

“Housing is the Key”



PARTNERSHIP FOR STRONG COMMUNITIES

A Safe, Affordable Home:
The Foundation of Opportunity

“The lamps are lit, but the light is not yet shining.”
vibrant communities with affordable homes for everyone

Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Report

Our mission is to end homelessness expand affordable housing and build strong communities in Connecticut.

From the Executive Director



As we enter a new year, I'm reminded that we're only able to see how far we've come by looking back at where we once were. That's never been more true than in our work to end homelessness in Connecticut.

I recently came across an old fact sheet from the CT Coalition to End Homelessness from 2005 that said, "33,000 people in CT experience homelessness in a 12 month period; 13,000 of these are children". A record low of 9,478 people utilized Connecticut's shelter system last year. It's hard to fully grasp the level of the reduction given the evolution of homelessness data over the past ten years, but even that fact reflects a tremendous amount of progress.

PSC has tackled this complex problem by not only working to address the crisis of homelessness, but focusing on the structural issues that cause it. By fostering an unprecedented level of collaborations between state, federal and community partners, we've seen dramatic reductions in chronic homelessness, and Veteran homelessness has become rare, brief and nonrecurring.

Investments in affordable and supportive housing, the creation of a coordinated system, and commitment to a collective impact approach have been critical elements to the progress. Leadership and investments by the Malloy Administration and General Assembly have greatly accelerated our efforts.

Addressing these issues with proven, long term solutions, will help to ensure sustainable change and is the right thing to do. A third of Connecticut households are burdened by housing costs and have little left over for necessities. Providing homes that people can afford, and the supports they need to remain stably housed in those homes, remains the primary solution.

We are proud of the progress that's been made and are setting our sights on a time when individuals, families, and children do not ever enter homelessness in the first place.

Alicia Woodsby, Executive Director

The Work and Those Behind It



ReachingHOME



HOMEConnecticut

The Partnership's work is anchored by two campaigns. Reaching Home is the campaign to end homelessness, and HOMEConnecticut is the campaign to expand affordable housing. Together, both help to eliminate and prevent housing instability.

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A Word from the Chair

"There is no right more fundamentally important than a safe and secure home for all individuals. Only then can people and communities truly thrive. While most of the country remains stagnant or backslides, we have made incredible strides in Connecticut, reducing overall homelessness nearly 25% since 2007. The trend has been moving in the right direction, but there is much work to be done. Without the willing support from PSC's hardworking staff, our dedicated board, and generous donors, this mission would be just a dream. Except we are doing it. Steadfastly, but convincingly. I am grateful, and also hopeful for a future where all residents in Connecticut have a place to call home.

Charlotte Suhler
PSC Board Chair



“The Partnership plays a pivotal role in the work to end homelessness in Connecticut, serving as the “backbone” of the statewide Reaching Home campaign. As a board member and funder, I value the Partnership’s leadership, policy acumen, and passion for ensuring that everyone has a good place to call home.”

*Janice Elliott
PSC Board Member,
Executive Director,
Melville Charitable Trust*



Ending Homelessness

Key Activities in FY 2018



- Dramatic reduction in chronic homelessness. Since 2014 there has been a 62% decrease in chronic homelessness, with the statewide By Name List falling to 188 adults in June 2018.
- Advanced efforts to end youth homelessness by the end of 2020 by: a) securing direct services and support along the housing continuum; b) creating better tools to identify screen and refer youth in need; c) improving collection and use of data; d) advocated for changes in policy; e) supported the overall efforts for ending youth homelessness.
- CT BOS and ODFC unanimously decided to better integrate into the Reaching Home Campaign and are directly part of and coordinated with the Reaching Home structure. The Campaign worked hard to shape the definition of what it means to end family homelessness.
- The members of Youth Action Hub (YAH) are playing an active role throughout many levels of the Campaign and developing tools and recommendations that can be used by the CANs and community providers to target homeless youth that are in greatest need.
- The Families with Children Workgroup played a significant role in helping to shape the definition of family homelessness.

Expanding Affordable Housing

Key Activities in FY 2018



- Completed and kicked off the HOMEConnecticut Campaign 10-year strategic plan.
- PSC worked with partners through the Affordable and Supportive Housing Workgroup to move toward the creation of an inventory of Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) and Competitive Housing Assistance for Multifamily Properties (CHAMP) units that are connected to the CANs.
- During the 2017 session of the General Assembly, the Affordable Housing Appeals Act (Section 8-30g) came under its greatest threat in many years. We successfully mobilized our partners to advocate for protection of the law and succeeded.
- PSC has partnered with Supportive Housing Works, and Fairfield County’s Center for Housing Opportunity to launch Fairfield County’s Center for Housing Opportunity (FCCHO). The goal is to create a collaborative, regional approach to expanding, preserving, and protecting affordable housing throughout Fairfield County, regardless of income, access to housing choice or economic opportunity.
- HOMEConnecticut broadened its campaign efforts to more effectively connect with new audiences.



“The Partnership is on the forefront of ending homelessness in Connecticut and is setting an example nationally for how it can be done. This past year homelessness was reduced by 6% overall. I am proud to be a part of building strong communities by helping lead the continued success in advocating for affordable homes for those suffering from housing injustices.”

*Calvin Price
Incoming PSC Board Chair*

Many Thanks to our FY 2018 Funders for their Generosity

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All Donors

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Financial Breakdown FY 2018

Total Revenue:

\$1,477,690

\$1,355,407

Grants and donations

\$88,268

Program revenue

\$32,000

In-Kind

\$2,015

Interest

Total Expenses:

\$1,507,695

\$1,209,879

Program

\$160,049

Fundraising

\$137,767

Management and General

Audited financial statements available on request or view on Guidestar.org

Housing Stats

now

year prior

9,478

people experiencing homelessness



10,083

3,104

families with children homeless



3,366

213k

people who pay more than 50% of income on housing



230k

5,000

estimated youth homeless

*new data capture methods are leading to increased estimates



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