



## The Association of Religious Communities Report for Dream Homes Community Center

**To:** Mayor Mark Boughton and the Common Council  
**From:** Rev. Phyllis J. Leopold  
**Re:** December 2009 monthly report  
**Cc:** ARC staff & Board

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### **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 home ownership for people with hard to serve backgrounds.

### **II. Point of Entry**

From July 1 to date, the POE has worked with 101 individuals and families. We continue to help end homelessness and this month we are pleased to report on a family for whom we helped prevent homelessness:

Diane is a single mother of a nine year old son. About two years ago, Diane lost her job after being out of work on an extended medical leave. Last year Diane held two jobs, both part-time. However the income was not enough to be self-sufficient. She fell behind on many bills, including rent.

By October 2009, Diane owed over \$5000 in back rent. The landlord did not want to evict the family. On the other hand, the landlord could no longer continue to provide housing without the rental payment.

With the HPRP stimulus money that ARC was awarded in November, we were able to resolve the family's housing crisis. ARC paid \$4000 of the back rent. We also negotiated a new lease with the landlord which, over time, includes a monthly payment for Diane to pay off the outstanding back rent balance.

As Diane and her son were on the brink of becoming homeless, we are pleased to report both Diane and her son -- remain housed.

### **III. Supportive Housing/Rentals and Home Ownership**

**Housing for Heroes – Housing for Heroes** – A public dedication ceremony was held for the “Vet House” on December 2nd. At the request of Paul Vilari, the Rev. Phyllis J. Leopold offered the Prayer of Invocation and our Housing Advocate & Case Manager, Nikki Singer, was also invited to the ceremony. We have provided all client screening at the POE and we have found two men that meet the Vet House eligibility requirements. Both men now live at the Vet House.

**First Time Home Ownership** – Five new prospects have contacted DHCC to receive information on first time home ownership. Also this month, a client that began his journey toward home ownership with DHCC about two years ago signed the deed to his townhouse. This success was assisted by his having a Section 8 Voucher, which helped on his down payment for the purchase of his first new home.

### **IV. Outreach & Program Development**

**HMIS Steering Committee** – Case Manager & Housing Advocate, Nikki Singer, participated in the meeting held December 8<sup>th</sup> at Universal Healthcare Foundation in Meriden. Discussion included the upcoming Point in Time Count to track the homeless population in Danbury. The sheltered count will include all shelters and transitional housing and will take place on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00pm. We will also implement the “Soup Kitchen Model:” by doing a morning count at Dorothy Day, when meals are served for Morning Glory. DHCC will be entering all data into HMIS.

**Hearing on State Budget Rescissions** – ARC’s Executive Director and DHCC Housing Advocate & Case Manager attended the hearing held December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Legislative Office Building (LOB) in Hartford. We had delivered written testimonies and sent them by email to all representatives from the Greater Danbury area. The Testimonies were from four sources, which provided various perspectives on the negative impact of making any rescissions in funding allocated for homeless services. Testimonies were provided by ARC’s Executive Director, Housing Advocate & Case Manger, DHCC Consultant, and a DHCC client.

**Project Homeless Connect** – We were pleased to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual PHC held December 11<sup>th</sup> in the gymnasium on the WESCONN campus. At the request of the Continuum of Car, ARC contributed 250 commodities (150 pairs of socks and 100 toiletry kits) to include in goodie bags for people who are homeless. We also participated with a team of staff at the event, including: ARC Executive Director, DHCC Consultant, Housing Advocate & Case Manager, and ARC’s Program & Outreach Manager. We received 15 new potential clients. In addition 6 people made appointments and 3 will be screened for the Vet House. With permission from Milena Sangut, a newspaper article on PHC that appeared in the *News-Times* was incorporated as a link in the ARC’s e-newsletter.

## V. Fundraising: HUD/HMIS Renewal Grant

Per last month's report, we applied for a 1 year renewal grant of \$8,065. This month, we received notice that the grant request was approved.

## VI. HMIS Report – 12/1/09 to 12/28/09:

<b>2. Persons Served during the operating year.</b>	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>17</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>25</u>	12
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	<u>7</u>	0	0	0
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	0	0	0	0
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	24	16	25	12
<b>3. Project Capacity.</b>	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)	24			12
<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>20</u>
<b>5. Age and Gender. Of those who entered during the operating year, how many people are in the following age and gender categories?</b>				
	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>	0	0
	c. 31 - 50	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	0
	d. 18 - 30	<u>2</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	0	0	0

	<b>i. 18 - 30</b>	0	0	0
	<b>j. 13 - 17</b>	0	0	0
	<b>k. 6 - 12</b>	0	0	0
	<b>l. 1 - 5</b>	0	0	0
	<b>m. Under 1</b>	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. 2

**6b. Chronically Homeless.**

How many participants were chronically homeless individuals? 1

**7. Ethnicity.**

**a. Hispanic or Latino** 0

**b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino** 7

**8. Race.**

**a. American Indian or Alaskan Native** 0

**b. Asian** 0

**c. Black or African American** 3

**d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander** 0

**e. White** 4

**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
<b>a. Mental illness</b>	0	0
<b>b. Alcohol abuse</b>	0	0
<b>c. Drug abuse</b>	0	0
<b>d. HIV/AIDS or related diseases</b>	0	0
<b>e. Developmental disability</b>	0	0
<b>f. Physical disability</b>	0	0
<b>g. Domestic violence</b>	0	0

h. Other (please specify)	0	0		
<b>9b. Disabled.</b>				
How many of the participants are disabled?	0			
<b>10. Prior Living Situation. Participants slept in the following places the week prior to entering.</b>				
	All	Chronic		
a. Non-housing (street, park, car, bus station, etc.)	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>		
b. Emergency shelter	<u>1</u>	0		
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	<u>1</u>			
k. Other (please specify)	0			
<b>11. Amount and Source of Monthly Income at Entry and Exit. Participants who left during the operating year.</b>				
Amount	A. Monthly Income at Entry		B. Monthly Income at Exit	
	All	Chronic	All	Chronic
a. No Income	0	0	0	0
b. \$1-150	0	0	0	0
c. \$151 - \$250	0	0	0	0
d. \$251 - \$500	0	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

<b>d. General Public Assistance</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>e. Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>f. State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>g. Veterans benefits</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>h. Employment Income</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>i. Unemployment Benefits</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>j. Veteran's Health Care</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>k. Medicaid</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>l. Food Stamps</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>m. Other (please specify)</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>n. No financial resources</b>	0	0	0	0

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

	All	Chronic
<b>a. Less than 1 month</b>	0	0
<b>b. 1 to 2 months</b>	0	0
<b>c. 3 - 6 months</b>	0	0
<b>d. 7 months - 12 months</b>	0	0
<b>e. 13 months - 24 months</b>	0	0
<b>f. 25 months - 3 years</b>	0	0
<b>g. 4 years - 5 years</b>	0	0
<b>h. 6 years - 7 years</b>	0	0
<b>i. 8 years - 10 years</b>	0	0
<b>j. over 10 years</b>	0	0

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

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

<b>13. Reasons for Leaving. Participants who left during the operating year.</b>			
		All	Chronic
<b>a.</b>	Left for a housing opportunity before completing program	0	0
<b>b.</b>	Completed program	0	0
<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	0	0
<b>h.</b>	Disagreement with rules/persons	0	0
<b>i.</b>	Death	0	0
<b>j.</b>	Other (please specify)	0	0
<b>k.</b>	Unknown/disappeared	0	0
<b>14. Destination. Participants who left during the operating year.</b>			
		All	Chronic
<b>PERMANENT</b> (a - h)	<b>a.</b> Rental house or apartment (no subsidy)	0	0
	<b>b.</b> Public Housing	0	0
	<b>c.</b> Section 8	0	0
	<b>d.</b> Shelter Plus Care	0	0
	<b>e.</b> HOME subsidized house or apartment	0	0
	<b>f.</b> Other subsidized house or apartment	0	0
	<b>g.</b> Homeownership	0	0
	<b>h.</b> Moved in with family or friends	0	0
<b>TRANSITIONAL</b> (i - j)	<b>i.</b> Transitional housing for homeless persons	0	0
	<b>j.</b> Moved in with family or friends	0	0
<b>INSTITUTION</b> (k - m)	<b>k.</b> Psychiatric hospital	0	0
	<b>l.</b> Inpatient alcohol/drug treatment facility	0	0
	<b>m.</b> Jail/prison	0	0
<b>EMERGENCY SHELTER</b> (n)	<b>n.</b> Emergency shelter	0	0
<b>OTHER</b> (o - q)	<b>o.</b> Other supportive housing	0	0
	<b>p.</b> Places not meant for human habitation (e.g. street)	0	0
	<b>q.</b> Other (please specify)	0	0
<b>UNKNOWN</b>	<b>r.</b> Unknown	0	0

