



Faces of MHAGH: Jaimie Mantie

In 2000, **Jaimie Mantie** was a single mother, renting a room that she shared with her daughter. In need of more suitable housing, Jaimie applied for and was accepted to MHAGH's Grove Street Mutual Housing development in Windsor Locks. Little did she know at the time that making this housing choice would significantly impact her life.

Jaimie became very engaged in her Grove Street community and as a result MHAGH asked her to join the MHAGH Board of Directors. Bringing her young daughter to board meetings, Jaimie took advantage of all that MHAGH had to offer. When the opportunity arose to attend a Community Leadership Institute conference in New York City she attended and met with like-minded community leaders from around the country. She says, "It gave me the opportunity to prepare for my future and I didn't even know it."

Jaimie says that stable housing changed her for the better and motivated her, allowing her to earn an Associate Degree in Business Management.



"MHAGH was a stepping stone for me. Any opportunity that was put in front of me, I took it."

In her 7th year at Grove Street, she applied for a job with the Windsor Locks Housing Authority as a Section 8 Manager. Because of her experience in affordable housing as both resident and board member, as well as the letters of recommendation from MHAGH board members, she was offered the job. She held that position for one year before a promotion to Executive Director, where she remains today. In her current role, she manages 116 apartments and 127 Section 8 vouchers in 13 towns, for a total of 243 clients. A staff of four works under her direction.

Jaimie talks about her time at Grove Street with fondness. Her daughter remembers playing there and attending Halloween parties in the community room. One of her first experiences as the Section 8 Manager was to give a voucher to a homeless family and find them housing at MHAGH. For Jaimie, her work is personal, and because she remembers what it was like, her goal is to help one person like her every day.

S.A.F.E. – Safety Alliance For Everyone

MHAGH receives a NeighborWorks grant to increase safety in the Frog Hollow neighborhood!

MHAGH is a collaborator in the S.A.F.E. alliance which uses environmental design to deter criminal behavior. **Upcoming summer events** include monthly Frog Hollow clean up and BBQs, and a National Night Out softball game.

May 26th – Clean Up June 30th – Clean Up July 28th – Clean Up

Get involved in your community!

For more information, contact Wilma Guzmán at (860) 519-0702.

Mutual Housing Leadership Academy

MHAGH announces the return of MHLA

MHLA is a free ten-week series offered to residents who want to achieve **positive community change**. The workshops focus on: leadership strategies, team dynamics, public speaking, mapping community assets and needs, and personal development. **The workshops run from June 14th – August 23rd**. For more information, or to register, please contact:

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Caras de MHAGH: Jaimie Mantie

En 2000, **Jaimie Mantie** era madre soltera, alquilando una habitación que compartía con su hija. En la necesidad de una vivienda más adecuada, Jaimie solicitó y fue aceptada en el desarrollo de Viviendas Mutuas Grove Street de MHAGH en Windsor Locks. Poco sabía ella en ese momento que tomar esta decisión de vivienda tendría un impacto significativo en su vida.

Jaimie se involucró mucho en su comunidad de Grove Street y, como resultado, MHAGH le pidió que se uniera a la Junta Directiva de MHAGH. Al llevar a su hija pequeña a las reuniones de la junta, Jaimie aprovechó todo lo que MHAGH tenía para ofrecer. Cuando surgió la oportunidad de asistir a una conferencia del Community Leadership Institute en la ciudad de Nueva York, ella asistió y se reunió con líderes comunitarios de ideas afines de todo el país. Ella dice: "Me dio la oportunidad de prepararme para mi futuro y ni siquiera lo sabía."

Jaimie dice que la vivienda estable la cambió para mejor y la motivó, lo que le permitió obtener un título asociado en administración de empresas.



"MHAGH era un escalón para mí. Cualquier oportunidad que se me presentó, la tomé."

En su séptimo año en Grove Street, ella solicitó un trabajo con la Autoridad de Vivienda de Windsor Locks como Gerente de Sección 8. Debido a su experiencia en vivienda asequible como residente y miembro de la junta, así como a las cartas de recomendación de los miembros de la junta de MHAGH, se le ofreció el puesto. Ocupó ese puesto durante un año antes de ser promovida a Directora Ejecutiva, donde permanece hoy. En su puesto actual, administra 116 apartamentos y 127 vales de la Sección 8 en 13 ciudades, para un total de 243 clientes. Un equipo de cuatro personas trabaja bajo su dirección.

Jaimie habla sobre su tiempo en Grove Street con cariño. Su hija recuerda jugar allí y asistir a fiestas de Halloween en la sala de la comunidad. Una de sus primeras experiencias como gerente de Sección 8 fue dar un vale a una familia sin hogar y encontrarles vivienda en MHAGH. Para Jaimie, su trabajo es personal, y recuerda cómo fue, su objetivo es ayudar a una persona como ella todos los días.

S.A.F.E. – Safety Alliance For Everyone

¡MHAGH recibe una subvención de NeighborWorks para aumentar la seguridad en el vecindario de Frog Hollow!

MHAGH es un colaborador en el S.A.F.E. alianza que usa el diseño ambiental para evitar crímenes. **Los próximos eventos de verano** incluyen la **limpieza mensual** de Frog Hollow y **barbacoas**, y un juego de softball National Night Out.

26 de mayo - Limpieza 30 de junio – Limpieza 28 de julio – Limpieza

¡Involúcrate en tu comunidad!

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Mutual Housing Leadership Academy

MHAGH anuncia el regreso de MHLA

MHLA es una serie gratuita de diez semanas que se ofrece a los residentes que desean lograr **un cambio positivo en la comunidad**. Los talleres se enfocan en: estrategias de liderazgo, dinámicas de equipo, hablar en público, mapear activos y necesidades de la comunidad y desarrollo personal. **Los talleres son del 14 de junio al 23 de agosto**. Para obtener más información o para registrarse, comuníquese con:

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A Note to Our Residents from Deborah Broaden, Director of Education & Engagement

Now that Spring has sprung and Summer is fast upon us, I am planning upcoming resident events. Per popular request, I am pleased to announce that I am researching Six Flags for the MHAGH Family Fun Day. Look for official announcements regarding this and our Back-to-School giveaways in your next newsletter.

As a reminder, please feel free to visit our open food pantry sites for assistance with food. The schedules are posted elsewhere in the newsletter. In a case where a resident has an emergency need for food, please contact me directly at 860-206-5270. We also offer financial and housing counseling to residents. As always, all services are free and confidential. Wishing all a happy and healthy 2018.

Regards,

Educational Services & Resident Resources

Food Pantries

MHAGH, through a partnership with FoodShare, has three pantry locations available to all MHAGH residents. You can stop by to shop for a selection of canned goods, fresh produce, and frozen meats.

- ◆ Union Street, Manchester – Every 3rd Thursday, 5-7 pm
- ◆ Webster Street, Hartford – Every 3rd Wednesday, 5-7 pm
- ◆ MHAGH on Niles Street – Call to make an appointment

Home Buyer Education

Thinking about buying your first home?

Join us for a one-day educational seminar. This course provides in-depth instruction on the steps towards homeownership. Upcoming 2018 dates:

- ◆ Saturday, May 19
- ◆ Saturday, June 23
- ◆ Saturday, July 21

Sponsored by CT Housing Finance Authority & MHAGH.

Financial Counseling

FREE and confidential counseling services are now available to MHAGH residents. Day and evening appointments available.

- ◆ Budgeting and In-Depth Credit Counseling
- ◆ One-on-One Counseling
- ◆ Achieve and Maintain Financial Stability

Ready to Rent

This program is designed to help you **BUILD** your credit, **REPAIR** past rental history, and **LEARN** new budgeting skills. The course is six sessions:

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| ◆ July 18 | ◆ August 8 |
| ◆ July 25 | ◆ August 15 |
| ◆ August 1 | ◆ August 22 |

Servicios Educativos & Recursos Residentes

Despensas de Comida

MHAGH, a través de una asociación con FoodShare, tiene tres despensas de alimentos disponibles para todos los residentes de MHAGH. Ustedes pueden detenerse a comprar una selección de productos enlatados, productos frescos, y carne congelada.

- ◆ Union Street, Manchester – Cada 3ro jueves, 5-7 pm
- ◆ Webster Street, Hartford – Cada 3ro miércoles, 5-7 pm
- ◆ MHAGH en Niles Street – Llamar para hacer una cita

Educación de los Compradores Caseros

Pensado en comprar su primera casa?

Únase a nosotros para un seminario de un día. Este curso provee instrucciones a profundidad sobre los pasos hacia compra de vivienda. Próximas clases para 2018:

- ◆ Sabado 19 de mayo
- ◆ Sabado 23 de junio
- ◆ Sabado 21 de julio

Auspiciado por CT Housing Finance Authority y MHAGH.

Consejería Financiera

Los servicios de consejería gratuitos y confidenciales están ahora disponibles para todos los residentes de MHAGH. Citas de día y de noche disponibles.

- ◆ Asesoramiento Presupuestario
- ◆ Consejería de Crédito Uno-a-Uno
- ◆ Lograr y Mantener la Estabilidad Financiera

Listo para Aquilar

Este programa está diseñado para ayudarle a **CONSTRUIR** su crédito, **REPARAR** el historial de alquiler pasado, y **APRENDER** nuevas habilidades de presupuesto. Seis sesiones:

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| ◆ 18 julio | ◆ 8 agosto |
| ◆ 25 julio | ◆ 15 agosto |
| ◆ 1 agosto | ◆ 22 agosto |

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