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### **Bridgeport Program Recognized Nationally** *Stable Families Prevents Family Evictions*

**(BRIDGEPORT, Conn.)** – The Stable Families program was awarded a National Association of Housing Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) Award of Merit in Housing and Community Development at the NAHRO Summer Conference in Louisville, KY last night.

The Stable Families program is located in the Bridgeport Housing Authority (BHA). BHA identifies families at-risk of eviction and connections them with the program to receive services.

NAHRO recognizes projects and programs based on innovation.

“Stable Families is the first program of its kind in Bridgeport and has been welcome by the community,” Kara Capone, New Haven Home Recovery’s Director of Programs says, “The program is creating change in the community and is helping families stay housed.”

*Stable Families* is a joint program of the Fairfield County Community Foundation (FCCF), the Bridgeport Public Housing Resident Support Fund (BPHRSF) and the Bridgeport Housing Authority. New Haven Home Recovery (NHHR) has been selected to administer this program. The Stable Families Program assists families with children who are members of a wide cohort of low-income public housing households in Bridgeport. Some of these households reside in public housing units. Others reside in Section 8 and other deeply subsidized housing that HACB has developed to replace demolished public housing. The Stable Families Program will help families in or on the verge of crisis access services needed to help them stabilize their tenancies and avert eviction.

*New Haven Home Recovery (NHHR) Inc. was established in 1990 to provide emergency shelter for families, and is working in the New Haven area to address the housing and support service needs of women with children. NHHR provides services to families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. NHHR has developed its programs to include emergency shelter, supportive housing, children's programs and The Furniture Co-op. For more information, visit the Web site at [www.nhhr.org](http://www.nhhr.org).*

**PHOTO CAPTION:** Pictured from left to right: Kelly McDermott, Senior Manager, Centrals Grants & Community Development at City of Bridgeport, Nicholas Calace, Executive Director of Bridgeport Housing Authority, Marvin Farbman of Bridgeport Public Housing Resident Support Fund, Kate Kelly, Director Resident Services Bridgeport Housing Authority, Kellyann Day, Executive Director of New Haven Home Recovery, Kara Capone, Director of Programs of New Haven Home Recovery, Blanca Carrasquillo, Deputy Director of Operations Bridgeport Housing Authority, Keishanna McCalmon, Stable Families Program Coordinator of New Haven Home Recovery.

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