MISSION

Supportive Housing Works’ (SHW) mission is to end homelessness and ensure stable housing in Fairfield County by using a Collective Impact framework to deliver solutions to the most pressing regional housing problems. SHW provides the leadership and backbone support that advances productive collaboration and drives systems change.

“Think Regionally, Act Locally” is a rallying cry of our collective work to end homelessness and increase affordable housing across Fairfield County. A wonderful illustration of putting these words into action is the Town of Westport volunteering to submit the Small Cities CDBG application on behalf of all 22 towns in the county. The Town of Westport was awarded $400,000 to support local grassroots efforts to find and navigate housing resources for our region’s homeless population. This is a remarkable, innovative, and groundbreaking partnership the likes of which have never been seen before in CT. Thank you Westport and every town in Fairfield County for your leadership, cooperation, and commitment to ending homelessness. — DAVID RICH

PROGRAMMING

IMPACT FC: SHW received $100K to purchase an outreach van for young adults to transform how homeless youth are engaged and served.

GOVERNOR’S CHALLENGE: SHW helped spearhead the Governor’s Challenge on Family Homelessness to help provide an opportunity for statewide policymakers, leaders, and service providers to identify and address barriers through creative and collaborative approaches. In Fairfield County, 54 families, consisting of 196 people including 99 children, were matched to housing as part of Governor Malloy’s campaign.

YOUTH TO LEAD CHANGE (Y-TLC): A group of passionate young adults with lived experience, continued the work of improving policies programs and services directed at homeless youth. One of the many initiatives Y-TLC worked on was “The Rock Project” - colorfully painted rocks with inspirational messaging that were strategically placed throughout Bridgeport to direct young people to call 211 if they needed help.

SMALL CITIES AWARD: The Town of Westport played a key role in the region by applying for HUD’s Small Cities CDBG funding on behalf of Fairfield County. SHW was selected by the town to administer its Small Cities CDBG program of creating a robust infrastructure for diversion services in Fairfield County, a key strategy for effectively ending homelessness.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY CENTER FOR HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES: SHW hired a Director to lead this collective impact initiative to create strategic partnerships and promote an environment that accelerates housing development in areas of opportunity. FCCHO supported the new Governor’s transition team to implement fair and equitable housing policy and advance transit-oriented development as a means to economic growth.
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ROSS BURKHARDT
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FUNDERS

Career Resources
Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness
Connecticut Department of Housing
Connecticut Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services
The Goodnow Fund
Impact Fairfield County
KB Fitness LLC
Melville Charitable Trust
People’s United Community Foundation
Uber USA
United Way of Coastal Fairfield County
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
WorkPlace, Inc. / U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs
Webster Bank
And generous contributors to Giving Day 2018

REVENUES FYE 2018

GOVERNMENT GRANTS: $1,321,612
CONTRIBUTIONS: $67,546
CONSULTING & MEMBERSHIP FEES: $48,070

EXPENSES FYE 2018

REGIONAL PROGRAMMING: $1,328,892
MANAGEMENT & GENERAL: $108,023
FUNDRAISING: $40,602