

JOURNEY HOME

ANNUAL REPORT 2014



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Mission Statement:

Journey Home’s mission is to accelerate progress towards ending chronic homelessness in the Greater Hartford region. Partnering with the region’s social service providers, Journey Home focuses on *solving* the problem of chronic homelessness with housing, employment, and support services, rather than *managing* it with emergency shelter. As a catalyst for systemic change, Journey Home develops and implements innovative ways to improve the housing and service system in order to offer those experiencing homelessness paths toward independent, fulfilling, and productive lives.

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Executive Director's Message

Greetings!

2014 brought about many big changes at Journey Home. And it is with great pleasure that we share the highlights of our year with you.

In the following pages you will learn more about our exciting new initiatives, our continued work, and our hopes for the future. This year has brought with it great new members to our staff, exciting Board leadership, a new office, and innovative collaborations that truly exemplify the collective impact approach.

We have been inspired by what we are witnessing in our region as awareness is building around the issues of homelessness and housing. Political will is building and providers, community leaders, and state partners are working closely together to effectively reduce chronic homelessness. We are seeing the evidences of collaborative work and partnerships throughout our community. This is an affirmation to us as an organization as we press forward with our mission.

Our thanks to all of you as you hold us up as partners, collaborators, friends, and supporters.

With gratitude,

Matt Morgan

Homeless Crisis Response System

Coordinated Access Network

Regions all across Connecticut have been working collaboratively over the past year to develop and implement a system that can provide wraparound services to those experiencing homelessness. The Greater Hartford Coordinated Access Network, made up of over 100 leaders from local organizations, has been meeting weekly since May 2014 to operationalize this new system. One component of the system focuses on a single “front door” for access to housing services. The main goals of this coordinated entry system are to ensure that all households receive equal treatment when experiencing a housing crisis, to ensure that client-focused services are delivered, and to facilitate the ability to capture meaningful data from the first moment a household experiences a housing crisis and extending until they are once again stably housed.

- ★ Regional Initiative
- ★ Greater Collaboration
- ★ 100+ Community Leaders Involved
- ★ Coordinated Entry and Exit

Greater
Hartford
Coordinated
Access
Network



The benefit of CAN is that we as a community are communicating and tracking data better than ever before...

...With the information we are getting from assessment appointments, we will be able to start to see more clearly the range of need in our region, as well as the gaps that exist. Once we know the gaps, and have data to support us, we can advocate more strongly for the resources needed for our region.”

-Mollie Greenwood, Journey Home VISTA



“I never thought it would happen to me.” -Anne

Supportive Housing Initiatives

Connecticut Integrated Healthcare and Housing Neighborhoods

In August, Journey Home contracted with Hands On Hartford to provide housing stabilization services to the clients in the CT Integrated Healthcare and Housing Neighborhoods (CIHHN) program. This partnership was funded by an award from the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) and allows us to provide additional intensive case management to clients who would benefit from more robust support to maintain their stable housing. Since joining the CIHHN team, Stephanie Boyce of Hands On Hartford, has helped us to reach our goal of enrolling 35 individuals in the program, whose previous year's Medicaid costs total more than \$2.8 million. Journey Home and our partners have housed 35 clients.

- ★ Powerful Partnerships
- ★ Intensive Case Management
- ★ Reduction in Medicaid Costs
- ★ 35 Housed

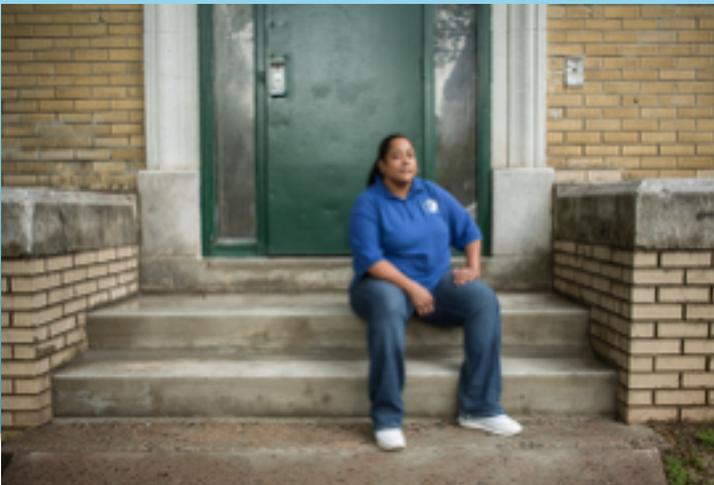
CT Integrated Healthcare and Housing Neighborhoods



Through the implementation of the Connecticut Integrated Health Care and Housing Neighborhoods program we are able to house some of the most vulnerable members of our community...

...who often exist at the periphery of the homeless crisis response system and are hard to engage because of their time spent in and out of institutions. Realizing the confluence of homelessness and frequent emergency service use has allowed us to come together with the healthcare sector in unprecedented ways. Working in collaboration, we are able to identify, engage and wrap around these individuals and support them on their way to happy and independent lives.”

-Amanda Girardin, Deputy Executive Director, Journey Home



“I lived it, I came through it.” -Iesha

Economic Security

Aerospace Employment Placement Program

Journey Home was awarded a grant from the City of Hartford to execute the Aerospace Employment Placement Program, a social enterprise program focused on employment for Hartford's homeless population. Over the course of the 12 month grant period, Journey Home will develop 30 new full-time positions in collaboration with the Belcan Corporation in Windsor, CT. In collaboration with Community Renewal Team, Open Hearth, and Salvation Army Marshall House, Journey Home recruited nine new program participants in September. The program's mission is to provide a path out of poverty through job development and meaningful employment with the following attributes: livable wages allowing self-sufficiency, skills for the 21st Century, and career growth through a collaborative mentoring program.

- ★ Social Enterprise
- ★ Employing Hartford's Homeless
- ★ Collaborative Mentoring
- ★ Livable Wages

Aerospace
Employment
Placement
Program



Through Journey Home’s leadership and its ability to foster collaboration between Belcan Corporation, Goodwin College and the direct service providers, employment has been committed to all passing members from the first class.” – Roy Mainelli

“Thank You All for this opportunity to not only actively search and secure a great job but for me to be on a college campus moves mountains for me that seemed too high to climb. Every one of you here had a part in me getting to the very top of that mountain directly or indirectly and I just want to let you all know that you are making a huge difference in this man's life!!”

–AEPP Participant



Interview Day at
Belcan Corporation
December 2014

Leadership & Civic Engagement

100 Day Rapid Results Campaign

Journey Home has partnered with Rapid Results Institute and Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness to implement a 100 Day Campaign in Greater Hartford to reduce chronic homelessness. The rapid results approach brings community stakeholders together to set an ambitious goal to achieve within a 100 day period. The comprehensive community involvement, and limited duration, of this approach encourages innovative thinking and increased risk taking to influence lasting change. On December 3rd sixty members of the Greater Hartford community assembled to begin planning for Greater Hartford's 100-Day Rapid Results Campaign. After the recent success of New Haven's 100-Day Campaign, Journey Home and our partners are excited to see what can be achieved for Greater Hartford.

- ★ Community Stakeholders
- ★ Innovative Thinking
- ★ Risk Taking
- ★ Sustainable Solutions

100 Day
Rapid Results
Campaign



We are excited to bring this opportunity to other Connecticut communities...

...who can capitalize on the new resources available. We know this effort will advance our progress toward the Zero: 2016 goals.”

–Lisa Tepper-Bates, Executive Director, Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness



Other Highlights of 2014...

- **Homeless and Housing Advocacy Day 2014 at the LOB**

Homeless Advocacy Day at the Legislative Office Building. Journey Home, Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness, and Partnership for Strong Communities joined together with statewide homelessness advocates and providers as well as people who have experienced, or are currently experiencing homelessness to address our local legislators and express support for Governor Malloy's proposed housing initiatives. The event was a huge success with over 50 people converging on the LOB to educate and advocate on behalf of homelessness and housing policy in CT. Several people were able to share their powerful personal stories during a meeting attended by several legislators.

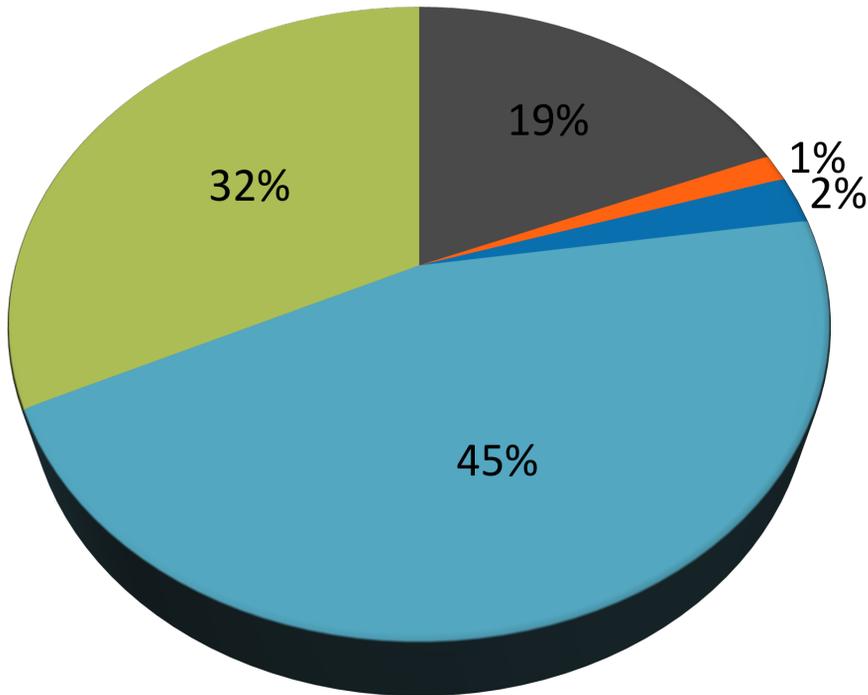
- **An Evening to Honor Bill Farley**

On Wednesday, November 5th over 300 people came together at the Bond Ballroom in Downtown Hartford to honor William H. Farley. Bill Farley has devoted the last 53 years working to help so many people, especially those most in need. As founder of Journey Home, he has selflessly applied himself to helping all people in Hartford to have a real place they can call home.

- **Journey Home's 2nd Annual Cardboard City Sleep Out**

On Friday, November 14th, over 120 college students, and members of faith groups from all over Greater Hartford joined together at Journey Home's 2nd annual Cardboard City Sleep Out to learn about and raise awareness for the issue of homelessness.

How Our Dollars Are Being Used



- Economic Security
- Civic Engagement
- Supportive and Affordable Housing
- Retooling Crisis Response System
- Health and Housing

CALL TO ACTION

Are you interested in finding out more about Journey Home? Here are some ways you can get involved:

- ◆ Visit our website www.journeyhomect.org
- ◆ Like us on [Facebook](#)
- ◆ Follow us on Twitter @journeyhomect
- ◆ Contribute to our organization [here!](#)
- ◆ Sign up for our quarterly newsletter [here!](#)
- ◆ Volunteer with us by signing up [here!](#)

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