**

<b>NEED COUNT</b>				
Need Type	Total	Pending	Fully	Partially
	Unmet	Follow up		

			Met	Met		needed
Housing/Shelter (BH)	342	0	342	0	0	0
Homeless Shelter (BH-1800.8500)	63	0	62	0	1	0
Housing Counseling (BH-3700)	2	0	0	0	0	2
Rental Deposit Assistance (BH-3800.7250)	9	6	0	0	1	2
Public Housing (BH-7000.4600-600)	2	0	0	0	1	1
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers (BH-7000.4600-700)	1	0	1	0	0	0
Veteran Benefits Assistance (FT-1000.9000)	1	0	1	0	0	0
Comprehensive Job Assistance Centers (ND-1500)	2	0	1	0	1	0
Food Stamps (NL-6000.2000)	10	0	9	0	1	0
Social Security Disability (NS-1800.8000)	3	0	3	0	0	0
Social Health Insurance (NS-8000)	10	0	10	0	0	0
<b>Total (11 Need Types)</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>

### Zip Code Report

**January 1, 2009 to January 31, 2009**

<u>Town</u>	<u>2007 Figures</u>		<u>2008 Figures</u>		<u>2009 Figures</u>	
	<u>-</u> <u>Persons</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>of Total</u>	<u>-</u> <u>Persons</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>of Total</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Persons of Total</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>of Total</u>
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Danbury	159	39.3%	185	41.3%	20	58.8%
New Milford	31	7.7%	41	9.2%	3	8.8%
Bethel	15	3.7%	24	5.4%	0	0.0%
Brookfield	12	3.0%	10	2.2%	0	0.0%
New Fairfield	4	1.0%	4	0.9%	0	0.0%
Ridgefield	3	0.7%	7	1.6%	0	0.0%
Newtown	3	0.7%	2	0.4%	0	0.0%
Sherman	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Bridgewater	0	0.0%	3	0.0%	0	0.0%
Redding	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
Rest of State	72	17.8%	71	15.8%	3	8.8%
Out of State	44	10.9%	38	8.5%	3	8.8%
Unknown	61	15.1%	62	13.8%	5	14.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>405</b>		<b>448</b>		<b>34</b>	

### HMIS Data Analysis

*Total* clients entered into HMIS by *all* Danbury CoC agencies:

2088

Identified as Chronically Homeless:	522
Identified as Military Veteran:	117
Pregnant:	87
Unemployed at time of entry:	1203

**Homelessness Primary Reason:**

Unemployed	280	Domestic Violence Victim	30
Substance Abuse	185	Loss of Job	17
Family Breakup	199	Criminal Activity	12
Out of Jail/Prison	163	New to Area	23
Legal Eviction	127	Family Abuse	12
Family Friend Eviction	82	Health/Safety	16
Left Voluntarily	79	Underemployment/Low Income	5
Mental Health	39	Physical Illness	6
Lack of Income	39	Disaster Victim	14
Mental Illness	29	Loss of Transportation	8
Expenses Exceed Income	29	Mortgage Foreclosure	10
Release from Institution	24	Substandard Housing	7
Medical Condition	16	Loss of Child Care	1
Divorced/Separated	31	No Reason Entered	583
No Affordable Housing	19	Loss of Public Assistance	3
		<b>Total</b>	<b>2088</b>

**Dream Homes Community Center Collaborative**  
**Preventing Homelessness and Rental Issues**

Total number of new clients served by the collaborative **this month:**   6  

**Race/Ethnicity**

White   9   Black    Native American    Asian    Hispanic/Latino   4   Other   

**Family Information**

Total Families:   3   Female   4   Male   6   Minors/ Parents (under 18)

Total Singles: \_\_3\_\_ Female \_\_3\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_ Minor (under 18) \_\_\_\_

**Age**

0-5 \_\_4\_\_1\_\_ 6-12 \_\_2\_\_ 13-17 \_\_\_\_ 18-20 \_\_3\_\_ 21-25 \_\_\_\_ 26-34 \_\_1\_\_ 35-49 \_\_2\_\_ 50-64 \_\_4\_\_ 65+ \_\_\_\_

**Education Level**

No High School \_\_\_\_ Some High School \_\_4\_\_ High School Diploma/GED \_\_3\_\_  
Some College/Degree \_\_1\_\_ Graduate School \_\_\_\_ Unknown \_\_1\_\_

**Income Information**

Employed \_\_3\_\_ SAGA \_\_\_\_ Child Support \_\_1\_\_ SSI \_\_1\_\_ SSDI \_\_2\_\_  
Unemploy. Comp \_\_\_\_ Veteran \_\_\_\_ None \_\_1\_\_ TFA \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_

**Housing Issues**

Disaster Victim \_\_\_\_ Deinstitutionalized \_\_\_\_ Lockout \_\_\_\_ Legal Eviction \_\_4\_\_  
Out of Jail/Prison \_\_\_\_ Left Voluntarily \_\_1\_\_ Fmly/Friend Eviction \_\_3\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_

**Contributing Factors**

Substance Abuse \_\_1\_\_ Expenses Exceed Income \_\_3\_\_ Unemployed \_\_\_\_  
Physical Illness \_\_2\_\_ New to Area \_\_\_\_ Divorced/Separated \_\_2\_\_  
Family Abuse \_\_1\_\_ Mental Illness \_\_2\_\_ Other \_\_2\_\_

**V. First Time Home Ownership/Housing**

- No new information in this area.