



Dream Homes Community Center

To: Mayor Mark Boughton and the Common Council
From: Rev. Phyllis J. Leopold, on behalf of Dream Homes Community Center
Re: September 2009 monthly report

I. Program Synopsis

Per the proposal endorsed by Mayor Boughton and the Common Council, Dream Homes Community Center (DHCC) was established to serve as the Point of Entry for people who are homeless or low-income renters and to facilitate first time homeownership for people with hard to serve backgrounds. In August 2009, the DHCC program was restructured and an employment search was conducted.

We are pleased to announce:

On September 1, 2009, Milagros (“Millie”) Perez was hired by ARC for the position of Program & Outreach Manager. Millie resides in Danbury and has a background in the for-profit, business sector. She will have responsibility for creating and distributing new DHCC brochures to inform and educate the community of services. She will produce Monthly, Quarterly and Annual Reports for DHCC. Millie’s services to DHCC are being offered by ARC -- as an in-kind donation.

On Sept 15, 2009, Rebecca Nicole Singer (“Nikki”) was hired as Case Manager & Housing Advocate for Dream Homes. Nikki will staff the Point of Entry to provide services and referral for people who are or are at risk of being homeless. Recently graduated Suma Cum Laude from West Conn, Nikki is the first program staff with Dream Homes to hold a degree in Social Work. Through a year long internship with Danbury Regional Child Advocacy, Nikki helped educate parents to become better parents and gained strong experience with issues of eviction and eviction prevention.

On September 16, Millie and Nikki both attended and successfully completed HMIS Training. Millie is responsible for generating HMIS reports for financial partners. Nikki is responsible for generating HMIS reports as needed for other providers.

For the Dorothy Day House of Hospitality, data continues to be entered into the HMIS system by Karen Jacobs who is now in her third year with DHCC.

II. Program Development

Several providers from Danbury and the Executive Director of ARC attended a bidder's conference in Hartford regarding the announcement of an RFP in June for stimulus funds through an HPRP Grant. In cooperation with the Danbury Continuum of Care, ARC applied for the grant as part of a Regional effort, involving Danbury, Waterbury and Torrington. The grant request was submitted by New Opportunities, of Waterbury, as the Lead Agency. Partners include: ARC, The Connection, Inc., CACD, Family Strides, Inc. and Connecticut Legal Services.

Due to this collaborative effort, upon release of federal funding ARC and CACD will each be able to distribute \$45,696 a year for three years for Homeless Prevention (to keep people out of the Shelter system) and Rapid Re-Housing (of people who have become homeless).

- Through Dream Homes, ARC will make this funding available to people who eligible and referred to the Point of Entry -- from any agency in greater Danbury.
- Upon release of the federal funding, we look forward to assistance from City Hall and/or the Housing Partnership -- to spread word of the good news of this funding pool to help end homelessness.

III. Point of Entry: Outreach & Education

Project Homeless Connect – The Executive Director of ARC and Case Manager & Housing Advocate for Dream Homes Community Center participated in the September planning meeting.

Communicating to Grow – Sponsored by Children First on September 25th, the Program & Outreach Manager for ARC staffed a display table featuring services provided at the Point of Entry by DHCC.

Housing for Heroes – Jean Bowen, Consultant to DHCC, along with Nikki Singer, Case Manager and Housing Advocate for DHCC, met with Paul Valeri. The new housing has been completed. Non-profit Development Corp. and DHCC are exploring possibilities for working together on screening applicants for eligibility for the new housing.

Housing Partnership Fundraising Breakfast – The Executive Director of ARC has taken a table and has invited DHCC staff and Board members to participate in the event as her Guests.

IV. HMIS Report – 8/1/09 to 9/29/09. See following pages.

HUD Annual Performance Report (HUD-40118)

DREAM HOMES COMMUNITY CENTER (#330)

08/01/2009 – 09/30/2009

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>85</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>28</u>	13
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	1
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	<u>4</u>	0	0	0
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	88	18	29	14
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)	88			14

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>16</u>
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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	<u>2</u>	0
	b. 51 - 61	0	0	0
	c. 31 - 50	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	0
	d. 18 - 30	<u>1</u>	<u>1</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	0	<u>1</u>	0
	i. 18 - 30	0	0	0
	j. 13 - 17	0	0	0
	k. 6 - 12	0	0	0
	l. 1 - 5	<u>1</u>	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.	0	
6b. Chronically Homeless.		
How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?	<u>2</u>	
7. Ethnicity.		
a. Hispanic or Latino	0	
b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino	<u>8</u>	
8. Race.		
a. American Indian or Alaskan Native	0	
b. Asian	0	
c. Black or African American	0	
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	
e. White	<u>7</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>1</u>	
k. Other/Unknown (all that do not match)	0	
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	<u>3</u>	0
g. Domestic violence	<u>1</u>	0
h. Other (please specify)	0	0
9b. Disabled.		
How many of the participants are disabled?	<u>4</u>	
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>2</u>	0
b. Emergency shelter	<u>3</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	0	
h. Domestic violence situation	0	
i. Living with relatives/friends	<u>2</u>	
j. Rental housing	0	

k. Other (please specify) 1 [REDACTED]

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>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0
b. \$1-150	0	0	0	0
c. \$151 - \$250	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
d. \$251 - \$500	<u>1</u>	0	0	0
e. \$501 - \$1000	0	0	0	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	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
j. Veteran's Health Care	0	0	0	0
k. Medicaid	0	0	0	0
l. Food Stamps	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
m. Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0
n. No financial resources	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</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>	<u>2</u>
b. 1 to 2 months	<u>1</u>	0
c. 3 - 6 months	<u>1</u>	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	0	0
b.	1 to 2 months	<u>11</u>	0
c.	3 - 6 months	<u>15</u>	<u>1</u>
d.	7 months - 12 months	<u>20</u>	<u>4</u>
e.	13 months - 24 months	<u>55</u>	<u>15</u>
f.	25 months - 3 years	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>
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	0	0
b.	Completed program	<u>3</u>	<u>2</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	<u>1</u>	0
h.	Disagreement with rules/persons	0	0
i.	Death	0	0
j.	Other (please specify)	0	0
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	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)	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
UNKNOWN	r. Unknown	1	0
15. Supportive Services. Participants who left during the operating year.			
No supportive services found.			