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May 28, 2010

Honorable Mark D. Boughton, Mayor  
Honorable Members of the City Council  
155 Deer Hill Avenue  
Danbury, CT 06810

RE: Annual Progress Report on Implementation of the Ten-Year Plan To End Homelessness

Dear Mayor Boughton and Council Members:

We are pleased to submit for your consideration the third annual progress report of the Danbury Housing Partnership. This report is submitted as required by Section 10-76(3) of the Code of Ordinances that directs the Partnership to provide annual reports to the Mayor and the Council summarizing the measures taken in the prior year to implement the Plan To End Homelessness in Ten Years as adopted by the Common Council.

Solid progress was made in implementing the recommendations of the Ten-Year Plan despite the national economic difficulties that continued to create hardships for our residents and strain the financial resources of our community agencies. The Partnership worked closely with the Greater Danbury Continuum of Care and many community partners to successfully undertake a series of programs and projects to address homelessness and create affordable housing opportunities. The annual report details the progress made during the last year to implement the Ten-Year Plan. A copy of the report is on file in the Office of the Legislative Assistant.

Our community partners showed great resourcefulness in effectively addressing the social and housing needs necessary to combat homelessness in the community during this period of economic hardship. Homeless indicators revealed a mixed picture, with the Homeless Management Information System documenting an increase in the number of homeless persons seeking services over the last year while the numbers of homeless persons identified by the regional point in time count leveled off. Counts do not always tell the whole story, however, and we must continue to aggressively implement the plan to address the great needs that remain, particularly among young adults and families with children.

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The community continued to exceed the permanent housing production goals outlined in the Ten-Year Plan. Several important development projects were completed during this past year, including Samuels Court consisting of twenty-eight affordable units- eleven of which are rental units with supportive services. The Non-Profit Development Corporation of Danbury, Inc. (NPDCD), with financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the City of Danbury and the Housing Authority of the City of Danbury, completed construction on Vet House which provides homeless Veterans with six beds of transitional housing and four permanent SRO-style supportive housing units. NPDCD also acquired a site for Vet House II, which will provide three supportive rental units for veterans as well as securing another site that will provide family rental housing.

Housatonic Habitat for Humanity completed three new houses in Danbury this year to provide homeownership opportunities for families. The City and Housing Authority also partnered to obtain Neighborhood Stabilization Program funding that has already resulted in the purchase of three rental units to provide affordable workforce housing. Mayor Boughton has also asked the Partnership to participate in the effort to plan for senior housing on the former site of the Police Department. Senior housing was given a further boost by the Housing Authority through their successful application to Federalize the Crosby Manor development which will result in funding for physical improvements to the property as well as rental subsidies to assist the residents.

Significant effort was invested in our campaign to re-message homelessness and create awareness of the need for affordable housing in the region. With the help of a grant from the Non-Profit Rental Housing Corporation, the Partnership expanded the offerings on our website, increased our capability for outreach through electronic means and created a video highlighting community efforts to address homelessness. The Partnership also sponsored its second annual Community Breakfast, highlighted by the presentation of the **Housing Partnership Awards** to three deserving individuals/groups for their efforts to address homelessness and create affordable housing opportunities.

**Danbury Project Homeless Connect** took place for the first time on the downtown campus of Western Connecticut State University. The event brought together more than forty providers and resulted in more than two-hundred persons receiving services including vision checks, dental services, blood pressure screenings, blood glucose screenings, social services and housing assistance. Credit is due to the Greater Danbury Continuum of Care and WestConn for their planning for this event as well as to the sponsors, contributors, volunteers and participating providers for making this a true community success story.

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Several exciting new service programs were initiated in the community this year. Two Danbury agencies, CACD and Dream Homes Community Center, received funding under the Federal Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program. These funds are used in a variety of ways to address the needs of families in the community facing the prospects of homelessness. Dream Homes also successfully implemented its Beyond Shelter Grant Program. The Connecticut Institute For Communities received a \$1.3 million grant to establish a Federally Qualified Community Health Center in Danbury. The center provides pediatric services for Danbury families as well as medical services for individual adults. The Partnership also worked with the Collegiate Health Services Corp and the Area Health Education Center to deliver health education services, medical prevention and nutrition education efforts.

We sincerely appreciate the on-going support of the City of Danbury for this important community-wide effort and look forward to another productive year to come.

Respectfully yours,

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Mark J. Nolan  
Chairman

Cc: M. Carolyn Sistrunk, Vice-Chair  
Susan Zaborowski, Secretary  
Jean Natale, Legislative Assistant

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