A Monthly Newsletter from Community Shelter Board

January 2013

[RESOURCE GENERATION]

Become a Housing Hero

Last year, 2,100 children slept in emergency shelter. The youngest was three weeks old. They are victims of a savage economy. Without emergency shelters to turn to, they would be out on the streets with their families. They need your help to rebuild their lives.

Housing solves homelessness. In a climate of scarce resources, Community Shelter Board has pioneered new approaches to meet our neighbors' fundamental needs for a safe place to call home.

You can make a difference. Day to End Homelessness is a community-wide campaign to find permanent homes for men, women and children experiencing homelessness in central Ohio. Become a Housing Hero today. Give just \$1 a day - \$30 a month on your credit card. CSB will use your tax-deductible gift to keep shelter beds open and help people find safe and affordable housing.

\$1 a day is less than a daily cup of coffee. But that is all it takes to shelter a family and help them into secure futures and stable homes.

When you help, a family will sleep easier. And so will you.

When you sign up, you'll receive a cool t-shirt courtesy of our friends at Skreened.







HUD Application Approved for Submission

The Rebuilding Lives Funder Collaborative met on January 11 to review the community's consolidated application and project ranking recommendations from the RLFC Board. CSB, on behalf of the RLFC, is tasked with the preparation of this annual application that brings more than \$9 million in federal funds into the community to support housing programs for those experiencing homelessness. This year HUD required that all project applications be ranked in two tiers by the continuum of care before submission, based on performance or community prioritization. The RLFC opted for a strategic approach for the community and ranked two transitional housing projects in tier 2, in line with HUD's goal of funding projects that are effective, efficient, and provide long-term housing opportunities to those experiencing homelessness. All permanent supportive housing project renewals and reallocations were ranked as tier 1. The new permanent supportive housing application for the Commons at Livingston phase 2 by National Church Residences, was ranked as tier 2. According to HUD, no projects are guaranteed to receive funding but those ranked in tier 2 are more at risk. The application is due to HUD by January 18, 2013.

HUD Point-in-Time Count Set for Jan 24

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires all communities to conduct an annual count of people experiencing homelessness during the last ten days of January 2013. The date for the Columbus count is **Thursday, January 24, 2013**.

Instead of the traditional overnight count, CSB is piloting a daytime effort to be held at Veterans Memorial to count unsheltered youth and individuals. The change in approach came after studying count methods used by other communities and the need for a special emphasis on getting an accurate count of youth experiencing homelessness.

The HUD-required point-in-time count survey will be administered and specialized services will be offered, tailored to meet the unique needs of those experiencing street homelessness in our community. Participating community agencies will offer housing, employment, benefits and other income support consultation, behavioral health services, physical health screenings, a warm meal, clothing, and referrals

Jan 24

9:30 am – 2:00 pm adults

5:30 – 8:30 pm youth 14–24 years old

Veterans Memorial 300 West Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

to a variety of other necessary community resources. Outreach teams will be dispatched throughout the day to known encampments to count anyone who is unsheltered and does not present at count headquarters. A meal site count will occur throughout the day.

If your agency is interested in participating or if you want to volunteer at the count, please contact Erin Maus at emaus@csb.org. No time to volunteer but want to get involved? Become a Housing Hero to help end homelessness.

More information about the 2013 Point In Time Count can be found on CSB's web site.

[CRISIS RESPONSE]

Winter Overflow Shelter is Open

The YMCA opened the temporary winter overflow shelter on January 7. This temporary shelter will meet a critical basic need, providing beds for up to 130 men and 60 women. Winter overflow capacity for shelter is more important than ever – it's critically needed to make sure no one faces a dangerously cold night on the streets. CSB is incredibly grateful to its partners at the YMCA, Southeast and Lutheran Social Services who stepped up to meet all the current needs for shelter while we awaited the opening of the temporary overflow site.

CSB commends the exemplary leadership of the YMCA. They have spent countless hours preparing the site and working in good faith with the surrounding neighbors. Their unwavering partnership is appreciated.

Anyone in need of shelter should call the Coordinated Point of Access at 1-888-474-3587.

[TRANSITION]

Unified Supportive Housing System

The Unified Supportive Housing System will begin lease-up for Inglewood Court, a Community Housing Network project, in February 2013. Inglewood Court will offer 60 permanent supportive housing units to single adults presenting with a certified disability. Of the 60 units, 45 are targeted to those adults meeting the Rebuilding Lives eligibility criteria, with 9 of those units designated for HUD chronically homeless individuals. The other 15 units are reserved for clients from the ADAMH Board who are moving out of residential facilities. Move-in is scheduled to start March 2013.

Other supportive housing projects scheduled to open this calendar year are Franklinton Station by the YMCA in fall 2013 and phase 2 of Commons at Livingston by National Church Residences in late fall 2013.

USHS accepts and processes indication of interest forms for both singles and families for the following projects:

- Community Housing Network Cassady, Inglewood Court, Leasing, St. Claire, Southpoint Place
- Maryhaven Commons at Chantry
- National Church Residences Commons at Buckingham, Commons at Livingston,
 Commons at Third
- Southeast Scattered Sites
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- **YWCA WINGS**

Those interested in obtaining housing must be referred either by an emergency shelter or one of the outreach providers: Capital Crossroads, Maryhaven Outreach, Open Shelter, Southeast Mobile Van/PATH Program, or Veterans Administration.

USHS continues to hold quarterly supportive housing roundtable meetings at CSB. The meetings are facilitated by USHS and bring together supportive housing providers with the goal of addressing and overcoming client housing barriers. The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2013.

USHS is a collaborative effort managed by ADAMH, Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority and CSB. These partners are working together with other agencies in the community including health, housing, shelter, and outreach providers. This work is funded by ADAMH and CSB.

For more information, visit <u>www.csb.org</u> or contact Isolde Teba, USHS Project Manager at <u>iteba@csb.org</u>.

[GATEWAY]

Applications coming in February

The FY14 Gateway application for partner agencies will be available at www.csb.org beginning February 22, 2013. The application's availability will precede the March 1 release of each agency's funding award and program outcomes plan by one week, so that agencies have additional time to work through their applications. Completed Gateway applications are due to CSB on March 13, 2013.

Partner agencies will meet with CSB staff in April during one-on-one meetings. This collaborative approach is focused on providing persons in need with the best possible programs and services. Please refer to the timeline below for information regarding key dates in the application process, and stay tuned to www.csb.org for more information in the coming weeks.

Key Dates	Activities
2/22/13	Application materials released to agencies
3/1/13	CSB Board review and approval of the FY14 financial plan
3/1/13	Recommended program outcome plans and FY14 funding awards forwarded to agencies
3/13/13	Completed proposals due to CSB by 5 pm
4/3 – 4/19/13	One-on-one meetings between CSB & partner agencies
5/24/13	CSB Board approval of funding decisions
Early June	Partnership agreements issued to partner agencies

Upcoming Meetings

Check out the interactive calendar at <u>www.csb.org</u> under Resources for our Partners < Meetings</p>