

Appropriations Hearing 2/20/09

Supportive housing has brought my children and, me out of deplorable living conditions. The apartment we came from before receiving help from New Haven Home Recovery, and Neighbor works New Horizon was almost unlivable. When it rained outside we knew because it also rained inside. We had mold that would fall from a hole in the bathroom every time it rained. My two year old spent more time at the hospital because of asthma attacks caused by the mold then she spent at home. When weather conditions became extremely cold outside it felt the same inside. My children always tried to spend nights out to get away from the horrible conditions we lived in. I was referred to New Haven Home Recovery from Bill Heinrich who works in the office of Rosa Delauro. He referred me to New Haven home Recovery. New Haven Home Recovery verified the living conditions and, other problems we were having and within a few months we were moved to a new affordable apartment. If it wasn't for supportive housing this would have never been possible for us.

Supportive Housing doesn't just get you a place to call home. They continuously support you. Maybe you need food, clothes, help with a resume or just someone to talk to. I still receive help from New Haven Home Recovery. Without supportive Housing there will be families that will just give up like I almost did. Without Supportive Housing you'll begin to see more homeless families, families breaking up, and crime rate will elevate. So when you think about Budget cuts if you don't plan on breaking up families then don't cut Supportive Housing.

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