



*Rebuilding older lives by restoring independence. One life at a time.*

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## NEWSLETTER

### VISION

Formerly homeless seniors will obtain and sustain safe, appropriate housing.

### MISSION

Renewal House provides transitional housing, case management, counseling and life skills enhancement to older men and women who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless so they may be empowered to restore their lives.

### GOALS

To transition displaced seniors to independent living in safe, legal, affordable housing and to support them, as needed in maintaining independence.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Empowerment • Respect • Resiliency • Client Self Advocacy & Self Determination

**At this time of great uncertainty, we hope that you and those you hold most dear are safe, healthy and supported.**

**“Ours is not the task of fixing the entire world all at once, but of stretching out to mend the parts of the world that are within our reach.”**

By reaching out to support Renewal House, you have enabled so many to mend their lives. Here's some of what your support has accomplished over the past several months.

- 2 residents achieved their goals, graduated, and are now living in the community.
- 3 residents secured employment and began saving for the security deposits they will need to move on to housing.
- All residents have been connected to resources needed for safe, sustained, healthy living.
- 100% of followed graduates continue to live independently in safe, affordable, appropriate environments - many for 10 years or more.

**You made this possible.**

**Your support changed these lives.**

As we face a very challenging future, your support is needed more than ever.

- Several long-time funding sources have redirected resources to meet immediate critical community needs.
- Our main fundraising event, scheduled for May 1, had to be postponed. Rescheduling is in question.
- Renewal House graduates need more of our support than ever as they face food shortages and troubling health concerns that accompany sustained isolation.

**Please consider making a contribution today.**

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**Visit our website:**  
[renewalhousedanbury.org](http://renewalhousedanbury.org)

**In this time of pandemic, community has prevailed.**

### **Community has supported Renewal House...**



Mothership Bakery & Café on Main Street in Danbury delivers homestyle meals to Renewal House graduates every Tuesday. Thank you, Anna! Your food says, "We care!"



Our friends at the First Church of Christ, Congregational in Redding Center have kept Renewal House well-supplied with hard-to-find paper products. We appreciate their support!

The Jewish Federation of Western CT provided a grant to help us establish a Housing and Employment Resource Center on site at Renewal House. The technology and furniture provided by this grant are enabling the delivery of remote case management and counseling services.



### **...and Renewal House has supported community**



As the City of Danbury moved quickly to provide safe shelter for many individuals who were homeless when the pandemic struck, Renewal House residents organized surplus linens and packaged them for donation to the Health Department.

Prior to the time we began to "stay at home," residents prepared a special home-cooked meal for donation to the Warming Center. The meal was funded by savings from the house food budget and small contributions from the residents themselves.



**You can make a secure online contribution conveniently at  
[renewalhousedanbury.org](http://renewalhousedanbury.org)**

**With your help, we will get through this!**

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