

December 10, 2018

Governor Dannel P. Malloy
State Capitol
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Malloy:

It is with gratitude and admiration that I write, on behalf of the National Alliance to End Homelessness, to congratulate the State of Connecticut upon the successful completion of the Governor's Challenge to End Family Homelessness. In particular, the Alliance recognizes your leadership and determination, having conceived the initiative and provided the resources needed. Throughout your tenure, you have prioritized those most in need, and you are ending your term just as you started it – working to end homelessness in Connecticut.

There were of course many who participated in the Challenge and deserve recognition and thanks. The Connecticut Department of Housing led the effort, and was supported by the Partnership for Strong Communities, the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness, CSH, the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Office of Early Childhood, and the State Department of Education. Service providing organizations from across the State did the hard work of supporting families to move back into housing. Thanks go to all the partners.

This is not the first time that the State has made strides on the problem. Because of your commitment to those in need, Connecticut has become a national leader in ending homelessness. It ended veteran homelessness in 2016, has a home for every chronically homeless person, and has reduced homelessness overall.

Because of strong leadership and proven capacity, this audacious effort made it possible for hundreds of homeless parents and children to be home – not homeless – for the holidays! Congratulations and thank you and all who made the Governor's Challenge to End Family Homelessness a success.



Nan Roman
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