



PARTNERSHIP FOR STRONG COMMUNITIES

A Safe, Affordable Home:
The Foundation of Opportunity



**Everyone deserves
a safe, affordable
home...**



Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report

Our mission is to end homelessness

expand affordable housing

and build strong communities in Connecticut.



From the Executive Director

As we head into my first full fiscal year I am humbled at the opportunity to lead an organization I have long admired. Once a bright-eyed policy analyst at the Partnership 14 years ago, I have come full circle to lead this organization in the important work of ending homelessness and creating affordable housing in our state.

Thinking of the unique opportunity that was given to me, I would like to discuss the concept of "opportunity". I am fortunate enough to have been provided it in my professional life, but I cannot help but think of others who are less fortunate. Others the Partnership strives to help. Opportunities can only be realized if there is a foundation from which to build. Without life's basic necessities like food, water, and shelter, opportunity is but a hollow and distant word to survival. Opportunity was how I got here, but it is also why I am here. To provide it to others.

The way to strengthen our Connecticut communities, and to allow people to become healthier, and empowered academically, professionally, and economically is to first take care of our fellow neighbor's most basic requirement -- a safe and secure place to call home. Here's to "opportunity" and progress in 2020 and beyond.

Kiley Gosselin, Executive Director

The Work and Those Behind It



ReachingHOME

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.



HOMEConnecticut

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A Word from the Chair

"Homelessness and housing insecurity result in lost opportunities for personal and professional growth, and one's ability to contribute meaningfully to society. But when given a safe home, our neighbors begin to flourish, and along with them so do our communities. Through the Partnership's work, last year the number of severely cost burdened households has dropped from 26.4% to 24.5%. We are embarking on an unprecedented task, and are getting results. I am proud to help lead these efforts and remain excited for the work and impacts that are still to come."

Calvin Price
PSC Board Chair



Any effort to end homelessness requires a highly organized structure to coordinate the work of many organizations. PSC has led this work for over 20 years, bringing together a broad spectrum of partners across the state to build the necessary political and civic will. As a funder and partner of PSC, I'm proud of the remarkable results seen in a steady reduction in homelessness in Connecticut.

Aimee Hendrigan
Melville Charitable Trust



Ending Homelessness

5 Big Things from FY 2019



- Since the start of the By Name List in 2016, there has been a 66% reduction in chronic homelessness.
- Reaching Home has engaged state systems that target resources and prevent homelessness: PSC has partnered with the Tow Youth Justice Institute and the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee to develop a data sharing study across multiple systems.
- We are managing and leading a statewide Systems Taskforce consisting of high level state departments, advocates, providers, and intermediaries who created and are implementing a plan to prevent youth from exiting their systems into homelessness.
- Secured support for the Reaching Home Campaign bill, HB 7313, that reinforces federal McKinney Vento rights of students experiencing homelessness in our state statutes.
- Goals for serving families with children were integrated into the state level Core Vision Team's agenda. Core Vision Team is staffed by PSC and includes state level decision makers.

Expanding Affordable Housing

5 Big Things from FY 2019



- The percentage of Connecticut renter households spending more than 50% of their income on housing costs declined by 1.9% over the last two years, from 26.4% to 24.5%.
- The supply of affordable homes in Connecticut grew from 164,998 in 2016 to 167,911 in 2018, an increase of 2,913 homes.
- Connecticut met our short-term target for increasing affordable housing in communities across the state. In the two-year period 2016 – 2018, six municipalities increased their supply of affordable homes by at least 1 percent, and another eight by 0.5%.
- We are focusing additional resources for municipal outreach in the 23 towns of Fairfield County. We launched a collaboration with Supportive Housing Works and Fairfield County's Community Foundation, called Fairfield County's Center for Housing Opportunity.
- PSC managed a strategic communications plan with the services of a communications consultant during the gubernatorial campaign.



"Decent, affordable housing anchors personal and community success and sustainability. Being part of the Partnership for Strong Communities helps offer people all over Connecticut the opportunity to live safer, more secure, healthier and more productive lives for themselves and their families."

Kevin Sullivan
PSC Board Member
and Treasurer

Many Thanks to our FY 2019 Funders for their Generosity

Financial Breakdown FY 2019

\$100,000 and above

Melville Charitable Trust

\$20,000 - \$99,999

Fairfield County Community Foundation
Hartford Foundation for Public Giving
Inclusive Prosperity Council
The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.
The Tow Foundation

\$10,000 - \$19,999

Anonymous
Bank of America
Charlotte and John Suhler Household
Connecticut Housing Finance Authority
Elite Island Resorts
Ensworth Charitable Foundation
Mike Hanley Household
People's United Community Foundation
UCONN
Webster Bank

\$5,000 - \$9999

CT Department of Housing
Garden Homes and Management Corporation
Hartford Courant
LAZ Parking
Stephen and Ruth Melville Household
Wells Fargo Foundation

\$1,500 - \$4,999

Abby Carter

Adams Family Foundation
Big Y
Beacon Communities LLC
Center Framing & Art Inc.
Chelsea Groton Foundation
Corporation for Supportive Housing
Farmington Bank Community Foundation
Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston
Howard Rifkin Household
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Kramer Portraits
LaRosa Building Group
Liberty Bank
PepsiCo, Inc
Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America
Preservation of Affordable Housing, Inc.
Robert B. Goldfarb Family Foundation
Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center
Supportive Housing Works
Waverly Markets

\$500 - \$1,499

Affordable Housing Alliance
American Institute of Architects
Architectural Building Systems, Inc.
Berkshire Insurance
Billings Forge Community Works
Bob's Discount Furniture Charitable Foundation
Career Resources, Inc.
Charter Oak Communities
Chelsea Groton Bank
Community Health Network of CT, Inc.
Craig and Jane Peters Household

CT Association of Realtors
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CT Dept. of Mental Health and Addiction Services
CT Health Foundation
Dan Adams and Manon Cox Household
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Sentry Insurance
Sherry Brown Household
Southwest Airlines
Staples
Suzanne Wagner Household
The Connection, Inc.
The WorkPlace
Total Wine & More
Two Pour Guys
United Way of Greater New Haven

To see a list of current major supporters of the Partnership please visit: www.pschousing.org/funders

Total Revenue:

\$1,452,333

\$1,323,888

Grants and donations

\$89,497

Program revenue

\$32,000

In-Kind

\$6,948

Interest

Total Expenses:

\$1,471,023

\$1,199,265

Program

\$137,766

Fundraising

\$133,992

Management and General

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

Housing Stats

now

year prior

8,545

people experiencing homelessness



9,478

3,104

families with children homeless



3,104

211k

people who pay more than 50% of income on housing



213k

5,000

estimated youth homeless

*new data capture methods are leading to increased estimates



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Contribute to Our Mission

Be a Housing Hero! Donate or volunteer, and together let's ensure everyone has a safe, and affordable home.

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Expanding affordable housing.
Strengthening Connecticut's communities.