MISSION

Supportive Housing Works’ mission is to end homelessness in Fairfield County by advancing a collective impact approach through dedicated staff, committed partners and responsive leadership. We continually implement effective system changes and efficiently align community resources so that no one is without a place to live for more than 30 days.

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we approached the end of 2016, we in Fairfield County celebrated a historic goal of connecting every chronically homeless person in the region with permanent housing placement, marking an end to this human plight. The proof was in the data as we worked collectively as a region. The evolution and expansion of the Housing First Teams was instrumental in creating the pathway for ending chronic homelessness. We are proud and humbled to have been part of this effort and of Supportive Housing Works’ contributions to improved data collection and analysis, streamlined referral protocols, coordinated outreach, expanded housing assistance programming, and the effective and efficient targeting of resources.

Serving as the backbone organization for Opening Doors Fairfield County, SHW’s efforts are now centered on the region’s commitment to ending family and youth homelessness by 2020. This year, SHW launched the Youth Engagement Team Initiative (YETI) made up of providers throughout the region who currently serve homeless youth and young adults (YYA). To ensure programs are youth-informed, a Youth Advisory Board consisting of young adults with true-life homelessness experiences was instituted. Here at SHW, we will continue advancing sustainable system changes including enhanced collaboration and improved cross-sector data collection and management.

In closing, I am proud of the extraordinary capacity SHW and its member organizations have provided to Opening Doors Fairfield County in reaching our collective goals. This amazing collaborative has set the highest standards in Connecticut for effectively ending all forms of homelessness.

Sincerely,

David Rich
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Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness
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Connecticut Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services
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Melville Charitable Trust
New Reach/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
People’s United Community Foundation
United Way of Coastal Fairfield County
WorkPlace, Inc. /U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs
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REVENUES FYE 2016

GOVERNMENT GRANTS: $881,360
CONTRIBUTIONS: $220,094
CONSULTING FEES: $35,000
MEMBERSHIP FEES: $10,000

EXPENSES FYE 2016

REGIONAL INITIATIVES: $638,076
ODFC: $308,526
ADMINISTRATION: $46,843
ASSET MANAGEMENT: $6,863
FUNDRAISING: $4,199