What Makes CHR Different?
Now in our 51st year, CHR is the most comprehensive nonprofit behavioral healthcare agency in Connecticut, fostering creative, cost-effective solutions to the biggest problems facing our state.
A Year of Honors and Accomplishments

We had no idea it was coming ... until we saw the petals. Moments before the number-one Top Workplace Award was announced, the bright and bold petals of CHR’s logo popped onto the large screen in front of the crowd at the Hartford Courant’s Top Workplace reception. Everyone at our table stood, cheered and did a little dance. What a joy!

Being named the number-one Top Workplace among all larger employers was just one of many honors for CHR over the last year. Like all of our achievements, the Top Workplace designation was the result of the commitment and passion of CHR’s staff. Our team continues to go above and beyond to meet the needs of every child, family and individual we serve.

In this year’s Annual Quality of Care Report, we will share the many ways CHR is leading the state to tackle difficult problems and forge solutions that help thousands of people, every day. Even before the Top Workplace Award, we knew CHR was a winner in so many ways.

Sincerely,

Heather M. Gates, MBA
President and CEO

Jason Jakubowski
Chair, Board of Directors

Pictured at CHR’s 50th Birthday Gala Celebration: Heather M. Gates with keynote speaker, Mariel Hemingway, and Jason Jakubowski.
Battling the State’s Opioid Epidemic
... with a personalized, comprehensive approach

CHR has seen, first hand, the devastating consequences of the national opioid epidemic and is leading efforts to help men and women of all ages get the care they need.

• CHR advocates for a three-tiered approach to care that includes Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) with either buprenorphine, methadone or vivitrol; outpatient therapy, including intensive therapy and education (IOP); and robust case management and peer support services to help secure a foundation for sustained recovery.

• CHR was selected to pilot a new program offering the three-tiered approach in its Willimantic office, thanks to federal grant support secured by the state Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS).

• CHR continues to offer MAT as well as comprehensive supports in Manchester, Enfield and Putnam. CHR’s long term goal is to expand MAT to all clinical sites.

• CHR continues to offer an innovative, outpatient substance use program for teens that gives young adults tools they can use throughout their lives to build confidence and strength. 86% of clients in CHR Outpatient Clinics who were seeking help with substance abuse issues were Very Satisfied with the improvements made in their ability to cope and control their symptoms.

“It took a lot of support from CHR for me to recover but I did it. I have my life back.”
- Mary, CHR client
CHR is responding to the deeply troubling trend of increasing suicide rates through several research-based initiatives.

- CHR is participating in the statewide Zero Suicide initiative and is aggressively screening and tracking all clients, of all ages, for potential suicide risks.

- CHR is also part of a statewide effort to reduce suicide among young adults between the ages of 10 and 24 and is leading a Manchester-based suicide-prevention coalition through outreach, education, screening and direct prevention services. This project is a collaboration between CHR and the Garret Lee Smith Suicide Prevention Community Network of Care.

“I’ve been bullied on and off for years. Social media doesn’t help. My parents made me start seeing a therapist at CHR. I didn’t realize I was close to the edge, but my therapist did and got me the extra support and coaching I needed to overcome my scary feelings. I’m in a different school now and have been doing better. Thanks to CHR I feel stronger. I feel like me again.”

- Lia, CHR client
Helping People Find Real Hope ... in all aspects of their lives

Healthcare does not stop at the doctor’s office or after a therapy visit. For more than 51 years, CHR has worked to ensure that every client’s health and recovery is supported in all aspects of their lives.

• CHR’s vibrant Housing Program helps hundreds of people find safe and affordable housing every year and connects people with resources they need to remain healthy.

• CHR opened its second Supportive Housing apartment building on Center Street in Manchester in 2016, expanding services to individuals, families and veterans.

• CHR’s robust care coordination and case management programs connect people with a range of vital services every year. For the convenience of families with young children, most of these programs are based in their communities.

• CHR continues to run two successful therapeutic recovery centers for clients – known as the Club Houses – giving people a wide range of activities and opportunities for learning and personal development.

100% of Center Street Supportive Housing residents remained stably housed throughout the year or moved into private housing.

92% of Care Coordination clients from Enfield and Manchester were stably housed throughout their enrollment in the program.
Improving Health
... through collaborations with primary care practices

There’s nothing easy about living with a serious mental illness. In fact, adults with a serious mental illness tend to die 25 years earlier than the general population. CHR is working diligently to address this alarming health disparity by forging collaborations with primary care providers.

- CHR providers are now seeing patients at Charter Oak Health Center in Hartford, one of the largest Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) in the state.
- CHR continues to partner with First Choice, an FQHC based in East Hartford, to help provide primary care and prevention programs for clients in Manchester.
- A CHR Child and Family outpatient therapist is now seeing patients in Pro Health’s Rocky Hill pediatric office.
- CHR’s Whole Health program continues to run several wellness programs focused on nutrition, exercise, stress management and more.
- CHR’s Behavioral Health Home (BHH) continues to coordinate physical and behavioral healthcare needs for more than 1,200 clients, representing the largest program of its kind in the state.

Jennifer, started working with the BHH team when her weight reached 330 lbs with a body mass index (BMI) of 56.64. After 18 months of encouragement, exercise and nutritional help, she weighs 299 lbs with a BMI of 54.20. Jennifer has stopped drinking soda, and continues to eat healthy foods, and workout at CHR’s new Manchester onsite fitness room.

“I still have work to do but with my new energy levels and outlook on life, I know I can continue my path to a healthier self thanks to my BHH team.”
CHR works proactively to improve the lives of the individuals and families we serve through advocacy on the regional, state and federal level.

- Working with a coalition of advocates on the state and federal level, CHR has made strides to protect funding for mental health and addiction services. In recognition for her successful advocacy work, CHR’s CEO, Heather Gates, has been recognized in recent years as a Healthcare Hero and the Top Leader of all large businesses in the region, according to the Hartford Courant’s annual Top Workplace awards.

- With funding secured through the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, CHR opened a Spanish-speaking Child and Family behavioral health clinic in the Parkville section of Hartford. Importantly, this program ensures that families can receive the services they need, in the language they speak.

- Together with WNPR, CHR launched a new series to help raise awareness that hope and recovery from mental illness and addictions are possible. Real Life, Real Hope Moments share stories from local people whose lives have been changed thanks to CHR.

- CHR launched its first Peer Support Program so clients in recovery can share their journeys of health and recovery with others who are facing similar challenges.

"CHR strives to be the voice for the most vulnerable people in our society and to be sure their needs are met."
- Heather M. Gates
CHR in the news

CHR held an elegant and successful 50th Birthday Gala last spring.

From left to right, CHR Board member Ruth Fortune, Board Chair Jason Jakubowski, CEO Heather Gates and Board members Cheryl Curtis, Ivette Rivera-Dreyer, Ayesha Clarke, G. Duncan Harris and Vice Chair Laura Tordenti.

CHR was once again recognized as one of the Top Workplaces in Connecticut. In fact, CHR was the **number-one ranked large employer in the region** and Heather Gates, our President and CEO, was honored as the **top leader of a large employer**! Now in its 6th year, the Top Workplaces list is sponsored by the Hartford Courant and based on objective data gathered through anonymous surveys.
CHR in the news

In an effort to enhance and expand substance use services in the region, CHR joined forces with New Directions, a highly-regarded addiction treatment provider in Enfield.

CHR’s Adopt A Family Holiday Program connected more than 70 families in need to individuals, organizations and companies who helped make the holidays a little more special through their generous giving. This year’s supporters included the Channel 3/Liberty Bank Surprise Squad, who surprised one lucky family at their home with $600 worth of gifts.

In a continuing effort to build strong, collaborative support to combat the opioid use epidemic in eastern Connecticut, several local and federal officials held a forum at CHR’s Putnam campus last fall. Pictured here, from left to right, U.S. Senator Chris Murphy and CHR’s Miranda Nagle, Prevention Specialist and Griswold Pride Coordinator.

Kathy Schiessl, LCSW, (center), CHR’s Senior Vice President for Child and Family Services and an accomplished advocate for children and families, was honored as a finalist in the annual Health Care Heroes awards ceremony, sponsored by the Hartford Business Journal.
Officials with CHR and guests, including Connecticut Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman, Commissioner of the DMHAS Services, Miriam Delphin-Rittmon, and Manchester Mayor Jay Moran, dedicated CHR’s two new buildings in Manchester: the Center for Health and Wellness and the Center Street Two Supportive Housing Center.

Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin joined CHR and other elected officials to formally cut the ribbon for CHR’s new Latino Clinic for Children and Families in Hartford.

CHR announced its 10th annual 5K and fun walk will be held in a new location with a new name on Saturday, May 20, 2017. The new venue is Great River Park in East Hartford and the new name is CHR’s 1 in 5, in recognition that 1 in 5 Americans will need the services of a behavioral healthcare provider in their lifetime.
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In Memoriam: Ivette Rivera-Dreyer

CHR mourns the loss of Ivette Rivera-Dreyer who actively served on the Board of Directors for more than 10 years. Like everything in her life, Ivette brought enormous energy and enthusiasm to her leadership role with CHR. She whole-heartedly supported our mission, was active with many committees and worked diligently on CHR’s annual Golf and Tennis Tournament and the 50th Birthday Gala. We remain grateful for her years of service and friendship.
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- Stan Schapiro, LCSW, Senior Vice President, Adult Services (retired March 2017)
- Kathy Schiessl, LCSW, Senior Vice President, Child and Family Services

“We are in this for the mission, to fight against the very idea that we can throw away people who have had a more difficult life, that those people have no value. Instead, we believe that everyone, no matter their background, is entitled to respect and dignity, to a chance at a job, to decent housing.”

- Stan Schapiro, from remarks at his retirement reception
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We Truly Appreciate Your Support!

We would also like to thank our many friends and supporters who gave anonymously or donated to our Adopt A Family Holiday Program as well as the many caring individuals, groups, volunteers and local businesses who donated in-kind items to our various programs and fundraising events throughout the year.

This report has been prepared by the CHR Development and Communications Office. We have taken great care to ensure that complete and accurate listings appear. However, a mistake can sometimes be made and should you find an error, please bring it to our attention.

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Thank you!
Support Expenses
Total Amount - $49 Million

Operating Expenses
Total Amount - $49 Million
CHR helps adults, children and families find **Real Hope** for the challenges of **Real Life** through an array of community based mental health, substance use, child welfare, supportive housing, foster care, prevention and wellness services, and integrated care. Our name embodies our commitment to **community** based care, instilling hope for a **healthy**, happy and productive future, and utilizing all available **resources** to achieve change. CHR is proud to provide services that achieve **Real Quality** with **Real Results**.
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THE CENTER FOR HEALTH & WELLNESS 
444 CENTER STREET 
MANCHESTER • CT 06040

ENFIELD 
153 HAZARD AVENUE 
ENFIELD • CT 06082

BLOOMFIELD 
693 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE, SUITE 101 
BLOOMFIELD • CT 06002

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19 JACOBS STREET 
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