

HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY

Homeless people die from illnesses that affect everyone,
frequently without health care.

Homeless people die from exposure,
unprotected from the heat and cold.

Homeless people die from violence,
often in unprovoked hate crimes.

Health care is a human right.

Housing is a human right.

Physical safety is a human right.

Remember our neighbors
and friends who have died
without homes.

Remember why they died.



DECEMBER 21

The First Day of Winter. The Longest Night of the Year.

2009 Organizing Manual

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National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day December 21, 2009

Homeless people will die in your community this year.
Plan to memorialize them on December 21,
the first day of Winter,
the longest night of the year.

In 2008, over 120 communities participated in the 18th Annual National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day; surpassing last years' number of communities by more than 30. Let's make 2009 a year of more awareness by organizing even more memorial services for the homeless throughout the nation.



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St. Louis Memorial Service, Dec. 21, 2008.

Photo courtesy of Chase W. Oros

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An Overview

Each year since 1990, on or near the first day of winter, which is the longest night of the year, the National Coalition for the Homeless (NCH) has sponsored **National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day** to bring attention to the tragedy of homelessness and to remember our homeless friends who have paid the ultimate price for our nation's failure to end homelessness. Beginning in 2005, the National Health Care for the Homeless Council and the National Consumer Advisory Board joined NCH as co-sponsors of this meaningful event.

In an effort to maximize the impact of the day, we encourage local and statewide organizations to hold memorials for those who have died homeless in their communities. **In 2008, more than 120 cities conducted Memorial Day events on or around December 21 to honor the more than 3200 people who died homeless last year.**

What You Can Do

1. Determine how many homeless persons have died during the previous year in your community. There is no official tracking of homeless deaths in most communities, so *start now* to collect the names of those who die. Work with people who are homeless, service providers, and public officials to compile as complete a list as possible.
2. Organize an event to commemorate this day and raise awareness about homelessness and its severity.

This Manual

This manual should serve as a resource to assist you in your efforts. If you have any questions, contact:

Michael Stoops, NCH, at (202) 462-4822 x19 or mstoops@nationalhomeless.org and/or
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Modesto, CA candlelight vigil, Dec. 21, 2008.

Marty Bicek, Modesto Bee

Organizing an Event to Commemorate National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day

Your Event

Invite other organizations to participate in planning the event. Local and State Coalitions for the homeless, Health Care for the Homeless projects, shelters, housing programs, service providers and outreach programs may all wish to participate.

Decide what type of event you will sponsor. Past events have included:

- Candlelight marches
- Silent marches
- Vigils
- Graveside services
- Plays and performances
- Special religious services
- Public policy advocacy



Wreaths hung at the Chicago memorial, Dec. 17, 2008.

Photo courtesy of Kathleen Kelleghan

A few of the 2007 Memorial

Day events are described briefly below. Please keep in mind that these are local events tailored to diverse communities. Local organizers are encouraged to think creatively about ways to honor the memory of those who have died in their own community, as together we work for a future devoid of homelessness.

Work with your local health department and/or health care clinic/program to identify the number of people who have died in your community without an address. Try also to obtain people's names and ages.

A name-reading ceremony is a powerful component of **Homeless Persons' Memorial Day** events. A list of names read in 2007, in cities throughout the country, is available at <http://www.nhchc.org/memorialday.html>.

Please contact Michael Stoops at NCH at (202) 462-4822x234, mstoops@nationalhomeless.org and/or John Lozier at NHCHC at (615) 226-2292x24, jlozier@nhchc.org with the following information:

- What type of event you are planning
- The number of homeless people who have died in your community

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Working with the Media

Media coverage of homelessness usually reaches its peak just as winter begins and during the holidays. **National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day** offers a great opportunity to work with the media during this time in order to raise awareness of the issue of homelessness. Media coverage is a great tool to emphasize governmental policies, or lack thereof, which can be a part of the problem for those people experiencing homelessness. As governmental policies can also be part of the solution for homelessness, make sure to give credit where credit is due.

Your group should:

Issue a press release (see enclosed samples) announcing your event, giving information on the details and the needs in your community.

Write a letter-to-the-editor of your local newspaper drawing attention to your event and to the issue of homelessness in general.

Invite local media to your event if you feel comfortable doing so.

Working with your Local Government

In order to attract more attention to this year's **Memorial Day**, work with your local town or city council, the Mayor, the State Legislature, or the Governor. Encourage them to pass a proclamation/resolution that recognizes December 21 as **National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day** and describes homelessness as a continuing and serious issue that must be resolved (see sample proclamations below).

For Additional Homeless Memorial Day Resources:

Please visit <http://www.nhchc.org/memorialday.html> to see resources and useful links from the 2007 **National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day**.



Indianapolis Memorial, Dec. 19, 2008.

*Photo courtesy of Coalition for Homelessness
Intervention and Prevention.*

2008 Memorial Day Event Locations

In 2008, more than 110 different communities across the United States and Canada held National Homeless Memorial Day events.

Alabama – Mobile

Arizona – Tempe, Tucson

Arkansas – Little Rock

California – Isla Vista, Lancaster, Los Angeles (Santa Monica, Studio City, Van Nuys), Modesto, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Cruz, Ventura

Colorado – Colorado Springs, Denver, Pueblo

Connecticut – Bridgeport, Hartford, Middletown, New Britain, New London, Norwich

Delaware – Wilmington

District of Columbia – Washington, Alexandria (VA)

Florida – Charlotte County, Citrus County, Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Homsassa Springs, Hudson, Key West, Melbourne, Miami, Naples, Orlando, Pinellas, Tallahassee, Tampa, West Palm Beach

Georgia – Atlanta

Hawaii – Honolulu

Idaho – Boise



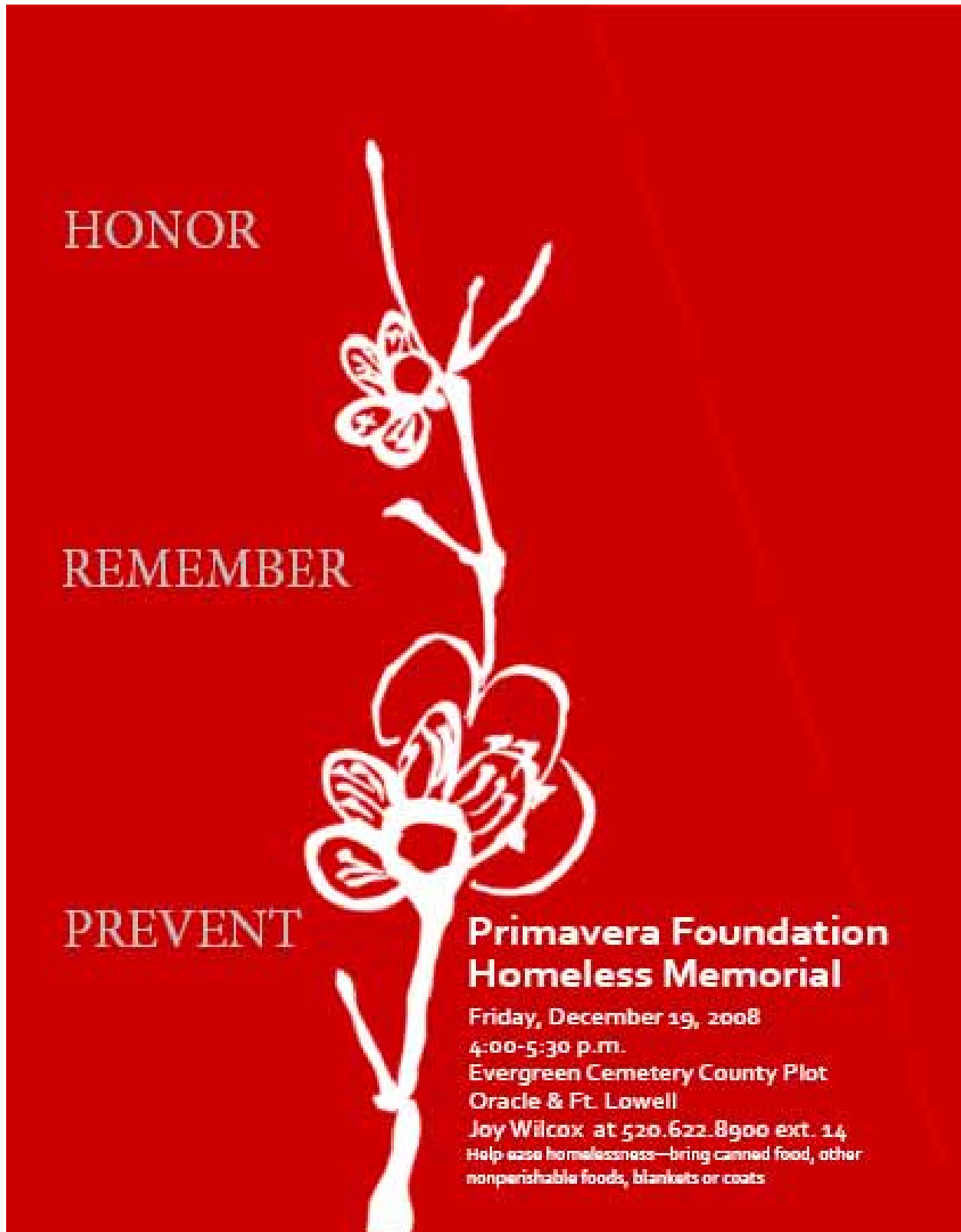
Safe Ground Homeless March in Sacramento, CA, Dec. 23, 2008.

Photo courtesy of MC, Indybay

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Illinois – Chicago, Rockford
Indiana – Evansville, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Kokomo
Kansas – Wichita
Kentucky – Lexington-Fayette
Louisiana – New Orleans
Maine – Bangor, Lewiston, Portland
Maryland – Baltimore
Massachusetts – Boston, Hyannis (Cape Cod), Worcester
Michigan – Traverse City
Minnesota – Duluth, Minneapolis, Red Lake
Mississippi – Jackson
Missouri – St. Joseph, St. Louis
Montana – Billings (Yellowstone County), Helena
Nebraska – Omaha
Nevada – Carson City, Las Vegas, Reno
New Hampshire – Claremont, Concord, Keene, Laconia, Lebanon, Manchester, Nashua
New Jersey – Atlantic City, Camden
New Mexico – Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Santa Fe
New York – Monroe County, New York City
North Carolina – Asheville, Durham, Greensboro
Ohio – Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton
Oklahoma – Tulsa
Pennsylvania – Philadelphia, Wilkes-Barre
Rhode Island – Providence
South Carolina – Charleston
South Dakota – Sioux Falls
Tennessee – Memphis, Nashville
Texas – Austin, Bryan/College Station, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Lubbock, San Antonio
Utah – Salt Lake City
Vermont – Burlington
Virginia – Charlottesville/Richmond, Norfolk
Washington – Bremerton, Olympia, Yakima
Wisconsin – Kenosha, LaCrosse, Racine
Wyoming – Casper, Cheyenne

Sample Flyers and Agendas



Homeless Persons' Memorial & Candlelight Vigil



Following the first day of winter and the longest night of the year, please join us in remembering our homeless brothers and sisters who died during 2008.

Monday, December 22 from 5:30pm–6:00pm
Pioneer Park
400 West 400 South

Sponsored by the Salt Lake County Homeless Coordinating Council, advocating for homeless persons by coordinating services, sharing information, and increasing public awareness.

For more information, contact Joseph Dane at joseph@fourthstreetclinic.org or 801.205.9696

We gather to remember:

Individuals who died on the street or emergency shelter:

Samuel Akontar . Juan Baltazar . David Patrick Bleda . Delcie Bowman .
 George Allen Briley . Tiso D. Cabalaza . Kim Callahan . William R. Cleveland .
 Gregory A. Cole . Jeff Coung . David Crema . Norman Cushing .
 Richard A. Delos Angeles . John Doe . Jane Doe . Richard Dutra . Larry Ray Farley .
 Tammy Fournier . Bernardo Gonzales . Carlos Gonzales . James Patrick Grover .
 Cynthia Hendricson . JimmieHudjins . Erica Dawn Hyde . Daniel Van Kafalas .
 Robert Labes . Chung San Lee . Oswaldo Javier Lopez . Patricia Lopez .
 Luis Lorenzo . Christopher Mieswinkal . David Miranda . Lois Moore .
 MaryAnn Theresa Morgan . Gilbert T. Munoz . Phung Kim Ngo . Hal Nguyen .
 Michelle Nunez . Nathan Ooka . Robert Ostrickle . Charles Lane Pitt .
 Pantilo Prado . Gary E Reynolds . Scott Riddell . Arthur W. Roy .
 Romano Peter Salinas . Fahmi Abdullah Sarahi . Walter Ford Schneider .
 Eljillo Rodriguez Silva . James Slinger . Sharon Souza . Robert D. Starr .
 Kenneth Stewart . Timothy Aaron Stovall . Todd Strebe . Ronald Irwin Studer .
 Michael Raymond Taylor . David Robert Thomas . David A. Tomlinson .
 Ba Van Trang . Antonio Valdez . Terry Valladao . Bulmaro Valdezarez, J .
 Felix Villalba, Jr. . Maria Warner . Thomas White .

Individuals who died in transitional or permanent housing
 for the formerly homeless:

Joe Barfield . Dorothy Burrow . Chris Chase . Cornell Conley . Oscar Franco .
 Henry Houghton . May Jimenez . Ron Kerr . Beverly Nesbit . Van Nguyen . John
 Sanchez . Richard Stasi . Brad Sullivan . Star Thibaud
 William Vaughn . Ruby White .

Reflections

Program

Welcome
 Jennifer Lowing, EHC Lifebuilders

Vision

Mayor Chuck Reed, City of San Jose

Community

Jim McEntee Lifebuilder Award

Honoree:

Pete Kutras, County Executive (ret.), Santa Clara County
 Presented by:
 Supervisor Don Gage, Santa Clara County

Reflection and Prayer

Pastor Cal Cook, Golden Altar Ministries

Honoring the Deceased

Reading of the Names:

Chris Block, Charities Housing Development
 Candace Capogrossi, Housing Authority

Lorena Collins, Invision

Trish Crowder, Families Supportive Housing

Emily Harrison, Office of the County Executive, Santa Clara County

Leslye Krutka, Department of Housing, City of San Jose

Cindy Lemus, Coroner's Office, Santa Clara County

Michael Lipman, Valley Homeless Healthcare Program

"Angel"

Performed by Channa Guzman

Written by Sarah McLachlan

Closing Remarks

Jennifer Lowing, EHC Lifebuilders

Please join us for a simple lunch following the program.



Sample Press Releases



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

EHC LIFEBUILDERS TO HOLD MEMORIAL FOR 82 MEN AND WOMEN WHO DIED WHILE HOMELESS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Agency notes 26% increase in homeless street deaths compared to the same time last year

SAN JOSE, Calif., December 16, 2008 – EHC LifeBuilders, the largest provider of homeless shelter and services in Santa Clara County, announced today that it will memorialize 82 men and women who died while homeless or in housing for formerly homeless over the past year. For almost a decade, EHC has compiled this list working with local homeless providers and the Santa Clara County Coroner's office. The list includes individuals who died while living on the street or emergency shelter, as well as individuals who died while living in transitional or permanent housing for the formerly homeless. The list from the Coroner's office indicates a 26% increase in the number of street deaths in 2008, compared to the same number of deaths last year (41 in 2007 vs. 55 in 2008).

EHC will host a memorial to honor those who died this Wednesday, December 17th from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Boccardo Reception Center at 2011 Little Orchard Street in San Jose. Over 100 people are expected to attend the event which reflects on the lives of those who died while homeless and celebrates the community's continuing commitment towards creating a society without homelessness. The event will include comments from San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed, Santa Clara County Supervisor Don Gage, and Pastor Cal Cook from Golden Altar Ministries. Retired Santa Clara County Executive Pete Kutras will be honored for his long-time support of homeless services with the Jim McEntee LifeBuilder Award. Eight representatives from local homeless services providers and government entities will read the names of the deceased.

"It is important for us to remember the humanity of those we serve by reflecting on their lives," said Jennifer Loving, CEO of EHC LifeBuilders. "In looking at this year's deaths, it's

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tragic to note that the ages range from 18-76, that every major ethnicity in our community is represented, and that deaths occurred in all but one city in our County. This demonstrates that no one is exempt from homelessness and that as a community, we must continue to work to end the preventable tragedy of homelessness.”

The event underscores the urgent crisis faced by 18,000 men, women, and children who experience an episode of homelessness in Santa Clara County each year. The event is held in conjunction with National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day which is traditionally held of December 21st – the longest and coldest day of the year.

About EHC LifeBuilders

EHC LifeBuilders, a 501(c)(3) public benefit corporation, is a leading provider of shelter, housing opportunities and supportive services to people in crisis and those experiencing homelessness in Santa Clara County. At several locations throughout Silicon Valley, EHC LifeBuilders offers supportive services and housing to assist clients in their efforts to regain independence. For more information about EHC LifeBuilders or to make a donation, please visit www.ehclifebuilders.org or call (408) 539-2103.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 15, 2008
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Oahu community to mourn friends and family who died without shelter

Houseless individuals, social service providers, faith-based organizations and the general public will gather together this Friday, Dec. 19, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. at Kaumakapili Church in Kalihi to remember and honor people who died without shelter in Hawaii this year.

The event marks Oahu's participation in National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day, which has been commemorated annually since 1990 on or near the first day of winter (and the longest night of the year) to bring attention to the tragedy of homelessness across the country. In 2007, more than 100 memorials in cities from Seattle to Detroit to Washington, D.C. were held to remember those who paid the ultimate price for our nation's failure to end homelessness, and to recommit to that vital task.

On Oahu, National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day is coordinated by Street Beat, the newspaper for and by Hawaii's people without housing. In the U.S., the National Coalition for the Homeless (NCH) and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council (NHCHC) are co-sponsors.

Locally, activities will include remarks by friends and family who have lost loved ones to homelessness, free food and entertainment, Christmas presents for the *keiki* and blankets, towels, clothing and toiletries for all, a candlelight ceremony, and prize drawings for gift certificates and other goodies.

To donate much-needed items or volunteer help, call Sherry Patinio at 946-9324 or Ron Musrasrik at 351-7759, or email sbhawaii@yahoo.com. For more information about the event, call Linda Day at 489-5123.

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National Coalition for the Homeless' 19th Annual Nationwide Memorial for Those Who Died Homeless in 2008

MEDIA ADVISORY

Embargoed Until: December 21, 2008

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MEMORIAL AND VIGIL TO HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED HOMELESS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Washington, DC- In conjunction with National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day on **Sunday, December 21st**, people experiencing homelessness, local and national advocates will hold a candlelight vigil from **7:00 – 7:45pm at Columbus Plaza in front of Union Station.**

Join inspirational jazz/gospel composer, musician and harp master Jeff Majors at the Homeless Persons' Memorial Day Vigil in Washington, DC in front of Union Station on December 21st - the first day of winter and the longest night of the year when communities throughout the country will mark the deaths of homeless people during 2008 in a series on memorial services.

The event will include remarks from DC City Officials, testimonials by homeless advocates, readings from formerly homeless poets, prayers, a performance by Christ House A cappella Group and a candlelight vigil with a reading of the names of those who have died homeless in the DC metro region this year.

For the past 19 years, **National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day** has been observed on December 21st. The National Coalition for the Homeless, National Consumer Advisory Board and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council are co-sponsoring the day to bring attention to the tragedy of homelessness and to remember our homeless friends who have paid the ultimate price for our nation's failure to end homelessness. Last year, more than 100 cities from Los Angeles to Boston, from Atlanta to Indianapolis sponsored events to honor those who died and to recommit ourselves to the task of ending homelessness.

National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day events include candlelight vigils featuring the readings of names of those who have died, proclamations by local public officials, marches, public discussions and prayer services. Each event is organized by community shelters, health care providers, and advocacy coalitions. In 2007, over 96 communities conducted Memorial Day events in over 36 states plus the Virgin Islands, Canada, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia.

For information on events that are taking place across the country or to add your event to the list go to our website:

<http://www.nationalhomeless.org/getinvolved/projects/memorial/index.html>

You can also get a copy of the Memorial Day Poster, a list of 2007 vigils and a report titled "Dying Without Dignity" (published December 21st 2007) and other background information on National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day.

WHAT: Memorial and Vigil for 19th National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day

Including: candlelight vigil, poetry and prayer.

WHEN: Sunday, December 21st, 2008, 7:00-7:45pm

WHERE: Columbus Plaza in front of Union Station

For more information please contact Michael O'Neill at
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Sponsors: National Coalition for the Homeless, National Consumer Advisory Board, National Health Care for the Homeless Council, Coalition of Housing and Homeless Organizations (COHHO), Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless

Sample State Proclamations

**State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
John Lynch, Governor**

A Proclamation

**HOMELESS MEMORIAL DAY
December 21, 2005**

WHEREAS, Adequate housing is essential for healthy families and communities; and

WHEREAS, Soaring housing costs and a shortage of both rental and single-family housing stock make housing inaccessible to increasing numbers of New Hampshire residents, many of whom are working full-time; and

WHEREAS, Last year 6,672 people, a quarter of whom were children, were housed in our state's emergency shelters and almost 10,000 were turned away for lack of available beds; and

WHEREAS, Untold numbers of homeless families are living with relatives or friends; and

WHEREAS, Too many people die alone each year in the cold; and

WHEREAS, December 21, 2005 is the 10th annual National Homeless Memorial Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN H. LYNCH, Governor of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim December 21, 2005 as Homeless Memorial Day in New Hampshire, and urge all citizens to work together so that all of us have at least basic shelter.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Concord, this 8th day of December, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and five, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and twenty-nine.

John H. Lynch
Governor

The State of Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, adequate housing is essential for healthy families and communities; and

WHEREAS, housing has become increasingly inaccessible due to rising costs and a shortage of rental and single family housing; and

WHEREAS, every member of society, including individuals experiencing homelessness, deserves the dignity of safe, decent, accessible, and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, nationwide each year, an estimated 3.5 million people experience homelessness, with an estimated 45,600 homeless people in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, December 21 has been designated National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day by the National Coalition for the Homeless; and

WHEREAS, in this season of generosity and sharing, citizens of Washington State are encouraged to commit themselves to promoting compassion and concern for all, especially for the poor and homeless; and

WHEREAS, remembering that winter poses extreme hardships for homeless people, the National Coalition for the Homeless and the Washington State Coalition for the Homeless will hold memorial services for those who died in 2005 because of conditions associated with homelessness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim December 21, 2005, as

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In Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 13th day of December, 2005

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

Sample City/County Resolutions



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the winter poses extreme hardship for inadequately housed low-income men, women and children in Kenosha; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of the holiday season of giving provides an opportunity for affirmation and renewal regarding the commitment to end homelessness; and

WHEREAS, December 21st has been designated National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day by the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, and is so recognized by cities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, in this season of generosity and sharing, citizens of Kenosha are encouraged to commit themselves to promoting compassion and concern for all brothers and sisters, especially those who are poor and homeless.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEITH G. BOSMAN, Mayor of the City of Kenosha, Wisconsin do hereby proclaim December 21st, 2008 as

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in the City of Kenosha and hereby ask all citizens to take a moment of silence in remembering those who have died homeless and encourage our citizens to support all local efforts to eliminate homelessness in our community.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto placed my hand and caused the seal of the City to be affixed this 12th day of December, 2008.


KEITH G. BOSMAN
Mayor

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City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 071109)

RESOLUTION

Philadelphia City Council Resolution Designating December 20, 2007 as National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day.

WHEREAS, The winter poses extreme hardship for inadequately housed low-income men, women, and children in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, The spirit of the holiday season of giving provides an opportunity for affirmation and renewal regarding the commitment to end homelessness; and

WHEREAS, December 20th has been designated National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day by the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, and is so recognized by cities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, In this season of generosity and sharing, citizens of Philadelphia are encouraged to commit themselves to promoting compassion and concern for all brothers and sisters, especially those who are poor and homeless; and

WHEREAS, In remembering those who have died on the streets, the cause of ending homelessness is kept urgent as is the city's/county's collective commitment to preventing such deaths in the future; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby declare December 20, 2007 National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day, in recognition of the people who have died on our streets, in our emergency shelters, and in condemned or abandoned properties, from ailments or conditions directly related to homelessness; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Homeless Advocacy Project as a sincere expression of this Council's appreciation for the Homeless Advocacy Project's work to end homelessness.

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RESOLUTION NO. 071109 continued

CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the sixth of December, 2007.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Blackwell

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Blackwell, Greenlee, Clarke, Reynolds Brown, Ramos, Campbell, Kenney, Rizzo, DiCicco, O'Neill, Miller, Kelly, Tasco, Goode, Krajewski and Savage

_____ **City Council/County Commission Resolution**
Designating December 21, 2007 as
National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day

WHEREAS, the winter poses extreme hardship for inadequately housed low-income men, women, and children in _____; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of the holiday season of giving provides an opportunity for affirmation and renewal regarding the commitment to end homelessness; and

WHEREAS, December 21st has been designated National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day by the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, and is so recognized by cities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, in this season of generosity and sharing, citizens of _____ are encouraged to commit themselves to promoting compassion and concern for all brothers and sisters, especially those who are poor and homeless; and

WHEREAS, In remembering those who have died on the streets, the cause of ending homelessness is kept urgent as is the city's/county's collective commitment to preventing such deaths in the future, now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL/COUNTY COMMISSION OF _____,
That we hereby declare December 21, 2007 National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day, in recognition of the people who have died on our streets, in our emergency shelters, and in condemned or abandoned properties, from ailments or conditions directly related to homelessness.

President of City Council/County
Commission

Introduced by: _____

Sponsored by Council Members: _____

Highlights of 2008 Memorial Day Events

ALABAMA

MOBILE—Mobile residents lit candles in commemoration of the dozens of homeless people who died this year. The event was held at the Franklin Primary Healthcare for the Homeless (HCH) Center, where free health care is accessible for people that are homeless. The service included prayer, reflections, litany, music, and ended with refreshments and gift bags for HCH clients.

ARIZONA

TEMPE—A memorial service was held at Desert Palm United Church of Christ for people in Maricopa County who died homeless this year. People brought blankets and sleeping bags to donate to help the homeless. The service was coordinated by the Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program (I-HELP), which is comprised of more than 20 Tempe faith communities that offer shelter, meals and connections to community services to the homeless.

TUCSON—An interfaith service featuring music, testimonials by elected officials, reflections and blessings by friends and relatives, and a trumpet performance of Taps, honored 128 homeless men and women of Pima County who died between Nov. 2007 and Oct. 2008.

ARKANSAS

LITTLE ROCK— The Arkansas Homeless Coalition held a multi-denominational memorial service at Little Rock's River Market Pavilion. During the service, 15 balloons were released to represent the 15 known homeless people who died in Little Rock in 2008. Also during the service, Rev. Fred Ball of San Damiano Ecumenical Catholic Church read a litany with the assistance of Sheli Nordman. Approximately 30 people attended the service.

CALIFORNIA

ISLA VISTA—St. Athanasius Orthodox Church and St. Brigid Fellowship, a homeless outreach ministry, hosted a memorial service, a dinner, and an all-night vigil and safe-sleeping event.

LANCASTER— Grace Resources, a local organization which provides food and various goods to the homeless and other low-income peoples, held a memorial service for the homeless that passed away in 2008.

LOS ANGELES (STUDIO CITY)—L.A. Coalition to End Hunger and Homelessness held a memorial vigil to remember the 393 people who died homeless in Los Angeles County this year. All 393 names were read during the ceremony followed by "Presente."

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LOS ANGELES (VAN NUYS)—St. Mark's Episcopal Church hosted a memorial service with guest speaker Michael Menchaca. Mr. Menchaca preached on the topic of “Birthing Christ Into a Cold, Dark World” and facilitated a discussion on homelessness in L.A. As part of the Prayers for the People, the names of those who have died on the street were read, “celebrating them as part of the human family and commending their souls to God.”

MODESTO—The Modesto memorial offered donated clothes and toiletries, coffee and cake to the local homeless community. The service included candle lighting, a reading of the names of those who died, musical performances, and a moment of silence. Members of the Most Envied motorcycle club donated thousands of pounds of clothes that were distributed at the event.

SACRAMENTO—The Safe Ground Homeless March began at the Sacramento Loaves & Fishes and ended at Cesar Chavez Park, where a press conference and rally were held. About 250 to 300 people attended the march and the rally which advocated for safe, legal places with proper sanitation for those who are homeless. Several people spoke about those who died and what can be done to ensure that the homeless people of Sacramento have safe places to live. The names of 27 people who passed away in 2008 were read at the park. The event was organized by the Sacramento Homeless Organizing Committee's Homeless Leadership Project members; it was the first action of their Safe Ground Campaign.

SAN FRANCISCO—San Francisco Network Ministries and the Coalition on Homelessness have co-sponsored an Interfaith Memorial for the homeless, an event held for nearly 20 years. This year's service was hosted by Rev. Glenda Hope.

SAN JOSE—A candle was lit for each of the 82 names that were read in a ceremony at the Boccardo Reception Center. More than 100 people attended, including San Jose Mayor Chuck, who called for the community to re-dedicate itself to ending homelessness.

SANTA CRUZ—Friends and family of the homeless attended Santa Cruz's 10th annual memorial service to honor not only the 20 homeless and more than a dozen formerly homeless individuals who died in 2008, but all of the recorded 358 homeless deaths in Santa Cruz since 1999.

VENTURA—Two dozen homeless people of Ventura County joined about 75 others who gathered in the pavilion in Plaza Park to honor the 20 homeless people who were known to have died there in 2008. Hot drinks, cookies, and bags with personal items were provided by a local church's youth group. Donations of blankets, jackets and bedrolls were welcomed. The service was sponsored by the Universalist Unitarian Church in Santa Paula and the Unitarian Universalist Church in Ventura.

A small service was also held at the Simi Valley Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS), a temporary overnight shelter, in remembrance of three homeless men who died.

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COLORADO

COLORADO SPRINGS—The Longest Night Of The Year Memorial Service, hosted by the Salvation Army Soup Run memorialized the 44 homeless men, woman and children who died in El Paso County last year. The Salvation Army collected warm clothes on Friday, December 19, which were then handed out to the city's homeless at the "Longest Night" candlelight vigil on Sunday, December 21. Participants shared soup with those who regularly frequent the Soup Run, and then participated in a candlelight procession to Bijou House. There were also prayers, singing, and reflection at the Memorial Wall.

The Street Church hosted a memorial service on December 21 at Antlers Park. Eight persons who died on the streets in 2008 were remembered. The service included a reading of names, live music, a speaker/columnist from the Gazette newspaper, and dinner. Seventy people attended the service which was covered by two local news outlets. Michael Stoops, NCH executive director, joined The Street Church for a live, 60-minute interview on internet radio.

DENVER— The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, along with Mayor John Hickenlooper of Denver, hosted the annual Homeless Persons' Memorial Vigil. The Vigil was attended by over 100 people, and was held on the steps of the Denver City and County Building. Participants read the names of 164 people that lived and died on the streets in Colorado in 2008. After each name they recited the phrase, "We will remember." Joining CCH President John Parvensky and Mayor John Hickenlooper at the ceremony were Dr. Gary Bowser (First Baptist Church of Denver), Reverend Cynthia James (Mile Hi Church), Randle Loeb, and four members of the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless' Consumer Advisory Board. Each member of the audience lit a candle in honor of those who died on the streets of Denver.

PUEBLO— Union Depot in Pueblo, Colorado, housed the fourth annual service to memorialize homeless or formerly homeless community members that passed away in the previous year. The service, held annually the Tuesday after Memorial Day, was attended by one hundred people and honored fifteen.

CONNECTICUT

BRIDGEPORT— The Southwest Community Health Center's McKinney Health Care for the Homeless Program and the Bridgeport Rescue Mission held its 4th annual community memorial service in honor of homeless citizens who passed away in 2008. Various leaders from the Southwest Community Health Center, Bridgeport Rescue Mission, and Taste and See Ministries participated in the service. Around 60 people attended the service, during which the names of 16 homeless people were read and flowers were placed in a wreath. Proclamations were read by Bridgeport Mayor Bill Finch and a representative of Governor M. Jodi Rell. Bridgeport Rescue Mission provided meals after the service.

HARTFORD—A candlelight memorial service was held at Trinity Episcopal Church on December 19. The event included a litany and a dinner. Participants read a litany in order to remember those who died homeless, those who are still experiencing homelessness, and those volunteers and advocates who helped them along the way. The event was co-

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sponsored by Loaves and Fishes, Charter Oak Health Center, and Trinity Episcopal Church.

MIDDLETOWN—Mark Masselli, CEO of the Community Health Center, Inc., Lydia Brewster, of the Coalition to End Homelessness, Sebastian Giuliano, mayor of Middletown, Ron Krom, executive director of St. Vincent DePaul, Howard Reid, executive director of CT River Valley Services, Anthony Gaunichaux and Neil Greenway, of American Legion Post 206, and John Sarno and Azure Smikle of the Middletown area spoke at the candlelight vigil and memorial service at the Church of the Holy Trinity. The service included music, tea and hot chocolate, and donated bags filled with essential items.

NEW BRITAIN—Timothy Stewart, mayor of New Britain, Greg Howey, chairman of Okay Industries, Ellen Perkins Simpson, executive director of the Friendship Center, Congressman Chris Murphy and State Senator Donald DeFronzo spoke at the candlelight vigil at Erwin Chapel. The service included music, tea and hot chocolate, and donated bags filled with essential items.

NEW LONDON—Sixty New Londoners gathered at St. James Episcopal Church to commemorate those who died homeless in the last three years. Rev. Carolyn Patierno read the names of 11 men, seven of whom died in 2008. A reception was held after the memorial service, at which current homeless people discussed their own experiences on the streets and in the St. James Church Shelter. In preparation for this event, Mayor Wade Hyslop proclaimed December 21 to be “Homeless Memorial Day” in New London.

NORWICH—A vigil was held at Howard T. Brown Memorial Park to remember five homeless people who died this year, as well as others who have died in the Norwich area in the past few years. Two dozen people, including Mayor Benjamin Lathrop and Rev. Greg Perry, walked from the hospitality center to the park next to Norwich Harbor.

DELAWARE

WILMINGTON—A Spiritual Awakenings prayer meeting, a dinner and a clothing giveaway took place at Girls, Inc. in Wilmington. A second memorial service was held at House of Joseph II.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON—The 19th Annual National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day Vigil on December 21 was hosted by the National Coalition for the Homeless, the National Health Care for the Homeless Council and the National Consumer Advisory Board. The vigil included testimonials, music, and poetry. Francine Triplett, a Street Sense vendor and member of NCH's Speaker's Bureau, and Michael O'Neill, NCH's director of the Faces of Homelessness Speakers' Bureau, read the names of the 52 homeless men and women who died in the D.C. area in 2008.

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FLORIDA

CHARLOTTE COUNTY (MURDOCK CITY)—The Charlotte County Collective (C3) held a candlelight vigil at Genesis Center for the deceased homeless persons of Murdock. After the vigil, meals were provided. Eleven people, including three United States Military veterans, were memorialized with a permanent plaque at the center.

CITRUS COUNTY—The Hunger and Homeless Coalition of Citrus County, Inc. held a memorial event that began with an announcement of those homeless persons who died on their streets in 2008. A VFW Honor Guard raised the American flag and later returned it to half-mast. After, a rifle volley and Taps blown. A candlelit ceremony followed.

FORT LAUDERDALE—The Coalition to End Homelessness held a memorial event in the City of Fort Lauderdale parking garage, next to City Hall. This event included a complete lunch, live entertainment, haircuts, holiday gifts and other gifts.

Approximately 550 homeless persons attended the memorial, receiving a free sit-down lunch and coffee. They were offered backpacks filled with flashlights, t-shirts, underwear, socks, rain ponchos, radio, shampoo, soap, deodorant, razors, band-aids, wipes, etc. They also had a table of clothing and blankets that they distributed. Honoring homeless people who had passed away during the year, they created signs and held them up during a march in downtown Fort Lauderdale.

A Broward County memorial began at noon on Saturday, December 20 outside First Baptist Church.

FORT MYERS—The Lee County Homeless Coalition's 12th Annual Candlelight Vigil was held on the steps of the Old Lee County Courthouse in Fort Myers. This year's vigil was dedicated to Dean Blietz, who passed away in July 2008. The vigil included opening remarks by Janet Bartos, coordinator of the Lee County Homeless Coalition, and Allan Bratton, chairman of the Community Awareness and Education Task Force. Father Robert Browning provided the opening prayer and Christian Allmendinger performed Taps. The 16 known homeless men and women who died in Lee County in 2008 were honored with readings and music in front of a crowd of about 160.

HUDSON (PASCO COUNTY)—A memorial service took place at the Gulf Coast Community Care shelter. A list of the names of the homeless people who passed away in Pasco County in the past two years was displayed from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. The event ended with a balloon release which served as a remembrance to these people. The Homeless Memorial Day service featured live music by Red X, a Christian praise band. Among those in attendance was Pasco County Commissioner Pat Mulieri.

KEY WEST—The Florida Keys Outreach Coalition for the Homeless dedicated a recently acquired vault at the historic Key West Cemetery to as many as 300 individuals who died homeless and without family or friends to claim their remains. Clergy associated with the Outreach Coalition, in partnership with the Southernmost Homeless Assistance League and

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Monroe County Social Services, conducted an internment service for 11 individuals who died homeless or indigent in Monroe County in the last months of 2008. The cremated remains were then placed in a common vault maintained by the County.

MELBOURNE—A memorial service was hosted by Daily Bread, which feeds an average of 250 people per day. The event began with an opening by the ranking officer of Salvation Army, and included prayer and Scripture read by eight clergy of different denominations (Christian and Jewish) and the singing of Amazing Grace by a pastor. The names of the 12 homeless who died this year were read and put onto a cross. It ended with a wreath laying ceremony, benediction by a pastor and the playing of Taps.

MIAMI—A candlelight vigil was held, during which Tuwannah Gaitor sang *I'm Gonna Be Ready*, dedicating it to her late husband who died after living on the streets. The 121 names of local homeless and formerly homeless people who died this year were read during the memorial. The service was hosted by the Miami Coalition for the Homeless, the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust and the Homeless/Formerly Homeless Forum.

NAPLES—Eighty people attended a candlelight vigil in the St. Matthew's House courtyard. The vigil began with a moment of silence and a prayer to commemorate the 14 homeless people who died here in 2008. The group sang songs, and then went inside for the shelter's annual Christmas party.

ORLANDO—A memorial was held December 17 at the First Presbyterian Church of Orlando, honoring the 24 homeless people who died in Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties last year. This is the seventh year that the Homeless Services Network of Central Florida has sponsored this event.

A memorial was also held outside Orlando City Hall on December 21. The third annual event included prayers, music, speeches from local clergy and lawyers working on issues of homelessness, and a reading of 30 names of homeless individuals who died this year in Central Florida. The service was in remembrance of Kelley Kilpatrick Caruso who was the founder of a grassroots organization that provides services to the homeless. One of the sponsors, Orlando Food Not Bombs, also provided food for the 100 people who attended.

PINELLAS—Four interfaith memorial services were coordinated by the Pinellas County Coalition for the Homeless (PCCH) for 22 deceased homeless persons. The services included readings from scriptures, music by local choruses, eulogies, and candlelit remembrances, followed by hot meals and the distribution of donated socks and toiletries.

An hour after William "Pops" Schumate left St. Petersburg's second annual Homeless Persons' Memorial Day event, where he read a passage from the Bible in honor of his fellow homeless friends and neighbors, nine teenagers attacked him and his son, who are both living on the streets. Shumate suffered a minor concussion, broken nose, black eye, damaged ear drum, and scratches and bruises.

TALLAHASSEE— The Big Bend Homeless Coalition held their Homeless Person's Memorial Service on December 21 from 5pm-6pm at Carter-Howell-Strong Park, a park where many individuals who experience homelessness go during the evening hours. Eric

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Camil, a local pastor in Tallahassee, as well as an avid advocate for those experiencing homelessness, led the service. He began by welcoming all those in attendance and bringing everybody together to sing Amazing Grace. The names of those who had passed away this year were then spoken aloud. After a scripture reading and the sharing of stories about those who had passed, food and fellowship was enjoyed by the approximately 25 attendees. Six individuals who passed away in 2008 were honored, in addition to Kay Freeman, the Executive Director of the Big Bend Homeless Coalition, who passed away in October of 2008 from a brain aneurism at the age of 60.

TAMPA—The Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough County held an interfaith memorial candle service for the 42 men and 11 women (including a 1-month-old girl) who died homeless there. About 140 people attended the service, which included music and remarks by several religious leaders. A candle was lit for each of the homeless neighbors whose name was known, and a large candle was lit in honor of those whose names were unknown. Sleeping bags, blankets, hygiene kits and snacks were handed out to the homeless individuals who attended.

WEST PALM BEACH— Project Connect hosted an event on November 21, in observance of National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week. Approximately 240 people attended this event, which provided homeless people with free access to identification cards, haircuts, phone calls, food, and health screenings. Clothing, small household items and hygiene kits were available to the homeless who attended. The event concluded with a memorial service held for the homeless who have died in Palm Beach County.

GEORGIA

ATLANTA—On December 19, Saint Joseph's hosted its third annual National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day Candlelight Vigil in the Mercy Care Services parking lot. Participants gathered to sing songs and read the names of those without homes who died that year in the City of Atlanta. During the vigil, Jay Tribby, representing Councilman Kwanza Hall, read a proclamation in honor of National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day. The event drew approximately 125 community guests, including many of the homeless that Saint Joseph's serve, as well as individuals from local agencies, churches, Saint Joseph's Health System, the state legislature and city government. Following the final blessing, homeless individuals and others in need were invited to receive gifts—coats, blankets, scarves, and hats that had been donated by a number of organizations.

HAWAII

HONOLULU— Street Beat, a local street newspaper, held its memorial service at Kaumakapili Church Hall in Kalihi. The event included free lunch, live entertainment, prize drawings, and a candlelight ceremony. Family members and friends of those who passed away in 2008 spoke about their loss and shared their memories with the community. Community participants were asked to bring clothing, toiletries and Christmas gifts to be distributed to the homeless Honolulu citizens.

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ILLINOIS

CHICAGO—Several Heartland Health Outreach groups held a memorial in the Lumumba Room of its Health Center in honor of those who died due to homelessness in 2008. The walls were decorated with eight evergreen wreaths from a local farm—seven wreaths were labeled with the name of someone who died this year who had once received health care from HHO Primary Care, and the last wreath had a blank name, in honor of all of the unknown homeless people who passed away in 2008. Thirty people attended the service, which included songs, poetry, and story sharing; some attendees offered names of additional people who passed away in 2008.



Chicago Memorial, Dec. 17, 2008.

Photo courtesy of Kathleen Kelleghan

ROCKFORD—Undeterred by the morning snowstorm, sixty people gathered for the “2008 Memorial Service For the Homeless,” an annual event in Rockford since 1990. The memorial was held at the day shelter Carpenter’s Place, and included a memorial poem, hymns, scripture, prayer, the reading of the names of the 12 deceased, and the lighting of a candle for each name by a homeless guest of Carpenter’s Place. The event was sponsored by Crusader Clinic Health Care for the Homeless.

INDIANA

EVANSVILLE—Aurora, Inc., a nonprofit effort that supports the homeless, held a memorial service at Trinity United Methodist Church which attracted approximately 60 community members. Following a musical prelude, the service began with the lighting of 59 white candles representing individuals who died while being homeless over the past 18 years. Seven candles were then lit, six of which represented the six men who passed away in 2008 and one of which signified all of the unknown homeless persons who died that year. Words of remembrance were shared by friends and service providers. The service included various speakers such as Rev. Al Amstutz (Trinity United Methodist Church), Rev. Kimron Reising (United Caring Shelters), Leah Garcia, and Luzada Hayes, executive director of Aurora.

FORT WAYNE—More than 50 people marched in temperatures of 2 degrees below zero from the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission to Headwaters Park, where they held hands and candles in a circle and remembered those who have passed. The event ended with a moment of silence. Afterwards, participants walked back to the Rescue Mission.

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INDIANAPOLIS—The Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention (CHIP) honored 38 local homeless neighbors who died this year at its 12th annual Homeless Persons' Memorial Service at Christ Church Cathedral. Following the service a lunch was held for homeless neighbors, service providers and volunteers. This year the service consisted of a responsive reading led by a service provider, a message from Mayor Gregory A. Ballard, a poem reading dedicated to those whose lives were lost, music performed by the church's girls' choir, and success stories shared by two formerly homeless individuals. The service concluded with a name reading ceremony, in which volunteers held candles in memory of each individual. A bookmark was also placed in the programs with the different names of the persons who passed away. When the person's name was read the people with that person's bookmark would stand. Eventually, all 300 people in attendance were standing.

KOKOMO—CAM, Inc. held its 11th annual memorial service on the porch of its building. People gathered together to remember and honor all of their friends and family members of CAM who passed away in 2008. Pastor Paul Sutherland spoke at the service. CAM staff members lit candles and shared memories of the 27 CAM Clients and Volunteers who have passed since their last memorial service.



Memorial in Kokomo, IN. Dec, 21, 2008.
Photo courtesy of Rev. Ruth Lawson.

KANSAS

WICHITA—The names of eight homeless people who died in the Wichita area last year were read at a candlelight memorial. Advocates to End Chronic Homelessness, a group working to create a 24/7 homeless shelter and resource center in Wichita, has hosted this event for the past 12 years.

KENTUCKY

LEXINGTON-FAYETTE—Hope Center's memorial event was held at George Privett Recovery Center and attracted approximately 75 people. The event was organized to remember and honor the more than 20 people that died homeless in this area. Each attendee brought an item of warm clothing or a loaf of bread.

LOUISIANA

NEW ORLEANS – The City of New Orleans Health Department, Healthcare for the Homeless Program, Unity of Greater New Orleans and local homeless service providers joined together to host a candlelight vigil in honor of the ten homeless persons that passed away in New Orleans in 2008. The vigil was held on December 19 at the Unity of Greater New Orleans and was attended by local public officials, homeless providers and the homeless population.

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MAINE

BANGOR— Penobscot Community Health Care organized its third annual Homeless Persons' Memorial Day event. There was a candlelight walk from Bangor Area Homeless Shelter to a nearby church, followed by a memorial service. The service included music, speakers, and a reading of the proclamation declaring December 21 as Homeless Persons' Memorial Day in Bangor. The service was followed by a time of fellowship with refreshments. Fifty-one people were honored at the ceremony, six of whom passed away in 2008. Approximately 75 people attended the service.

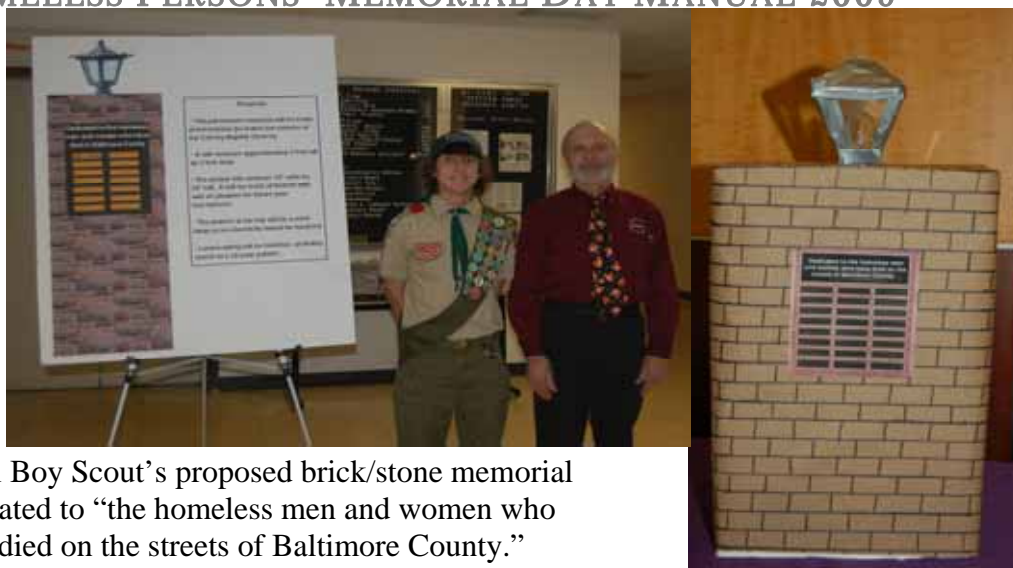
LEWISTON— The fourth annual Memorial Vigil in Lewiston was held on Monday. Forty people attended the candlelight vigil in honor of a young man who was stabbed to death alongside the river. The bitter cold and unplowed park forced the group to gather at the edge of the park, on the sidewalk alongside a main road during rush hour. The Salvation Army served hot soup that was donated by a local restaurant. The event was organized by the Lewiston-Auburn Alliance for Services to the Homeless.

PORTLAND— Despite the cold, about 150 people attended this memorial, an event that has taken place in Portland for about 10 years. A bagpipe player led a procession from Preble Street to Monument Square. Two people who have experienced homelessness spoke, and attendees took turns reading the names of and lighting candles for the 21 homeless people who passed away this year in Portland. The crowd sang a song written about homeless deaths, and the director of the Health and Human Services spoke. Afterwards, the square was filled with a huge bank of candles, and Mercy Hospital gave out cookies and hot chocolate. The event was hosted by Preble Street and the City of Portland.

MARYLAND

BALTIMORE— SHARP, a coalition working to “Stop Homelessness And Reduce Poverty” organized a public memorial service at Baltimore's Inner Harbor Amphitheatre to remember 47 men and women who died in 2008 without a regular place to stay. On December 10, a panel of service providers, advocates, and people experiencing homelessness participated in a public discussion on “Health Care as a Human Right” at Health Care for the Homeless. Free and open to the public, this policy forum is second in a series of three discussions in advance of National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day.

Franklin Square Hospital Center, Healthcare for the Homeless and Baltimore County Communities for the Homeless hosted a Memorial Service at the Crawford Conference Center to remember homeless citizens who lost their lives in 2008. The service included a memorial litany, music, readings and a personal story. Following the service, the 55 attendees participated in a silent candlelight vigil. They walked from Franklin Square's Kotzen Auditorium to the Eastern Family Resource Center, located on the hospital campus. Here they placed lights next to a memorial wall designed by a local Boy Scout. The vigil was followed by a light food reception. Participants brought canned goods to be donated to community homeless shelters.



Local Boy Scout's proposed brick/stone memorial dedicated to "the homeless men and women who have died on the streets of Baltimore County."

Photo courtesy of Caryn Koterwas

MASSACHUSETTS

BOSTON— St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral held its 19th Annual Memorial Service on the steps of the cathedral for people who died homeless in 2008. A candlelight vigil in solidarity with those who are still homeless began at sunset and continued throughout the night, with music and prayers offered periodically. The Cathedral also held an interfaith service, which included prayers and readings from several faith traditions, and speakers representing organizations that work to end homelessness. Speakers included Mr. Robert Pulster, Director of Massachusetts Interagency Council on Housing and Homelessness and Ms. Sharon Reilly, Executive Director of Women's Lunch Place.

The Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance held a memorial service at Church on the Hill (Swedenborgian). The interfaith service remembered those who died homeless in 2008 and included a name-reading ceremony and speakers such as State Representative Byron Rushing, Kip Tiernan, founder of Rosie's Place, and Bob Taube, executive director of Boston Healthcare for the Homeless Program. Handmade tombstones for each homeless individual lined the sanctuary of the church. After the service, faith leaders and community members gathered to light luminaries on the Boston Common.

HYANNIS (CAPE COD)— The Salvation Army's Overnight Program held a memorial service on the village green and an overnight "camp" of tents on the grounds of the Salvation Army. The service started with an introduction from Major Ralph Hansen and continued with a press conference. Afterwards, there was a Benefit Concert at the Federated Church in Hyannis, with all proceeds going towards helping the homeless through the Cape Cod Council of Churches. Following the concert was a Memorial Ceremony Program at The Federated Church and a social gathering at the Salvation Army for refreshments.

WORCESTER— Beginning December 17 and spanning three days, three vigils were held to commemorate the homeless who died in Worcester. The first vigil was held despite extremely cold weather. The second vigil was held in honor of Nancy, who was found

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dead outside near the location of the vigil. The third vigil was for Joyce Coughlin, 51, who was sexually assaulted before her body was found in a fire in Worcester.

A memorial service at the People in Peril shelter was dedicated to women who died homeless, and to raise awareness of sexual assault and other issues that make homelessness especially dangerous for women.

MICHIGAN

TRAVERSE CITY— A candlelight service was held at Safe Harbor Temporary Overnight Shelter. Sixty people, half of whom are in the Safe Harbor Program, attended the service. Remarks were made by Ryan Hannon, of Safe Harbor, and from Homer Nye, pastor of the Safe Harbor host Church. Homeless advocates Rich Tomey and Gene Fox read the names of the homeless who have died in this community—including 11 this year—and Safe Harbor's Tony Nelson read a poem he wrote about homelessness.

MINNESOTA



Memorial in Minnesota

Photo Courtesy of Eric Johnson

DULUTH—Churches United in Ministry held its annual Christmas Eve vigil at Duluth City Hall. Approximately 100 people gathered at the service to remember the homeless individuals who passed away in 2008. Following a speech by the mayor of Duluth, the names of the homeless citizens who died last year were read aloud.

MINNEAPOLIS—Three hundred people marched 2 ½ miles to remember the 130 homeless people who died in Minnesota this year. Some of the 300 marchers carried signs with a name, occasionally with the age and hometown of the deceased. The march ended at the Simpson United Methodist Church, where the signs were laid across the width of the altar and where 700 people listened to relatives, friends and advocates pay tribute to those who died. Dr. John Song (Univ. of Minnesota Medical School), Shelter

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Managers Brian Bozeman and Marti Malby, and Simpson Housing Services Executive Director Julie Manworren spoke at the service. Music included bag pipes, native drumming, and cello performances. A candle was lit as each name was read during the service, and members of the community were invited to an open-mic to share memories of people who passed away this year. Almost 400 people attended a community meal at Simpson Shelter that was provided by Bob Fallat and Excelsior United Methodist Church.

RED LAKE—The fifth annual memorial feast took place at 11 a.m. and a fire burned from dawn to dusk at Mishkwaa-ga-mii-wii-zaaga'iganiing Giiwishiiwigamig (the Red Lake Homeless Shelter at the Red Lake Indian Reservation), in honor of the men and women who died due to a lack of housing.

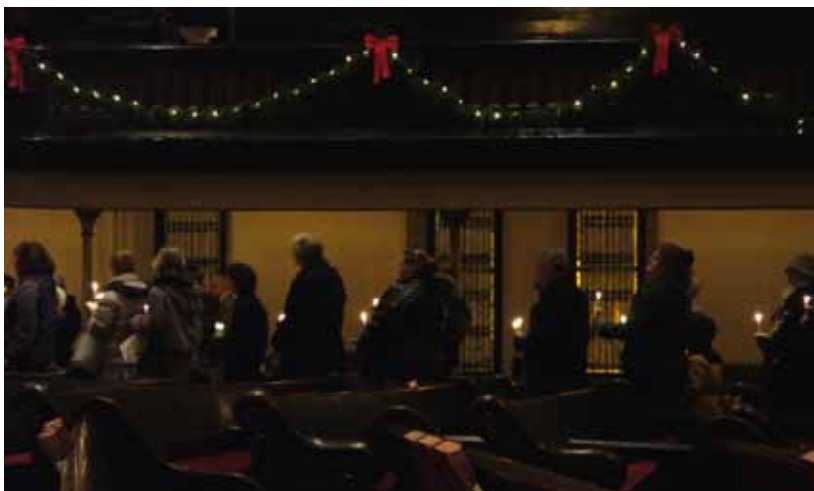
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JACKSON—A memorial service, named in honor of James Ivory, was held at the Opportunity Center day shelter in remembrance of the homeless people that died in Jackson last year. This event included a memorial service as well as a circle ceremony, complete with drumming, a special art project from Tony DiFatta and performances by Nurse Shirley Brown of the Ivory Homeless Clinic, and Mike Lewis, a homeless poet and painter. The service was sponsored by the Mississippi State Hospital Community Services, Stubbs Homeless Program and the Partners to End Homelessness Continuum of Care.

MISSOURI

ST. JOSEPH—Nearly 50 people participated in the 2008 Light the Night Walk along Sixth Street, a silent walk that began at the Salvation Army homeless shelter and ended at the Juda House shelter. The walk honored those living on the streets in St. Joseph, as well as the memory of the homeless and of two advocates of the homeless, Mike Feurt and Msgr. Richard Dierkes, who died last year. Blankets, sleeping bags, gloves, hats, socks, insulated coveralls and work boots were collected in order to be distributed at area shelters.

ST. LOUIS—A candlelight vigil and ecumenical memorial service honored the 30 who died homeless in St. Louis—many of whom died due to violence or health problems. Nearly 350 people attended this service, which included prayer, scripture, music, candle-lighting, several remarks, and the



St. Louis Memorial Service, Dec. 21, 2008.

Photo courtesy of Chase W. Oros

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reading of names. The service was followed by a dinner. The St. Louis community has organized this "Longest Night Service" for the past ten years, and has been hosted by Community Alternatives, Inc. for the past five years. Centenary CARES Outreach and more than 50 agencies in the city's Continuum of Care participated in this year's event.

MONTANA

BILLINGS (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)—A candlelight vigil was held on the lawn of the Yellowstone County Courthouse to remember homeless individuals who died in 2008, as well as to honor families with children without food and shelter. A proclamation declared homelessness a significant community concern, and the Yellowstone County Commission designated December 15 as Homeless Remembrance Day and the month of December as Homeless Awareness Month.

HELENA—The Helena Action Coalition on Homelessness hosted a memorial service at Women's Park on Monday, December 22. The memorial event included a balloon release, a moment of silence, music by Darryl Shortman, and dinner. The 29 balloons that were released signified the 29 lives lost in Montana in 2008 due to homelessness, 12 of which represented those from Helena.

NEBRASKA

OMAHA—Metro Area Continuum of Care for the Homeless is scheduled to host its annual memorial service on February 24, 2009. Forty people who died homeless in the continuum, which spans Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska as well as in Pottawattamie County in Iowa, will be honored.

NEVADA

CARSON CITY—The Dialogue Group to End Childhood Hunger and Homelessness held its third annual memorial vigil on the steps of the Capitol. The vigil was held to remember the homeless that have died in the past year and to bring hope for the upcoming year. Before the vigil, the group hosted a community dinner at First Presbyterian Church in the Family Life Center. After the dinner and videos, the group walked to the Capitol for the vigil.

LAS VEGAS—Organized by leaders of Straight from the Streets, a Homeless Memorial Candlelight Vigil was held at Christ the King Church at 4 p.m. The organization collected nonperishable food, warm clothes, sleeping bags, blankets, and hygiene items in order to hand out to the homeless during the event.

RENO—About 50 people attended a memorial for the homeless who died in the Reno area this year. Names were not released, but homeless people in attendance memorialized at least six of their friends who passed away this year.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

CLAREMONT—A candlelight vigil was hosted by the Open Hands Mission, an ecumenical soup kitchen and food pantry, on the steps of Claremont City Hall.

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CONCORD—People brought canned goods to a candlelight vigil honoring the homeless in front of the New Hampshire State House. The event was sponsored by American Friends Service Committee.

KEENE— Keene residents were encouraged to bring gas cards, bottled water, diapers, towels or toiletries to the Candlelight Memorial for the Homeless at the Community Kitchen. The event was held in order for the public to recognize the roots of homelessness and what actions can be taken to prevent and end it.

LACONIA—A Homeless Memorial Day Remembrance Service was held at Veteran's Square to remember those who lost their lives in 2008 due to homelessness, and to support those who are still homeless in New Hampshire. Gov. Lynch proclaimed December 21 as Homeless Memorial Day.

LEBANON—The 10 Brinks Homeless Programs hosted a candlelight vigil in Colburn Park (on the Green) on December 21, 2008, at 5 p.m.

MANCHESTER—*Cancelled.* A vigil was scheduled to take place in Manchester on December 21 at Veteran's Park, however, it had to be cancelled due to a snowstorm.

NASHUA—A candlelight vigil was held on December 22 in front of Nashua City Hall.

NEW JERSEY

ATLANTIC CITY—AtlantiCare Mission HealthCare held a candlelight vigil to commemorate National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day at Atlantic City Rescue Mission. For the service, the organization was joined by community members and other local organizations such as Jewish Family Services of Atlantic and Cape May Counties, the Atlantic City Rescue Mission, Covenant House and Sister Jean's Kitchen. 100 people attended and 35 homeless persons were honored at the ceremony.

CAMDEN—Project H.O.P.E.'s Homeless Memorial and Candlelight Vigil was held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Approximately 73 homeless individuals attended the service, along with staff members from community service agencies. During the service, the guest speaker, a formerly homeless individual and patient of Project H.O.P.E., shared his thoughts about how government officials could provide for the needs of the homeless population in Camden. Scripture was shared and the attendees joined in song following the candlelight vigil, remembering 18 individuals who passed away in 2008. Following the service was a food reception, in which guests were given small gifts of hats and non-perishable food items.

NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE— NM Coalition to End Homelessness organized a memorial service and vigil. Participants gathered at the Health Care for the Homeless' Memorial Wall and marched to the First United Methodist Church, where the service and vigil were held. During the vigil, people performed music, read poetry, and shared their thoughts about homelessness. The service concluded with a candle ceremony, in which candles were lit

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and the names of those who passed away in 2008 were read aloud. The names are remembered in a permanent display on the Memorial Wall. About 175 people attended this Memorial Vigil.

LAS CRUCES—Mesilla Valley Community of Hope held its annual Candlelight Memorial Vigil and Dinner. More than 300 luminarias assembled by middle school students lined the sidewalks leading to the El Caldito soup kitchen, where about 135 homeless people were served dinner. The program included an invocation from Pastor Bonnie (Wellspring Church), Christmas carols sung by The Mesilla Valley Chorale, and prayer led by Minister Sandhi Scott. MVCH staff played guitar and sang songs, and MVCH's Sue Campbell spoke and invited others to speak about each of the 14 homeless people who died. The event ended with "stocking stuffers" created by area churches and groups that included socks, gloves, hats, lip balm, hygiene products, canned foods and other products.

SANTA FE—A vigil was held at St. Elizabeth Shelter. At the vigil, participants marched through the new Rail Yard Park. The march ended at the NM Coalition to End Homelessness, where a ceremony was held to honor those who died in Santa Fe that year.

NEW YORK

MONROE COUNTY—Ten candles were lit at the chapel at Unity St. Mary's Campus—nine candles for the nine known homeless persons who died, the tenth candle for the unknown homeless persons who lost their lives in Monroe County in 2008. Following the service, hats and gloves were distributed, which were especially needed in light of the hypothermia watch issued that day.

NEW YORK CITY—An interfaith memorial service was held at Judson Memorial Church. The service was followed by refreshments and fellowship. Metro cards were provided for Picture the Homeless members.

NORTH CAROLINA

ASHEVILLE—Homeless Initiative held a remembrance ceremony at First Congregational United Church of Christ in order to honor the homeless citizens who passed away in 2008. The event was held on December 21 at 3 p.m.

DURHAM—Urban Ministries of Durham, a homeless shelter, soup kitchen and drug recovery program, joined with the Council to End Homelessness and the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness, to host a candlelight vigil in the plaza behind the Durham City Hall. The vigil included words of remembrance by the public and singing.

GREENSBORO—Grace Community Church held a memorial service honoring the homeless who passed away in Greensboro in 2008. Participants gathered at Shiloh Baptist Church and began marching, with candles in hand, to Grace Community, where the memorial service took place. The service included music from a visiting gospel choir and a short message from Marshall Benbow, the director of Outreach Ministries at Grace. Also during the service, which attracted a total of 225 people, the names of those who

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died were read and seven chairs were laid out on display, six of which represented the six men who passed away, and one which represented the unnamed homeless who died in 2008.

OHIO

CINCINNATI— The Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless and Healthcare for the Homeless held a memorial in Washington Park at dusk. About 25 to 30 people braved the cold, huddling around a fire in a barrel, to honor 19 homeless individuals who died this year. This annual service opened with a nondenominational prayer and included a reading of names and lighting of candles, a moment of silence, song, and an open forum to share memories of those who passed away. The event was covered in the Cincinnati street newspaper, Street Vibes.

CLEVELAND— The NE Ohio Coalition for the Homeless held their 22nd annual Homeless Memorial Day/Candlelight Vigil at St. Augustine Church. During the service, an elected official spoke, candles were lit, and the names of homeless people who passed away in 2008 were read aloud. There was a short prayer session, and some participants spoke about those honored at the ceremony. Only 20 people attended this annual event due to a location change.

COLUMBUS—The Columbus Coalition for the Homeless (CCH) and the Interfaith Association of Central Ohio (IACO) co-sponsored a Memorial Service for the homeless individuals who died in 2008. The service was held in Trinity Episcopal Church. Approximately 100 people attended the service and wore a white band in support of the One Campaign. The service began with a welcoming by Rev. Richard A. Burnett (Trinity Episcopal Church), followed by a memorial prayer chanted by Cantor Jack Chomsky of the Congregation Tifereth Israel. There was a name-reading ceremony, candle lighting and ringing of tower bells. The Jewish Community Choir, KOLEINU, performed a special musical interlude. The service concluded with community members sharing their memories of those who died.

DAYTON—The Emergency Housing Coalition hosted a memorial service at Courthouse Square, honoring the homeless individuals who died in Dayton last year. Each individual's first name and age was read aloud, followed by a bell toll. The event also included performances by the Target Dayton Choir. Light refreshments were also provided for the general public. About 120 people attended the service.

OKLAHOMA

TULSA—A memorial service and candlelight vigil took place at the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless to remember the homeless persons who died in 2008.

PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA—About 100 people gathered in Love Park to honor the 85 homeless persons who died in 2008. The names of these people were put on tall poles and a cowbell ring accompanied the reading of each name. Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell issued a City Council Proclamation, and a number of speakers offered words of

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inspiration and challenge. Some homeless men residing at the Ridge Avenue Center displayed a scroll depicting the lives and struggles of homeless veterans. The thirty organizations who organized this event renewed their commitment to end homelessness.

WILKES-BARRE—A candlelight memorial service was held in observance of Wilkes-Barre's third annual Homeless Persons' Memorial. Several people spoke at the service, including Carlie Wetzel from the Luzerne County Office of Human Services, William P. Bolan, Ph.D., from King's College, and Beth Hollinger from Community Counseling Services. The memorial was organized by St. Stephen's Episcopal Pro Cathedral and the Luzerne County Homeless Coalition.

RHODE ISLAND

PROVIDENCE—A memorial service was held on January 28, 2009 at the Beneficent Church in Providence. The service was a one-hour, non-denominational service held in the Church's meeting house. Speakers included various members of the faith community who frequently work with the homeless community. The names of homeless individuals who passed away in 2008 were read aloud by members of the community in attendance, and a candle was lit for each individual. In addition, there was a musical performance of "Let It Be" by members of the RI Homeless Choir (an informal group that often sings at one of the masses in the state). The Service was followed by a luncheon for homeless individuals in the Church's community room, with food donated by Johnson and Wales University and Amos House's More Than a Meal Catering. Over 200 people were in attendance to honor over 35 individuals.

SOUTH CAROLINA

CHARLESTON—Crisis Ministries held their fourth annual Homeless Person's Memorial Day service in Marion Square to honor men and women who died homeless in 2008. Mayor Joseph P. Riley and Chairman W. Andrew Gowder gave remarks and Fr. Terry Fleming, Vice President of Mission for Roper St. Francis Healthcare, led the invocation. The Universal Unitarian Church of Charleston sang hymns and Board Members and staff of Crisis Ministries read names from a memorial litany.

SOUTH DAKOTA

SIoux FALLS—The Sioux Falls homeless memorial event was held on November 21, as the weather in December is too cold to hold an outside event. The event was hosted by the Minnehaha County Department of Human Resources.

TENNESSEE

MEMPHIS—The Memphis Health Center, Inc.'s Health Care for the Homeless Program held a memorial service on the evening of December 18. Thirty individuals were honored during the service, which included remarks from members of the MHC and HCH programs, and had between 150 and 200 attendees.

NASHVILLE—The National Homeless Power Project (NHPP) held its 18th annual memorial for the homeless, which honored all the homeless who died last year in

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Nashville, and in memory of Cyndi Demuth, a member of the NHPP leadership team who passed away while homeless this year. Breakfast was served at Riverfront Park, followed by the memorial service.

TEXAS

AUSTIN—House the Homeless, Inc. hosted its 16th Homeless Memorial Sunrise Service at the Homeless Memorial and Tree of Remembrance located on Auditorium Shores. During this memorial service, the 120 participants gathered for prayer, song, and fellowship honoring and remembering the 135 homeless men and women who passed away in Austin in 2008. The service was led by Colleen Troxell. Also attending were City Council member Sheryl Cole who served as the keynote speaker and Sara Hickman, an Austin musician. A food reception followed at the Fanny Davis Gazebo.

BRYAN / COLLEGE STATION—Churches from the twin cities of Bryan and College Station, Texas and the organizations of the Brazos Valley Coalition for the Homeless held a memorial service in the fenced park at the corner of North Main and 21st Street in Bryan. The service included a short homily, music and singing, eulogies, and a naming ritual in which each name was followed by a bell tone. Approximately 60 people attended the memorial and some of these participants spoke of homeless friends who died in the Brazos Valley over the past year. A declaration from the Brazos County Commissioners Court was recited in honor of the program.

CORPUS CHRISTI— The Homeless Issues Partnership, Inc. held its eighth annual memorial service at Kinney Street Park. The Most Rev. Bishop Edmund Carmody led the invocation, Jim Trammel of St. Vincent De Paul led the prayer, and Mayor Henry Garrett gave the proclamation. Also, Rev. Rey Escalante (Church Without Walls) prayed, spoke and sang “Amazing Grace,” the president of Homeless Issues Partnership, Inc. gave a speech, and Bruce Armstrong read the names of the 13 deceased homeless people. Attendees placed roses in a semi circle under a gazebo as names were read. Various service members participated, including the Corpus Christi Veterans’ Band, which sang and played several songs. Nueces Co. Sheriff Department Command Post attended, prepared to offer First Aid and security. Food was served from the Salvation Army Canteen. Transportation was provided for both Salvation Army and Mother Theresa Shelter clients who wanted to attend.

DALLAS— A small group of Dallas residents gathered at the office of The Stewpot, a nonprofit charity that offers a number of services to the homeless, and lit candles in memoriam.

FORT WORTH (TARRANT COUNTY)—The Presbyterian Night Shelter conducted a prayer service and a candlelight vigil in recognition of National Homeless Persons’ Memorial Day. The memorial service included a prayer, statements made by participants sharing their memories of those who passed away, and a board on which families and friends could write excerpts about their lost loved ones. 48 people were memorialized on the board and approximately 75 people attended this event. The Presbyterian Night Shelter

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noted that 97 homeless people passed away in Fort Worth in 2008, according to the Star-Telegram.

HOUSTON—A memorial vigil was scheduled for December 21 on the steps of City Hall, but was canceled because the date fell on a Sunday. Yet, the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County, Inc. collected the names of 51 people who died while homeless in 2008 and contacted local faith-based congregations so that they could incorporate the names into their weekend services. Seven churches placed these names into their bulletins, while two other churches held small candlelight vigils in honor of these citizens.

LUBBOCK—The Community Health Center of Lubbock and the South Plains Consortium hosted a candlelight vigil at Mahon Library on December 21 at 2 p.m., honoring all the homeless citizens who passed away in Lubbock last year.

SAN ANTONIO—The names of the 44 known homeless persons who passed away in 2008 were read during the second annual candlelight memorial in Milam Park. About 125 people attended the service, which featured a city proclamation, scripture, song, prayer, and a bagpipe performance of “Amazing Grace.” The memorial was sponsored by SAMMinistries, other churches and businesses.

UTAH

SALT LAKE CITY—The Fourth Street Clinic and Salt Lake County Homeless Coordinating Council’s fourth annual vigil was held in Pioneer Park. The approximately 200 attendees sang songs and lit candles. Don Hill and Jennifer Irwin, who were both formerly homeless, read the names of the 53 homeless Utahans who died last year. Following the vigil, more than 700 people attended the annual Christmas dinner at the Rescue Mission in downtown Salt Lake City.

VERMONT

BURLINGTON—The Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS) held a candlelight vigil to remember those individuals who died homeless over the past year. They had volunteers read aloud a sentence or two on the steps of City Hall about an individual or family who had stayed at COTS, and then they lit a candle for each. Children’s choirs from two local elementary schools performed. About 100 people attended and 75 homeless people were honored.

VIRGINIA

CHARLOTTESVILLE/RICHMOND—The Thomas Jefferson Area Coalition for the Homeless hosted a memorial service at the Salvation Army chapel. From 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., the coalition distributed literature, talked to community members, and accepted donations of blankets at the Community Chalkboard. The candlelight vigil at 5:30 p.m. was led by Robin Goldstein from the Shelter for Help in Emergency. The service included several speakers, a reading of the names of those who died in the community, and remarks by those who are living or have lived on the streets.

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NORFOLK—Norfolk's eighth Annual Memorial Homeless Vigil began with a walk from Queen Street Baptist Church to the Tidewater Community College Park, where the four names of those who died were read. Refreshments were served and a musical performance took place in St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

WASHINGTON

BREMERTON—Event postponed until March. The First Christian Church of Bremerton ~ Disciples of Christ was scheduled to have its memorial service outside the church in the Memorial Garden. The service will include a candlelight vigil, music and a moment of blessing. Service participants include Rev. Debbie Little, Major Jim Baker, and Rev. Dr. Sandra Bochonok. They will be collecting items to give to the homeless: nonperishable foods, plastic utensils, and hygiene items.

OLYMPIA—The Washington State Coalition for the Homeless organized a memorial and candlelight vigil in memory of those who died while, or as a result of, being homeless in Washington State last year. A formerly homeless individual spoke on the steps of the capital building, and people read the names of the more than 130 people known to have died statewide. The service is also a tribute to those surviving on the streets everyday.

YAKIMA—About 30 people gathered at Millennium Park for the fourth annual Homeless Persons' Memorial day event in Yakima. Oscar Olney, chairman of Generating Hope, and Steve Gaulke, a homeless outreach worker from Central Washington Comprehensive Mental Health, read the names of 20 homeless people from Yakima or Wapato who died in 2008, including 11 people of the Yakima Nation. The event also included musical performances by Mark Holt and Kim Holt Tully, as well as proclamations from the City of Yakima and the Board of Yakima County Commissioners.



Yakima, WA Memorial, Dec. 21, 2008.
Andy Sawver. Yakima Herald-Republic

WISCONSIN

KENOSHA—Walkin' In My Shoes hosted its second annual memorial service for the homeless in Bain Park. The memorial service was themed "I Light This Candle In Remembrance Of You" in honor of the homeless citizens who died on the streets of Kenosha in 2008. There was a litany reading and a food reception, which followed the service at First Steps Services Transitional Day Shelter. At the service, the mayor of Kenosha, Keith Bosman, read a city proclamation declaring December 21 as National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day.

RACINE—The planned memorial service at Monument Square was canceled due to wind chills of -20°F. However, seven people gathered for a make-shift memorial in the

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entryway of a building in downtown Racine. Instead of a roll call of those who died, a candle-lighting ceremony, a prayer service and refreshments, as were planned, those who gathered shared stories about the people who died living on the streets of Racine due to lack of shelter and support. The Homeless Assistance Coalition organized this event.

WYOMING

CASPER— The 12th Street Clinic-Health Care for the Homeless held its first annual candlelight vigil in honor of those who died due to homelessness in 2008. The memorial service was held by the river at the Tate Foundation picnic site and included prayer, music performed by a local choir, and testimonies from currently homeless individuals. A representative from the City of Casper read the Mayor's Proclamation of National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day. Between 30 and 40 people were in attendance and donated warm winter clothing for the clinic's patients.

CHEYENNE— The Wyoming Coalition for the Homeless (WCH) memorial event took place in front of the State Capitol Building. This year marked their 19th year observing a memorial service. Speakers included Pastor Bill Jividen (Beacon Hill Baptist Church), Jack Spiker (Cheyenne Mayor), Rev. Rick Veit (St. Marks Episcopal Church), Pastor Jay Meyer (Cheyenne Vineyard Church), Teresa Garrido, director of COMEA House, and Earl Janack, a formerly homeless street musician. Music was provided by Michael Riversong and Earl Robert Janack.

Nationwide List of Homeless Persons Who Died in 2008

Below is a list of individuals who were honored at services and vigils around the country in 2008. The numbers attached to each location represent only those who were currently homeless and who died in 2008, but names of others—including formerly homeless individuals or advocates for the homeless—who were also remembered at the memorials were included if provided by the local community. Some communities did not release the names of the people honored for privacy reasons.

ALABAMA

MOBILE (13)

Isadore Beck
Willie Bryant
Russell Chestnut
Nathaniel Crosby
Joseph Michael Dailey
Jacqueline Davis
Michael Hawkins
Jennifer Horn
Robert Johnson
Garcia Parker
Robert Powe
Lugene Taylor
Vanya Woods

Sandra Aliano
"Twin A" Allen
"Twin B" Allen
Gonzalo Alonso
Jayme Amaresco
Jorge Amezcua
Carl C Anderozzi
Abel Andrade
Daniel Araujo
Gilbert Arciniega
Hugo Arguemedo
Armando
John Aschmann
Jason Ashley
Juan Ayala
Larry Bables
Edison Bahe
Allen Banks
Bernadine Barringer
Samuel Beckner
Clifford Bedford
John Belles
Cesar Benidicto
Robert Bennett II
Edward Berch
Gary Bergstrom
Manuel Berrios
Ruth Berry
John Bittle
Lauren Black
Robert Blake
Anita Bonthius
Janice Booker
Eric Borsting
Ronald Bowen
Christopher Bowman
James Bowman
Ray Boyd
Richard Bradshaw

ARIZONA

TUCSON (128)

*Burials at the Pima County
Cemetery, November 2007-October
2008*

Today we remember:
45 people without name or family
30 people with names and family
53 people with names only, no
family

ARKANSAS

LITTLE ROCK (15)

CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES – STUDIO CITY (393)

Edward Adams, Jr.
Jorge Adane
David Aguirre
Antonio Alanis
Alhakim

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Rosetta Briggs	Sharon Dancer
Ronald Bright	Arthur Davis
Ricardo Briseno	Regina Davis
James Brock	Jesus Delatorre
Fred Brown	Henry Diaz
Jeffery Brown, Sr.	Miguel Diaz
Laymon Brown, Jr.	Douglas Dimas
Roy Brown	Ruben Deanda
Tim Brown	John Doe #03
Alfred Butler III	John Doe #214
Gumercindo Camejo	John Doe #260
Megan Campbell	Drew Drolshagen
Cyunthia Canier	Jose Duarte
Dawn Cano	Gerardo Encinas
Luis Capetillo	Jonothan Enos
Micheal Carlson	Guadalupe Estrada
John Carmichael	Rudolpho Fajardo
Michael Carrasco	John Farris
Merced Carrillo	Lara Felix
I'linne Carter	Reynaldo Felix
Tony Casarez	Manuel Ferrales
Laura Casey	Kelly Finan
Arnold Caver	Edward Fischer
Guillermo Cesario	Kerry Fisher
Gualberto Chanax	Edward Fitzgerald
Richard Chase	James Fitzmaurice
Frank Chavez	Adam Flores
Ladislao Chavez	Anthony Foshee
Raju Chawdhury	Shirley Fresquez
Nathan Childers	Joel Frias Jr.
Roberto Cisneros	Jeffery Garcia
Theresa Citchen	Ricky Garcia
George Clark	Xavier Garcia
Jesse Clark	Ferdinand Gaspard III
Raymond Clark	Justin Gernannt
Stephen Conley	Shirly Gibson
Mary Connor	David Gillian
Thomas Cooksey	Steve Gino
Tomas Cortez	D'angelo Giovanni
Dinu Covalt	Keith Glascoe
Debra Cox	Francisco Gomez
Ronald Coxton	Estevan Gonzalez
Nicholas Crespín	Gilbert Gonzalez
Toni Crose	Nickey Gonzalez
Isaias Cuarto	Stanley Gordon
Wayne Cuevas	Larry Gore

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Richard Grem
Robert Grieb
Jose Grijalva
Billy Gross
Lazaro Guia
Louis Guterrez
Rejina Guzman
William Hallman
Cecilia Hamond
David Hawkins
Nancy Helquist
Hector Hernandez
Jose Hernandez
Juan Hernandez
Ricardo Hernandez
Sergio Hernandez, Jr.
Howard Hicks
Svetlan Hicks
Debbie Hodges
Keith Holley
Sammie Holly
James Holt
Julius Hopkins
William Hothan
Terry Howard
Patricia Howell
Richard Huey
Alyssia Hughes
Frank Hurd
James Hurst
Tammy Imre
Marhello Ingram
Vera Isabel
Leons Jackson
Ronald Jacobs Jr.
Jaquelyn
Vickie Jenkins
Robert Jenson
Roger Jessee
Agustine Jimenez
Freddy Jimenez
Hector Jimenez
Jose Jiminez
Kelly Johnson
Larry Johnson
Larry Johnson

Medea Jones
Michael Jones
William Jones, Jr.
Michelle Kahler
George Kellogg
John Kelly
Howard Keowin
Aman Kermany
Hyeon Kim
Robin Kittelson
George Kittles
Erick Knight
John Koger
Fernando Lambera
David Lanza
Patrick Laue
Nancy Layman
Marvin Lee
Rodney Lein
Baby Girl Lewis
Rene Lindell
Ishmael Livas
Harold Loftis
Dagoberto Lopez
Gustavo Lopez
Maximiliano Lopez
Rojelio Lopez
Elnora Louie
Ronald Lovett, Jr.
Frank Lui
William Lutz
Alfred Madueno
Venessa Malaepule
Paul Manrriquez
Marcelo
Constantino Mariscal
Andres Marquez
James Marrujo
Joel Martin
Kelly Martin
Angel Martinez
Fenaldo Martinez
Javier Martinez
Raymundo Martinez
Thomas Maskell
William Matsuda

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Rosalie McGaughey
John McGraham
Charles McLain
Edis McNeil
David McRobie, Jr
Miguel Mejia
Gerardo Mendez
Jorge Mendez
Erminda Mendoza
Todd Michalski
Ronda Miles
Jerry Miller
Joseph Miller
Manuel Miranda
Mohammad
Humberto Monteaguido
Jesse Moore
Nathan Morgan
Lyn Moss
Gabriel Moya
Mark Moyer
Gary Myers
Alajos Nagy
Frederick Neuneier
Nhon Nguyen
Michael Nichols
Francisco Nieves
Stacy Norton
William Nowling
Marian Ocampo
Noel Ocampo
Candice Ogan
Mamerto Orantes
Tansley Oridge
Manuel Orozco
Mary Oswald
Curtis Owen
Anthony Padilla
Miguel Padilla
Ricardo Palafox
Jose Urcuyo Paramo
Maximiliano Pasaye
Jeffrey Patrick
Ion Pena
Margarita Perez
Ralph Perez

Shawn Pettway
Vernon Phillips
William Pickens
Kevin Pierce
Jerry Pina
Victor Pineda
George Pirylys
Andres Gonzalez Porta
Julie Potter
Preston Pringle
Laurie Pruett
Louis Quimiro
Manuel Ramirez
Jesse Ramirez
Pedro Ramirez
Narciso Ramos
Phillip Ramos, Jr.
Sandra Randolph
Jaime Rangel
Luther Ray
Raymundo
Virginia Refai
Severo Reyes
Virgina Rialls
Lori Roberson
Brenda Roberts
Ray Robertson
Kevin Robinson
Barbara Rodriguez
Rafael Rosales
Frank Rosen
Robert Russell
Keith Sabin
Leonardo Salas
Maurilio Saldana
Sangmas Saluckait
Mario Sanchez
Raphael Sanchez
Richard Santos
Stacey Schwarm
Jean Sciabbarrasi
Eddie Scott
Scott Segobiano
William Seward
Danny Shields
Hamid Shraifat

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Samuel Shrout
Gregory Showell
Charles Siegle Jr.
Kevin Simmons
Lisa Simpson
Nicholas Skleres
John Smith
Kirk Smith
Walter Smith
Tammiko Snow
Ismael Sorto
Donald Spivak
Daniel St. John
Terrance Starkey
Tiffany Stephenson
Kenneth Suarez
Jerry Swanson
Alana Szyka
Tina Takieddine
Kenneth Tanner
Billie Taylor
Casey Thomas
Darlene Thomas
George Thomas
Calvin Thompson
Hayden Thompson
Earl Thrashers
Robert Thrower
Suresh Thurasamy
Carolyn Thurman
William Thurman
Roberto Ticas
Alfred Torres
Rosendo Torres
Ricardo Torrez
Baby Boy Trejo
Jeremy Turrey
Johnny Tye
Bahram Valadkhani
Raul Valencia
Felix Vasquez
Pascual Vasquez
Patrice Vaughn
Paul Venters
Katherine Verdun
Roberto Vidal

Jose Villalta
Lorenzo Villicana
Sheman Voorhies
Anthony Wakefield
John Wallen
Gloria Walker
Mary Washington
Roger Wasielewski
Christy Watson
Robert Werner
Robert White
Joe Willa
Aaron William
Crystal Williams
Edward Williams
Gregory Williams
James Williams
Jimmie Williams
Deangelo Wilson
Wisdom Wilson
Kyle Wing
Richard Winsmore
Lucy Wood
Lema Wosen
Frederick Zimmer

LOS ANGELES – VAN NUYS (28)

Alaba Awofolu
Gerlinda Bracht
Charlene Delao
Sonny Gill
Thomas Glandt
Steffen Green
Venita Jones
Gregory King
Vanessa Malaepule
Kenneth McDonald
John Robert McGraham
Helen Montoya
John Morck
Frederick Doyle Neumeier
Deborah Oksas
George Pasion
Jose Perez
Vernon Phillips
Allen Pourkasra

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Hector Quevedo
Pedro Ramirez
Hamid Shraifat
Allen Swiss
Paul Vados
Katherine Lynn Verdun
Jose Lorenzo Villacana
Earl Whitehead
"Gator"
Those whose names are known only
to God

SACRAMENTO (27)

John Adams
Eugenio Arrieta
Robert Carland
Douglas Greg "Catman" Carr
John "Jimmy McCoy" Chelf
Glenn Comer
Donald Corona
Samuela Ferrara
Jon Gallagher
Richard Joe Glick
Alfreda Green
David Griffin
Diana Johnson
Teresa Johnson
Bill "Dawg" Kelly
James Michael Leanard
Barbara Moore
Phillip Paddy
Michelle Pickens
Evelyn Roper
Wendy Shelton
Willis Smith
Lorri Sylvester
Michael "Gremlin" Tinius
Terry Travis
Dale Weissman
Stanley Wilson

SAN JOSE (82)

*Individuals who died on the street or
in an emergency shelter (66):*

Samuel Alcontar
Juan Baltazar

David Patrick Bieda
Deirdre Bowman
George Allen Brixey
Tirso D. Cabaloza
Kim Callahan
William R. Cleveland
Gregory A. Cole
Jeff Coung
David Crema
Norman Cushing
Richard A. Delosangeles
John Doe
Jane Doe
Richard Dutra
Larry Ray Fairley
Tammy Fournier
Bernardo Gonzales
Carlos Gonzales
James Patrick Grover
Cynthia Hendrickson
Jimmie Hudgins
Erica Dawn Hyde
Robert Labes
Chung San Lee
Oswaldo Javier Lopez
Patricia Lopez
Luis Lorenzo
Christopher Meiswinkel
David Miranda
Lois Moore
MaryAnn Theresa Morgan
Gilbert T. Munoz
Phung Kim Ngo
Hai Nguyen
Michelle Nunez
Nathan Ooka
Robert Ostroskie
Charles Lane Pitt
Panfilo Prado
Gary F. Reynolds
Scott Riddell
Arthur W. Roy
Romano Peter Salinas
Fahmi Abdullah Sarabi
Walter Ford Schneider
Elijio Rodriquez Silvia

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James Slinger
Sharon Souza
Robert D. Starr
Kenneth Stewart
Timothy Aaron Stovall
Todd Strebe
Ronald Irwin Studer
Michael Raymond Taylor
David Robert Thomas
David A. Tomlinson
Ba Van Trang
Antonio Valdez
Terry Valladao
Bulmaro Valladarez, Jr.
Daniel Van Kefalas
Felix Villalba, Jr.
Marta Warner
Thomas White

*Individuals who died in
transitional or permanent
housing for the formerly
homeless (16):*

Joe Barfield
Dorothy Burrow
Chris Chase
Cornell Conley
Oscar Franco
Henry Houghton
May Jimenez
Ron Kerr
Beverly Nesbit
Van Nguyen
John Sanchez
Richard Stasi
Brad Sullivan
Star Thiebaud
William Vaughn
Ruby White

SANTA CRUZ (33)

Homeless and formerly homeless
Mickey "Mickey Joseph" Allen, 43
Patrick Ball, 54
Richard Barrett, 56
Colt Behles, 39

Tonia Cole, 52
Dean Drew, 58
Kenneth "Curly" Edwards, 67
Andrew John Fitts, 48
Jeremy "Jeremy Ward" French, 44
Crystal Goble, 51
Terry Grennan, 52
Roberto Hernandez, 51
Christopher Hutchison, 35
James "Boston" Leonard, 44
Thomas Vernon Lewis, 50
Timothy Maguire, 49
William Manns, 42
Roger McGary, 43
John Neisler, 52
Daniel "Dain" Oas, 57
Michael O'Neil, 61
Trinidad "Miguel" Perez, 61
Anthony Perez, 52
Margarita Peters, 54
Gilbert "Gabby" Ramirez, 46
Salvador Ramirez, 49
Michael Eugene Rinaldi, 51
Bradley Robinson, 40
Linda Sentenn, 49
Michael "Stoney" Trantham, 53
Suzanne Turner, 62
John "John Earth" Widell, 64
Joel Wood, 37

VENTURA (20)

Donald Archer, 48
Kevin Asuncion, 37
Kenneth Barlow, 54
James Beck, age unknown
Serafin Bostello, 43
Rob Roy Brown, 54
Dwayne Gillespie, 59
Jacob Henry, 26
Roy Kahn, 67
James Larman, 31
Deanna Mason, 52
Cheryl Mayberry, 58
Michael Montero, age unknown
Raymond Nasser, age unknown
Richard Newton, 37

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Duncan Rey, 55
Steve Sampson, 57
Mike Scamaldo, age unknown
John Sullivan, 56
Clifford Warren, 56

COLORADO

COLORADO SPRINGS (44)

DENVER (164)

Rudy Ackerman
Roger Aldrich, 51
George Chase Alone, 48
Brandi Arellano-Diaz, 33
Peter Armato, 58
Valarie B.
Robin Baca, 44
Melvin Baker, 60
John Bansept, 38
Richard Barragan, 63
Mary Sun Bear, 55
James Benjamin, 50
Robert Berg
Ariadne Betcke, 43
Jose "Bigote"
Frank Bourn, 61
Wilma Bruce, 76
Marcus Buchanan, 37
Christopher Burtis, 24
William Burton, 46
Kevin Butt, 42
Jesse Camacho, Jr., 50
Jerry Carmichael, 56
Jerry Carr
David Cass, 48
John Castellano, age unknown
Pete Cordero, 62
Lee Connell, 53
Nicole Connell, 36
Mitchell Curphy, 55
Jeff Davis
Ruben DeLatorres, 61
Jafaye Doyle, 49
Katurah Dreyer, 35
Louis Dunn
Lenny England, 44

Leo Espinoza, 34
Shirlyn Ferguson
John Fine, 50
Cleveland Flood
Anthony Fluellen
Patrick Flynn, 57
Roy Ford, 53
Daren Freisberg, 38
Rodney Gibson, 47
Edward Goodes, 55
Donald Grayum, 52
Roy Gregory
Rajinder Grewal
James Gueveia, 57
Robert Hamburg, 49
Charles Harper, 59
Brian Heino, 42
Joseph Henderson, 45
William Hewlett, 42
Cody Hill, 39
Patrick Hill, 55
Norman Hinkle
William Holland
Rochelle Hope, 28
Howard Huntsinger, 44
Baqi Jackson, 49
Ellison Jenkins, 51
Steve Jenson
Harvey Jim, 54
Phillip Johnson, Jr., 41
Douglas Jones, 44
William Kemmeter, 61
Glen Kemp, 37
John Kork, 69
Gary Kraft, 50
Kenneth George Kullhem, 68
David Larsen, 60
Donald Lewis
William Luder, 43
Jack Lund, 67
Larkin Lyles, 59
Janice Maes, 42
Patrick Martinez, 56
Raymond Martinez, 57
Thomas Martinez, 26
Michael May, 51

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Larry McCranie, 45
Marshall McGee, 49
Stephen McGuinness, 52
Clifford Moore, 54
Adam Morgan, 39
Javier Moyano
Robert Mulhern, 53
Jacole Nelms, 35
Eddie Nelson, 53
Bobby Newberg
Kenneth Oborn, 45
Vincent Olguin, 57
Steven O'Neal, 47
Tracy Oppenheimer, 34
Shelly Orendorff, 44
Lee Ortegon
Esparanza Pardue
James Parson
Lawrence Pantera
Dwight Patterson, 58
Kenneth Patterson, 56
Melvin Paup, 58
Terry Pettit, 47
Andrew Pewo, 20
Bob Pleasant
Isaiah Jerome Presley (Newborn)
Richard Purkerson, 62
Stephen Quintana, 38
Darrell Redearth, 51
David Richmond
Johnny Rivera, 55
William Robitalie
Stanley Roebuck, 59
Jack Roland Jerrold Rosendale, 47
Joseph Rouleau, 45
Lindsey Saidy, 28
Victor Sandoval-Raygoza, 32
Carrie Sare, 45
Cecelia Scott, 53
Vodra Scott
Gary Slatton, 57
Thomas Smith, 25
John Stednitz, 51
Richard Stoops, 39
Terry Swain, 46
Kevin Thiel, 53

Delbert Thompson
Kauri Tiyme, 39
Gabriel Torres-Reyes, 51
Bryce Turk, 33
Doug Vaughn, 47
Glen Vavarek
Diana Vigil, 50
Phillip Vigil, 55
Koji Wada, 63
Charles Walls, 30
Shirley Welch, 56
Barry Alan Wheeler, 52
Stephen Wheeler, 55
Stephen White, 38
William Whitelance
David Williams, 38
Ralph Wolcott
Dawn Wynkoop, 55
David Young, 52
Keith Young, 51
Felix Zamora, 25

PUEBLO (15)

Curtis Chavez, 37
Ted Garcia, 61
Linda Henson, 59
Daryl Holt, 48
Frances Jagger, 66
Linda Knoll, 47
April Passero, 54
Joseph Ponce, 53
Thomas Reynolds, 40
Randy Riggs, 42
Robin Sanchez, 43
Nettie Solano, 63
Jeffrey Trujillo, 42
Joseph Vigil, 48
Jean Yarbrough, 86

CONNECTICUT

BRIDGEPORT (16)

HARTFORD (7)

Estracio F.
Jeff L.
Leroy L.

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Inocencio Q.
Kirk T.
Kenny W.
Timothy W.

MIDDLETOWN (3)

Oliver
Robert
Thomas

NEW BRITAIN (5)

Edwin
Eve
Jane
Julie
Marvin

NEW LONDON (7)

Larry Ager
Peter Dill
Andrew Fox
Robert Jasperson
Lester Osbourne
Richard Perry
William Williams

NORWICH (1)

Antonio Rivera
All those who died homeless in 2008
unknown

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON (52)

Luis Admore
Darnell Alston
Orin Andres (former Street
Sense vendor)
Eric Barber
Larry Barnes
James Lee Carter
Charles Cole
Ms. Costello
Karen Ann Crawford
Michael Defonzo
Margarita Figueroa
Charles Ford

Miles Frazier
Patrice Gbengoue
Howard Hall
Eugene Hampton
Glen Harding
Malcolm Hatchett
Freddie Hilton
Robert Holly
Eddie Hopkins
Charles Jackson
Ms. Kenley
Kevin Madison
Antonia Parker
Larry Perkins
Stephen Prue
James Raines
Curtis Reed
Helen Richardson
Eric Robinson
Gregory Shea
Kenneth Lee Simmons
Walter Smith
Wilbur Smith
Lavona Turner
Isaac Umoh
George Ward
Harold J. Washington
Lawrence Watson
Robert Wylie
Jane Doe
John Doe

ALEXANDRIA, VA (9)

Sedric Barnes
Lawrence Bates
David Castle
Alfreida Cordero
Frank Hubert
Lincoln Nguyen
James Rector
Jackie Rivers
Steve Turner

FLORIDA

CHARLOTTE COUNTY (MURDOCK CITY) (11)

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Austin Brockman, 62
Roy G. Carter, 53
Danny Collins, 47
David Kasin, 41
Robert McCalley, 51
Danny Reta 46
David Siler, 49
Steven Winters, 50
3 United States Military Veterans:
Frank Ezzelle, 66
William Harrison, 57
Paul Mickiewicz, 48

FT. LAUDERDALE (BROWARD COUNTY) (65)

Maria Acevedo
Charles Bamberg
William Bennett
Karen Bradley
Patrick Brennan
Raymond Brewster
James Briscoe
Larry Brown
David Campbell
Alejandro Cardenas
Andrew Colias
Shanesa Conway
George Coppola
Donald Crockett
Alex Delrio
Jennie Dimitas
Earl Everett
James Fillicetti
Curtis Floyd
Lauren Forrester
Darwin Frazier
Casey Gibson
Christopher Granberg
Justine Gundersen
Douglas Hardin
John Helow
Darrol Henry
Timothy Jackson
Heleen Jay
Debra Johnson
Javier Kelly

Claude Lemieux
David Longenecker
Thomas Lyttle
Doris Mathis
Wesley Mearidy
Jacques Milhomme
Charlene Miller
Edna Minnis
Jason Negm
Mildred Nesmith
Dwight Olmstead
Maritza Pabon
Sunil Paul
Jorge Perdomo
Leonard Poliandro
Loci Ravelomanantsoa
Tonia Ridley
Arthur Robinson
Paul Robinson
Benjamin Rodriguez
Frederic Rosenstein
Carlos Santos
Terrence Stroombeck
Carol Tisdale
Gary Uhlmann
Fort Lauderdale Unknown
Skeleton Unknown
Hollywood Unknown
Mauricio Vindel
James Weaver
Robert Weiby
Terry Whipple
James Wood
Leon Woodward

FT. MYERS (16)

Douglas A.
Luis A.
Brian
Lee D.
Dennis
Everett F.
Amanda K.
Daniel L.
Andrew M.
Gary M.

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James P.
David S.
Daniel W.
Jason W.
Unknown Male

HUDSON (PASCO COUNTY) (84) 52 men and 32 women

Dennis
Victor
Colleen

KEY WEST (11)

MELBOURNE (12)

Dennis Adams, 51
Donald Blair, 62
William Breeney, 48
Albert Gladue, 57
Nate Howes, 51
Loretta Johnson, 43
John Joseph King, 53
John Mertlik, 50
Susan Jean Odom, 51
John Tompkins, 52
Larry Walker, 62
Larry Whitaker, 61

MIAMI (MIAMI-DADE) (121)

Homeless and formerly homeless

Grisel Acosta, 39
Armando Aguilar, 50
Carlos Aguilar, 65
Edwin Alexander, 41
Antonio Alexis, 42
Ray "Alabama" Allen, 52
Rollanis Andino, 40
Mario Arguelles-Guerra, 47
Enio Ludese Augustin, 47
Timothy B., 48
Paulino Baker, 71
Ceril Baptiste, 56
Victor Bar elemy, 58
Ricardo Batista, 61
Judith Bertenshaw, 46
Jean Blaha, 85

Pedro Bravoperez, 52
George C., 33
Danilo Cabrera, 54
Boris Chevchuc, 70
Steven Childrey, 48
Miriam Cordero, 60
Gloria Esther Cotto, 50
Ashley Devilliers, 41
Carlos Miguel Dorta, 54
Judith Eide, 52
Rafael Falcon, 76
Lazaro Delgado Fernandez, 47
Maribel Alissa Fonseca, 65
Daniel Garcia, 38
Eduardo Garcia, 71
Gerald Paul Glew, 53
Samuel Gomez-Rodriguez, 44
Alfredo Gonzalez, 43
Raynaldo Gonzalez, 61
Kenneth Gooding, 45
Benny Green, 49
Richard Grizas, 63
Daniel Hardy, 47
Michael Harrington, 35
Kenneth Hart, 51
John Hawk, 67
Andres Hernandez, 65
Mario Hernandez, 59
Henry Hodge, 64
Ernest Holmon, 67
Robert Hoskins, 37
Richmond Hymes, 54
Lazaro Jimenez, 60
James Michael Jones, 58
Sandra Ann Kish, 64
Carlos L., 30
Augustin Lago, 58
Jose Linares, 56
Juan A. Llanes, 52
Soraya Lopez, 39
Carlos Martinez, 80
Estela Martinez, 42
Norberto Martinez, 68
Raul Martinez, 64
Keith McDuffy, 50
Elizabeth Jean McHugh, 42

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Pedro Medina, 67
Antonio Mendez, 55
(Infant Boy) Mohr
Lazaro Moreno, 47
Charles Morrell, 35
Anthony Muldrow, 48
Jeffrey Niccolls, 55
Tonya North, 38
Isidro Oliva, 50
Esterban Ortiz, 71
William A. Payne II, 54
Alberto Luis Perez, 58
Horacio Perez , 64
Justino Perez, 57
Grisel Perez, 52
Brian Peterson, 54
Martha Peterson, Infant
Donna Pevey, 49
Albert Principe, 56
Tomas Pruneda, 63
Jorge O. Puerta, 44
William Benjamin Quives, 60
Oscar R., 57
Allen Ray, 50
Eric August Reuther, 52
John Reyes, 50
Juan Rios, 47
David Bruce Robinson, 61
Eduardo Rodriguez, 70
Judith Rodriguez, 45
Pablo Rodriguez, 53
Pedro Rubalcaba, 64
Eugene Ruiz, 53
Randy Rushford, 67
Osvaldo Santiago, 52
Julio Sastre, 58
John Silipena, 50
Connie Simmons, 61
John Smith, Jr., 64
Aroldo Suarez, 83
German Suarez, 62
Angel Surdiadur, 61
Jerome Sydnor, 61
Dinora T., 51
Lisa Tedder, 37
Giovanni Thermidor, 18

Morgan John Thomas, 56
Francis Thompson, 56
John James "Killer" Thompson, 63
Otho Thorpe, 59
Alan Traitz, 54
Harvey Caton Turner, 47
Lazaro Vazquez, 64
Hector L. Velez, 50
Arturo Vera, 40
Salvador Verdecia, 54
Marie W., 50
Eric White, 60
Jessie Willis, 53

NAPLES (14)

Jeffery Brenner
Thomas Chapman
Billy Fisher
Donald Kitchell
Kevin Lowe
Tonya Martin
Jim McFall
John Moitie
Al Morris
Michel Paeth
Ted Pratico
Steve Skoguland
Clifford Vest
Daryl Williams

ORLANDO (25)

Paul Akin
"Cigar" Bill
Willis Deloach
Jeff Guncy
Debra Hardin
Barbara Hensley
Don Howard
Tony Landrum
Larry Lindsey
Jeffery Scott Maynard (a.k.a. "Jazz")
Robert Newton
Clarence Perkins
Ray Roberts
Robert Rosinski
Jim Shaw, early 40s

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Clarence Snyder
Brenda Sumner, 49
Michael Szweda
Jerry Thomas
Bruce Warness
Katie White
Richard White
Marilyn Woods, 55
Anonymous Male (hit by car)
Anonymous Male (killed in
homeless camp)

PINELLAS (22)

Marshall Bailey
Bennie
Bobby Bureston
Eli
John Garrett
William Gillespie
Craig Kennedy
Ken Kiristis
Paul Knapp
Mark Lafferty
Fawn Muholland
James Mitcham
Lisa Parker
Diana Rasheed
Joseph Rivera
Neve Shantai
Kimberly Stewart
Jeremiah Tebidow
Alberto Vargas
Raymund Villiall
David Watford
Estelle Yurman

TALLAHASSEE

Organizers have chosen not to
release names.

TAMPA (53)

Roy Olan Ashby, 43
Willie Bass, 42
Russell Beagle, 56
Kathy Bellamy, 53
William Browder, 57

Serenity Brown, 1 month
Leonard Carlson, 55
Gregory Cogan, 52
Noe Cruz, 39
Donald Day, 44
William Eherdt, 55
Ronald Embree, 52
Keith Ezzell, 50
William George, 32
William Gregory, 57
Ray Hagedorn, 62
Marc Havird, 61
Robert Hutlenloch, 59
Donald "Shaggy" Kay, 44
Willie Key, 66
Larry Leggett, 48
Raphael Lopez, 28
Frank MacLaughlin, 66
Ronnie McDaniel, 61
Thomas Mobley, 47
Barbara Mongee, 51
Michael Ortega, 47
Pedro Ortiz, 60
Dennis Pogorsky, 52
Johnnie Ree, unknown
Robert Ryan, 27
Douglas Samec, 45
Isaac Santiago, 66
Eduardo Santos, 61
Wanda Scott, 44
Jelkiz Segura-Gonzalez, 59
Howard Short, 44
Nancy Smith, 46
Clifford Spears, 49
John Swenson, 61
Andrea Tolliver, 39
Rafael Torres, 51
Lawrence Wallace, 60
Debra Wagner, 46
Kendall Waters, 41
Radell Wilcox, 52
Harold, unknown
Wanda, early 40s
Wanda, unknown
Unidentified Male, 52
Unidentified Female, age unknown

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Unidentified Male, age unknown
Unidentified Male, age unknown

WEST PALM BEACH (14)

Curtis Almareles (veteran)
Jose Arius, 41
Shelton Danzler (veteran)
Wendy Dunn, 39
Karl G.
Kenneth Gilpin
Phillip Graham, 43
William Johnson, 54
David Allen King
Rolondo Longoria, 27
Keith Rocillo, 33
Donald K. Thomas
Thomas Treharn, 58
David Ulmer, 41

GEORGIA

ATLANTA (42)

Otis Archie
Henry Asbey
Tony Bailey
Willie Bailey, Jr.
Jerry Barlow
Michael Barlow
Michael Bell
Roy Bell
Joseph Burke
Dominic Capone
Rose Carlisle
George Christian
Frederick Corkern
Mary Curry
James Daniels
Remona Dortch
Grady Edwards
Larry Elrod
David Floyd
Brenda Hampton
Sylvester Hawthorne
Emmett Huggins
Joe Huggins
Betty James
Carolyn Kilgore

Geraldine Lee
Gregory Lee
Willie Lee
Richard McWhorter
Cleavon Moore
Calvin Oliver
Russell Pink
Darryl Roberson
Layne Rose
Charles Smith
Frank Vuittonet
Joseph Walkes
Avia Williams
Byron Williams
Cynthia Woods
Timothy Young

ILLINOIS

CHICAGO (14)

Glenn
Leonard
Pamela
Ralph
Robert
Teresa
Wanda

ROCKFORD (12)

John C., 36
Nathan C., 29
Robert C., 37
Victoria C., 27
Jackie F., 47
Thomas H., 40
Beth L., 39
Gregory P., 34
David S., 47
Carneal W., 25
Linda W., 60
Evmorphia Z., 37

INDIANA

EVANSVILLE (6)

Jimmy Ray Chastain
Steve Durden
James Gordon, 41

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James Hammel
Harrison Horne, 51
Joe Love

INDIANAPOLIS (38)

Scott Brewster, 59
John Burton
Robert Campher
Brad "Tree" Coleman
Albert Wayne Collins, Sr., 55
Kimberly Critchfield
Clyde Delph
Joseph Domer
David Dullen
Jerry Edwards
Vernon Evans
Ron Fesler
Dale Foley
Terry Harlan
Marci Howard, 44
Robert Jenkins, 58
Reva Kelley
Allen Lee
Jack Lewis, 51
Wilbur Lewis
Clayton Lowery
Alphonso McFolley
Randolph McGowan
Kerry Rex McKee
Ernie Nevers
Jacqueline Ogden
Monica Peterson
Larry Powell
Victor (Simon) Richards
Ron Rutland
Earl W. Scaife
David Ronald Scubelek
Douglas Snyder
Daniel Joe Trivett
William "Perry" Troutman
Tony Williams, 40
David Woolfe
Michael Wolff

KOKOMO (27)

J. B., 50

T.B., 55
C., About 40
C. C., 32
D. C., 65
J. C., 36
K. C., 54
L. C. "Pappy", 67
J. D., 31
S. D., 33
K E, 55
J. G., 87
K. H., 51
L. P., 53
T. P., 47
D. S., 58

KANSAS

WICHITA (8)

KENTUCKY

LEXINGTON-FAYETTE

Honored were 22 people who were currently homeless or had been touched by homelessness at some point.

LOUISIANA

NEW ORLEANS (10)

L. T. Barristine
Elizabeth Chapman
Janice Collins
Lisa Davis
Joyce Jackson
Kenneth Lewis
Jacqueline Pace
Mark Patterson
Michael Przesmycki
Willie Slaughter
Unknown N.O. Missions
Unknown Kenner, Louisiana

MAINE

BANGOR (6)

LEWISTON

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The names of those honored were not read at the service in preference of a moment of silence.

PORTLAND (21)

The first names of those who died were read at the vigil, but organizers decided not to release the names for publication.

MARYLAND

BALTIMORE (47)

From Franklin Square Hospital event:

George D.
Cynthia H.
James H.
Marc H.
Julis L.
Charlotte S.
Levi S.
Brian Z.

MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER (7)

Ruby E. (Masci) Schippers
Nancy

MICHIGAN

TRAVERSE CITY (19)

Harry Armstrong
Scott Bolling
Nancy Chambers
Harry Chestnut
Christopher Davidson
James G.
Betty Grochowalski
Steve Gunn
Wayne Jack
Kat
Thomas King
Dale Kuhn
Joel Niedjelski
Edy Parcher-Gablow
James Schooley
Lee Scott

David Small
Stanley Woods
Charles Zamesnick

MINNESOTA

DULUTH (12)

Carla Bagley
Steven Baxter
Johnny Moore
Allen Webb

MINNEAPOLIS (130)

People from Anoka, Carlton, Duluth, Faribault, Fridley, Hennepin City, Maple Plain, Minneapolis, Mankato, Rochester, Red Wing, St. Paul, Owatonna, St. Louis Park & Minnetonka were honored at the Minneapolis Service:

Billie Amos
Rosemary Pauline Anderson, 50
Layton Ashley, 55
Thomas Baker, 39
Vernell Barnett, 54
Bruce Bergquist, 50
Anthony Bogar, 48
Colleen Mary Brophy, 59
Ruby D. Bryant, 37
Michael Buchanan, 54
Marcus James Burrell, 38
Michael Lee Chosa, 50
Kim Eugene Clark, 54
Jimmy Lee Coleman, 55
Gerald Collier, 49
Mark Derrick
Sharon Lee Drumbeater Voas, 39
Luanyo Alomo Duangi, 32
Doris A. DuBois, 45
Andrew Kevin Fierro, 43
Troy Gervais, 35
Nicholas Scott Gustafson, 23
Charles Hall, 37
Vincent Hallas, 47
William Lee Handler, 35
Michael Edward Herron, 55
Marilyn Fay Howard, 46

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- Michael David Huber, 38
Violet Grace Jackson, 25
Robert Anthony Johnston
 Bavinck, 38
Leslie Jean Kaar, 34
Percy Laws Jr., 50
Anthony "Tony" Lewis, 33
Brian Wayne Lumbar, 47
Angelo Sanchez Marcano, 42
Donald Jay Mattson, 46
Allen Mikrut, 52
Craig Miller, 36
Ruth Ann Montez, 63
Michael Pollack, 44
Barbara Ann Ratcliff, 48
David A. Satterlee, 42
Sheri Lynn Schaumberger, 48
James (Jim) Schichel, 79
Darren Simms, 42
Duane Viggo Sorensen, 62
Zachary Taylor, 47
Theresa Majella Thompson, 49
Robert Martin Thorne, 44
Abel Perales Vasquez, 55
Benjamin Vasquez-Garcia, 44
Sang Hong Vo, 44
Unknown baby girl, 1
Unknown man
Unknown man
Unknown man
Unknown woman
Alice, 21
Cedric, 25
David, 56
Mallory, 24
- Formerly Homeless**
Ron Aaron, 52
David A. Ala, 57
Greg Anderson, 51
Laurie Archie, 47
Leo Boog, 50
Herman Booker Jr., 50
Lucinda Breezee, 51
Joseph J. Brown, 66
Reggie Buchanan, 25
- Josie Burley, 52
James "Ben" Caldwell, 49
Brittany Carlson, 30
Brandon Carlson, 2
William "Cowboy" Chaffee, 53
Margaret "Peggy" Chambers, 44
Yolanda Cunningham-Hamilton, 42
Katricea Daniels, 36
Alexander Davis, 41
Charles Dean, 63
Raymond Dees, 55
Rosemary Dorr
Douglas Economy, 62
Leonard Freitas, 54
Ray Gomez, 76
Joseph Handt, 52
Gary Hauck, 57
Richard Hernesmann
Steven James Hill, 52
Anita Raye Hobbs, 62
Maria Dulcimar Houska, 51
Valerie Johnson, 40
Dave Johnson
Carrel Johnson, 22
Chrystal Jones, 25
Dirk Jordan, 48
Donna Kimball
John Latham, 54
John Lindberg, 57
Phillip "Ben" Lohstreter, 57
Charles "Chuck" Louden, 57
Lawrence Mady, 63
Dan Maki, 58
Renee W. Matthews, 39
Greg Newman
Pamela Kay Olson, 59
Ralph Williams Olson, 48
George Peterson, 53
Terry Plant, 52
David Jospheh Pollack, 53
Tyrone George Powers, 52
Tony Lester Ray, 49
Loretta Robinson, 80
Keith Owen Sam, 43
Robert Shepherd, 10
Edward Singleton, 56

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Emmett James Smith, 59
Robert Swigart, 59
Kenneth Tyrell
Troy Richard Ulrich, 42
John Ward, 38
Reginald "Reggie" Washington, 51
Kenneth Wemmer, 60
"Chief" Dick Whitcomb
Andrew Lee Wilbert, 61
Daniel Wohlfiel, 56
Robert "Angel" Zygalski, 82
Delfinia
Judy, 64

Advocates

Kelly Andrews, 27
Mary Bird, 60
Greg Horan, 60
Mohamed Jama, 30
Pat Kline
Cliff Wroolie, 60

RED LAKE

Organizers have chosen not to release names.

MISSOURI

ST. JOSEPH (3)

Female
Male, 52
Male, 54

ST. LOUIS (30)

Paula Armstead
Michael Ballard
Lonnie Basler
John Bell
Emma Blue
Elvis Boyette
Jeremy Dunlap
Benjamin Gardner
Dennis Harris
Carl Hodge
Crystal Hodges
Donna Holiday
Dennis Kathriner

Mark Lapusan
Terri Lawrence
Terrell Mosby
Charles "Ted" Mottus
Lou Pfeiffer
Edward Pullen
Randy Pullen
Andrew Rueschoff
William Seltzer
Unrico Smith
Wesley Thomas
John Todd
Tony Turner
Belinda Walls
David Wilkins
Al Williams
Michael Williams

MONTANA (29)

HELENA (12)

NEBRASKA

OMAHA (40)

Herman Bell, 66
Harold "Papa Smurff" Berger, 62
Ezekiel Berry, 21 months
Richard Bjorkland, 50s
Frances "Frankie" Briggs, 46
Vinnie Boccio, 64
Janelle Browning, 43
Brian Bundy, 54
Jamie Diamond, 38
Lori Clark, 36
Rodney Deville, 51
Allen Dunn, 48
Terry Fuller, age unknown
Christine Gochnanour, age unknown
Jeffrey Harriman, 43
Mark Hauck, 47
Ben Hoer, 72
Dreann Howard, 46
Robert Huss, age unknown
Kathleen Jackson, age unknown
Carrie Jacobson, 28
Patrick Jensen, 44
Beryl Kuhlman, 62

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Pete Lamm, 64
Kevin Lonewolf, 45
Bobbie McGee, 57
Marshall Nelson, 40s
Manual Pacheco, 46
Myles Ross, 27
Jeff Schafer, age unknown
Wade Sechtem, 44
Rickie Sells, age unknown
Jim Tamisiea, 37
Timothy Torske, 57
Anthony White, 50s
Eric Will, 53
Laurie Witte, 48
Alex Williams, 49
Harry Wippier, 46
Don Younger, 39

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS (50)

Tsegaye Legesse Abdi, 36
Brian Gregory Anderson, 23
Don Dee Astorga, 39
John Austin, 41
Roberto Ayala, 57
Thomas Jefferson Bell, Jr., 81
Auston T. Bishop, 78
Jocelyn Borromeo, 48
William R. Broomall, 44
Twila Naomi Cline, 37
Jack Dudley Cook, 55
Mark Cordero, 51
Pedro O. Codova, 49
Francisco Diaz, 38
John Doe "Desert Lot", age
unknown
Thomas W. Duncan, 59
Richard Lee Fish, 55
John Joseph Harden, 70
Steven Wayne Haughey, 48
Gary William Johnston, 56
George Kingston, 54
Gregg Koltz, 45
Kenneth Kral, 57
William Arthur Kupke, 22
Cora Angie Law, 65

Norman Avery Maloy, 38
Louis Martin Mares, 50
Alton Edwin McClellan, 46
Aaron A. McComas, Jr., 80
Andrew James Mueller, 34
Eligio Ortega, 26
Darren W. Plunk, 36
Gabriel Provencio, 47
Sergio Quezada, 36
John D. Quinn, 49
James Rasmussen, Jr., 52
Kenneth Reevis, 44
Kathleen M. Sargent, 34
Paul Michael Schafer, 54
Robert Jason Searcy, 39
Richard Edward Stanley, 48
Michael Francis Steinberg, 59
Fred William Tunnicliff, 49
Antonio Vargas, 56
Eduardo Velasquez, 26
Paul James Vesco, 55
Curtis L. Williams, 44
Anthony Wooten, 37
David Joseph Yob, 52
Eliezer Zamora, 29

NEW HAMPSHIRE

CLAREMONT, CONCORD, KEENE, LACONIA, LEBANON, MANCHESTER & NASHUA (19)

Steve Aliberti (Concord)
Michelle Bernard
Joseph Carrignan (Manchester)
William Dupuis
Greg Jette
Susan K.
Robin Kulingoksi
Gary LeLievre
Ray "Razor" Luoma (Concord)
Richard "Dickie" McKinley
Gail Paquette
Denise Parisi
Janet Perreault
Chris Purdy
Kenneth Ricker (Manchester)
Roger "Shorty" Rondeau

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(Manchester)

Billy Taylor
Donald Valentine
Bill Viens (Manchester)

NEW JERSEY

ATLANTIC CITY (35)

Frances A.
Frank A.
Raymond A.
Scott A.
Dianne B.
John B.
Melissa B.
Anthony D.
Renee E.
Donald F.
Joseph F.
Joseph F.
Paul F.
Lamar G.
Mary H.
Estelle J.
Patricia J.
Fred K.
Anthony L.
Frank M.
David M.
Joseph M.
Kevin M.
Robert M.
Ed N.
Edmund O.
Tomas O.
Curtis R.
Isaac R.
Eva S.
Michael S.
Simone T.
William V.
Andrew W.
Rhonda W.

CAMDEN (24)

Richard Adams
Andrew Barany

Alfred Becker
Donald Bocox
Cody Cartlidge
Edward Colangelo
John Criniti
Manuel DeLa Rosa-Morales
Thomas Dippula
Dwayne J. Ellis
Shanna Farron
Claudio Gerena
Walter Gleason
Chad Goodall
Ernest Heagehetta
Gregory Hoffman
Rochelle Hoover
Germaine Lewis
Anthony Manzo
Ricky Martinez
Jose Mata
Andre Miller
Mickey Riggins
Roy Shakes

NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE (45)

Bob Albro
Lola Bearstops
Anthony Bogar
Chris Box
Mildred Broomfield
Constantine Case
Charles Chavez
Jacob Chavez
Daniel Danzer
Marc Dunn
Dennis Dwyer
Timothy Franklin
Robert Gillett
Gloria Gonzales
Ralph Gonzalez
Henderson Grant
Jerome Hall
John Hoecke
Albert Jaramillo
Daniel Jim
Stella Kauley

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Elizabeth Killeen
James Konen
Leonard Lovato
David John Lyons
Joseph Maez
Albert Meat
Larry Miller
Robert Moore
Utah Phillips
Roxanne Reano
Jose Rivera
Jesse Romero
Mavine Ross
Edward Ryan
Raymond Sanchez
John Tebo
Curtis Thompson
Tommy Waters
Norbert Weghoffer
Michael Whitehorse
Brad Williams
John Williams
Dalton Woods
Greg Yoakum

LAS CRUCES (HOMELESS AND FORMERLY HOMELESS) (14)

Lawrence Allen
Oscar Beckett
Harold Gibson
Robert "Cool Beans" Harrison
Denise Holmes
Donald "The General" Murray
Dennis "Corky" Smith
Carroll Vonach
Susan Wass

SANTA FE (21)

Robin Carr
Robert Cassey, 57
Ted DeCaro
David Diangelo
Geronimo Garcia, 51
Mario Genduso, 55
Janet Hamblin, 48
John Hayes, 64

Pete Hill
Thomas Lamontt, 54
Patricia Leyba, 42
Eunice Norris
Adam Price, 32
Rose Rael
Katherine Romero
Neal S.
Douglas Segura, 41
Donald Sena, 47
Robert Ward
Jim Warren, 50
Tanya

NEW YORK

MONROE COUNTY (9)

NORTH CAROLINA

DURHAM (12)

Carla Bagley
Steven Baxter
Johnny Moore
Allen Webb

GREENSBORO (6)

Charles
David
James
Melvin
Robert
Tony

OHIO

CINCINNATI (19)

Barry
James Broomfield
Floyd Hammond
George Hawkins
Don Henry
Zachary Hubbard
Alfanzo Huff
Ricky Malone
Candace Mason
Doug Meyers
Earlene Moreland
Burnett North

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Bob Sayed
Albert Summerlin
Vernon
Carl Vickroy
Jesse Whigham
William
Demetrius Wood

CLEVELAND (50)

Olu Akintunde
Anonymous
Charles D. Anderson
John Andresh
Ronald Armstrong
Cliff Barnhart
Rosemary Battle
Terry Beachman
Paul Bianco
Jacob Bobrowski
Robert Cherney
James Cofield
Ralph Duhan
Robert Eady
Barney Elias
Carol Fergus
Larry Gahan
Jacinda Glover
Carol Good (male)
Jack Hanrahan
Jesse Harris
Gary Hubbard
Joseph Irby
Thomas Jackson
James King Jr.
James King
Perry Kucinich
Rufuss Lenard
Mariam Lozada
Craig Lucas
Marnie Macon
Marion McWilliams
Thomas Milo
Robert Morgan
Bruce Morris
Mary Murphy
Melvin Nance

Robert Okragley
Donald O'Neal
John Pickell
Stanley Pieck
Mark Pirtle
Thomas Rapose
Barbara Rossi
Calvin Sledge
Jeff Stoudemire
Lois Swaysland
Wayne Anthony Tyler
Anthony Waters
William Whalen

COLUMBUS (36)

Christopher Adams
Gabriel Arnn
Jerome Bannister
Eric Blakey
Kevin Bryant
Tracey Burgess
David Cornwell
David H. DeVore
Alonzo Dowdy
Violet Daisy Edwards
Kenneth Freed
Arnold Gray
Renee Hickey
Jimmy Edward Hicks
Thomas S. Hill
James Kuisel Jr.
Robert Leitwein
Eva Lowery
Moses Nixon
Levie Peoples
Robert L. Phipps, Jr.
Beloved Quail
Clay Rinearson
Cynthia Ross
Mark Sanders
Ricky Sidders
James Skag
Antonio Stith
Robert Stump
Trent T.
Max Turley

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Vivian Vance
Wendell Ward
Ralph Wellman
Larry D. Wesley
Jack Woodward

DAYTON (19)

Adam, 50
Barbara, 49
Blair, 51
Bobby, 56
Casey, 28
Christopher, 43
Eugene, 53
Floyd, 57
Gary, 51
Gregory, 57
James, 54
Jeff, age unknown
Julia, 45
Marquita, 54
Nancee, 49
Ocie, 53
Phillip, 49
Scott, 38
Shari, 51

PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA (85)

Amertrius Leroy Johnson
Shirley Dominjak
Jeffrey LaVoe
Howard Jackson
Yancy Smith

RHODE ISLAND

PROVIDENCE (35+)

Walter Bennett
Martine Bonsante
Robert D'Ambra
Diane Derosier
Chris Diehl
Karen Holloway
Ita Keaveney
Armand Landry
Paul Langlois

John Miller
Carlton Bruce Newkirk
Dominic Paola
Bob Pangborn
Nikailee Claire Pearson
Steve Perry
David Raymond
David E. Spears
Billy Spencer
Peter Silva
Chris Thweat
Donald Wall
Jeff Wells
William Matthew Wilds
"Hippie George"
Bobby J
Matt
Chris
Brenda
"Chief"
"Chihuahua"
"Sparky"

SOUTH CAROLINA

CHARLESTON (9)

Henrietta Bingley, 52
Wallace Blume, 58
Narkeda Bright, 36
Douglas Collier, 44
Kerry Moore 51
John Powders, 61
Billy Rogers, 56
Anita Tilton, 20
Herbert Tyler, 62

TENNESSEE

MEMPHIS (30)

Dana Alex
Barry Anderson
Donald Bradshaw
Melvin Brakins
Aaron Cherry
Ron Cowan
Frank Douglas
Carey Elder
Mike Farrish

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Jerry Garret
Gary Heinze
George Huggins
James Hodge
Ronald Joe
Kevin Jones
Little John Lumpkin
Deborah Martin
Natalie Mason
Ernest Milligan
Herbert Mitchell
Frank Mitchner
Solon "White Country" Nails
Terry Nauer
Anthony Robinson
Raymond Robinson
Rodney "at Cooper and Central"
Jessie Sanford
Bob Van Camp
Mary Washington
Gloria Williams

NASHVILLE (37)

Bruce Edward A.
Larry Gilbert B.
Jimmie Barrett
Charles Boritchard
Robert Darrell C.
Roy C.
James E. Calwell
Burnell Cotton
Terrance Demonbreun
Cyndi Demuth
Arthur Van F.
Harry Van F.
John Frederick F.
Dennis Lee G.
Dennis Gill
Victor Gonzoles
Ronald Ray Hendrick
Frank William M.
Jerry Dewayne M.
James McClelin
Latisha Miliken
Greg Mobly
Duke Patten

Walker Dee R., Jr.
Ed S.
Joseph S.
Joe Sheridan
Albert Silva
Solja
Billy Vond T.
John Patrick T.
Darryl Thomas
Darrel Thomspen
Jessie Tucker
Farris Vaughner
John Doe
John Doe

TEXAS

AUSTIN (135)

Jimmie Adams
Juntae Alex
Salvatore Aquilino
Juan Astran
Lois Atkinson
William Augustine
Cruz Avila
Royce Baker
Terry Barker
Christopher Barrow
Wylie Bennett, Jr.
Charles Biner
Archie "Chief" Blackowl
Eleanor Bolden
Joseph Bolduc
Patsy Bright
Chris Briley
Ramon Briones
Valerie Brook
Delover Bryant
James Burgess
Mark Butler
Charles Byrd
Steven Campbell
Margaret Canales
Mike Candelas
Martin Cantu
Ignacio Carrasco
Robert Carter

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Billy Cave
Larry Cawvey
Marina Cazares
Robert Chenoweth
Levier Clifton
Donald Coffman
Alfred Coleman
Ray Cordova
Richelle Cowen
Michael Curtin
Carlester Davis
Mary Dixon
James Ellis
Sam Fairchild
Hector Figueroa
Billy Forrest
Mary Friend-Morgan
Robert Garcia
Amalia Garcia
Miguel Garza
Arthur Gonzales
Odelia Gonzales
James Gonzales
San Juanita Granada
James Griggs
Carson Hamblen
Anthony Harris
Carol Hart
Juan Hernandez
Mary Hight
Oscar Hotz
Walter Howard
Bennie Hunter
John Jackson
Kenneth James
Vernon Jefferson
Mary Johnson
Dometa Jones
Hung Kee
Eddie Kyser
John Lambert
Paul Larremore
Leslie Larrew
Melvin Legendre
Hope Leonard
Elza Levasseur

Juan Lignes
Gregory Lipka
Sherry Mason
Evelyn McCartney
Willie McDade
Jesse McFarlan
Eutimio Mendoza
Jack Miller
Barbara Mitchell
Stuart Montgomery
Elijah Myers
Brandon Newsome, Jr.
Joseph North
Jimmie Olvera
Leola Peoples
John Perry, Jr.
Laura Price
Shirley Puckett
Traci Quacker
Samuel Rang
Blautie Reese
Andelko Rivic
Vincent Roberts
Donald Roderick
Loretta Rodriguez
Michael Rosenthal
Gregorio Rujz
Colbert Sanders
Jose Sequira
Danny Seres
Charles Shaw
Timothy Sidie
Marcelina Slazar
Robert Spears
Ronald St. Claire
Sonny Sterling
Laura Tanier
Stephan Tannihil
Luisa Tapia
Michael Teague
Eugene Townsend
Jack Traywick
Sergio Urgellas
Simon Vasquez
Aron Vertiz
David Walker

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Gregory Warner
Johnny Watson
Ron Webb
Martin Webber
Mark Weiss
Lola White
Virta White
Milburn Williams
Jimmy Williams
Donnie Wisdom
Russell Wolverton
CC Wong
Wiley "WT"

BRYAN / COLLEGE STATION (7)

David Atkins
Cecil
John
Maria "Wendy" Martinez
Mr. Earl Radcliff
George Orum
Willie Sims

CORPUS CHRISTI (13)

Steve Carmona
Benjamin Clark
Leary L. Diehl
Paul D. Etie
Jose Garcia, Jr.
Kenneth Lampert
Thilden Daniel Leal
Willis Massey
Luciano Martinez, Jr.
Frank D. Mortiz
Glenn Taylor
Ricardo Rodriguez
Howard Simpson

DALLAS (11)

Anthony Burnett
Viola Gamble
Kenneth Hicks
Ed Norton
Keith Perry
Anthony Richardson
John Robinson

Jennifer Sims
Mary Valdez
Mark Wellington
Wendy West

FORT WORTH (TARRANT COUNTY) (97)

Those memorialized at the
Presbyterian Night Shelter memorial
service (41)
911 Al
Alan
T Banks
Big Randy
Bitz
Black
Boe
Boody Man
Bro Ralph
Butter Man
Cagui
Cowboy
Crazy Mary
Cubano
Darren
David
Dexter
Don L
Don M
Vince Ducex
E.L. Gritto
Earl
Emilio
Mr. Haney
Jennifer
Loner
Mama Rose
MD Jesus
Mike
Rachel
Rene
Rock & Roll
Sarge
Shea
Shontel
Slick 50

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Tovar
Uncle Bert
VA
Wiley
Charlie Wilson

HOUSTON (60)

Andre Agnew
Robyn Bachand
Gloria Banks
Terrence Byrns
Connie Calhoun
Russell Castex
Ralph D.Chesney
Roosevelt Churchwell
Gary Clinard
William Cowart
Jason Cummings
Lawrence Darmour
Leroy Diaz
Yvonn Drilling
Guadalupe Galindo
Javier Guerrero
Zachary Hagan
Rodney Hall
Gregory Hankins
Juan Harrelson
John Harris
Steven Hart
Andrew Hatch
Armando Hechavarria
Bonez Heflin
Lonnie Johnson
Robert Johnsted
Bobby Jones
Leonardo Lopez-Salazar
Teodoro Magana
Timothy Marshall
Reginald Thomas Mccoy
Joshua Metheny
Lola Montgomery
Edward Moone
James Moone
Ronald Nordhaus
Julian Perez
Jose Perez

Michael Pounders
Earnest Renfro
Kevin Riddick
Judy Roberts
Julio Rubio
Reynaldo Sanchez
Maria Segovia
Robert Upchurch
Jay Walls
Dennis Warren
Perry White

SAN ANTONIO (44)

Organizers have chosen not to release names.

UTAH

SALT LAKE CITY (53)

Martin Amadour
Noe Arreola
Michael Beagley
Max Black
Teresa Lynn Blair
Thomas Boyle
Matt Castell
Lee Cheney
Clarence Cobb
Douglas Davies
Mark Dugdale
William Fechner
Richard Finley
Cesar Flores
Craig Froelich
Joan Furlong
Daniel Garcia
Bryan Hansen
James Hiatt
James Hinson
Daniel George
Joseph Hughes
Larry Hunter
Patricia Irish
Kenneth Lynn Jones
David K. Kinder
Robert Theodore Konig
Jodie L. Larsen

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Joey Lee
Thomas Lipuma
Mark Lucero
Jennifer Lysy
Lauri D. Marshall
Jason McCullough
Ed Molloy
Matthew Montoya
Steven Leroy Nelson
Steven Nessen
Richard Nuanez
Kirk Pinkerton
Jaqueline Reyes
William (Hoolie) Sainsbury
Leonard Saraphine
Lester Selander
Howard Solomon
Robert Edward Taylor
William Taylor
James Thayer
Craig Thorpe Kofod
Eric Timberlake
Donna Toland
Lawrence Topham
Alan Vandever
Lynn Williams
Gordon Woodland

VERMONT

BURLINGTON (75)

VIRGINIA

NORFOLK (3)

Terry Cuthriell
Errol Gayadeen
Barbara (Bam Bam)

WASHINGTON (130)

BREMERTON (2)

Chris T. Christensen
Nicholas Thompson

YAKIMA (20)

Vincent N. Andy
Patricia A. Davis
Claudine M. Fite

Esther S. George
Enrique Granado
Ronald C. Kahama
David Korach
Joe S. Link
R. D. McFarland
Debra A. Miller
L. W. Napyer
Daniel Len Ohms
Tanya D. Olney
Anthony J. Perretto
Ivan S. Selam
Delilah Dawn Stahi
Keith Tahkeal, Sr.
James Taylor
Virginia Washington
Joanna D. Yallup

WISCONSIN

KENOSHA (1)

Lance H. Turner, Jr., 36

RACINE (10)

Tim Anderson
Tiyana Campbell
Thomas E. Cobbs
Dennis Fatheree
Eric Hunchberger
LaVern Johnson
Rosalie Lunetta
Kim Mayer
Kathy Oliver
John Turner

WYOMING

CASPER (9)

Gail Boecher, 51
Steven Lockard, 46
Leslie Malloy, 48
Antonio Moore, 27
Roger Murphy, 68
Joe Paul Shollenberger, 37
Robert Skilton, 36
Paul Thompson, 69
John VanWinkle, 60

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CHEYENNE (9)

Organizers have chosen not to
release names.

“Bloggers Unite” on blogspot.com

Last year, blogspot.com launched a project called Bloggers Unite, where bloggers who participate all write about a particular project on the same day.

An event to share stories about National Homeless Memorial Day has been set up for December 21, 2009. The page has already been created, stating the objective to be an event that “raises awareness about the high personal cost of homelessness with vigils in memory of those who have died while homeless.”

This is a great way for local organizers to share their ideas and experiences on a national level. This event provides a forum for organizers, advocates, and homeless or formerly homeless individuals throughout the nation to connect, and raise more awareness for the issue of homelessness and for National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day. Join the event today!

<http://www.bloggersunite.org/events/category/human-rights>

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Life (and Death) on the Street, Where so Little is Certain

By Mary Otto

At an annual vigil held last Dec. 21 on the cold and windy first night of winter, the names of people who died homeless in the District in 2008 were read aloud.

The name Orin Andrus was among them, although it was spelled on the list as Orin Andres.

The news came as a sad shock to his colleagues at Street Sense, where Andrus had been a vendor before resigning late in the summer. A tall lanky fellow, Andrus was fondly remembered as a “gentle giant” who loved gardening.



Orin and Ken take time to catch up on the past three months.

Street Sense was recently surprised again – this time in a good way – to learn that Andrus is alive and well, despite having been listed as deceased last year.

And the effort to untangle how this happened revealed some important things about the impact of anonymity and rootlessness in the lives – and deaths – of homeless people.

In preparing the story about the Dec. 21 vigil, Street Sense found that details about Andrus' reported death were sketchy. According to an advocate who helped collect names for the memorial list, Andrus was reportedly found dead at 11th and G streets, NW. That had been the very corner where he had sold his papers.

Calls to city agencies for further details, including the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, went unreturned as the Christmas Eve issue of Street Sense went to press.

And on March 4, Andrus walked into the Street Sense office, hearty and tan.

“I’m not dead,” he announced. He was carrying a shopping bag containing Cuddles, his cherished toy stuffed cat, along with his birth certificate and other documents.

“This is all my stuff to prove I’m alive,” explained Andrus, 46.

A Cause for Celebration

He said that after he left Street Sense he had found well-paying landscaping work out in Arlington, Va., earning enough to rent himself a small room.

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When a friend told him about the Dec. 24 Street Sense article reporting him dead, Andrus laughed. But he decided he needed to come back and set the record straight.

“I think it was a mistake,” said Andrus. “I feel pretty good for a dead man.”

Andrus' surprise return was a cause for celebration at the newspaper office. But it was also a haunting reminder of the difficulties of keeping track of homeless people, both in life and in death.

Living in Plain View, Anonymously

For homeless people and the people who work with them, it's a complicated matter. Some homeless people don't want to be named or found. Some are estranged from families or ashamed to be homeless, or in flight from justice or from abuse. Many have no identification, because it is so easily lost or stolen.

Street Sense has no formal system of keeping track of vendors and former vendors, who are not employees but independent contractors.

And their lives, like the lives of many other poor and homeless people, are often transient. Many are not reliably reachable by telephone or mail. They do not always contact the newspaper when they move on to a new job, enter a hospital or rehabilitation program, or serve time in jail.

During his March 4 visit, Andrus said he would have liked to let Street Sense know how he was doing but was it difficult while working in Virginia.

“I worked ten hours a day, six days a week. I had a cell phone and it got stolen,” he said

Remembering the Deceased

National Homeless Persons' Memorial events such as the local vigil have been held nationwide every year since 1990, to remember the homeless people whose lives and deaths might otherwise go without any public recognition. The observances are co-sponsored by a number of homeless advocacy organizations including the National Coalition for the Homeless.

Vigils are typically observed the evening of December 21, the first night of winter and the longest night of the year. The 2008 D.C. vigil memorialized 52 people believed to have died in the District and Alexandria, Va. during the year, including Andrus. The event was one of nearly 100 held throughout the country.

The names that are read aloud at the D.C. homeless vigil are garnered from a number of nonprofit groups who serve the homeless, and compiled by the National Coalition for the Homeless, which is a sponsor of the event.

Mary Ann Luby of the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless, who helps gather names for the memorial event, said she got Andrus' name from an investigator from the D.C. Office of the

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Chief Medical Examiner. Luby said she checked with the investigator again this month and her source insisted that an Orin Andres, spelled with an E not a U, did indeed die.

The investigator did not return calls from Street Sense for this story. But in an interview, another official at the medical examiner's office, who asked not to be named, said she could find no record of Andrus' name, spelled either Andres or Andrus, in the office system.

The official said it would be impossible to confirm the other names on the memorial list due to privacy restrictions.

"There is absolutely no way," the official said.

In high-profile or public cases, the office is allowed to inform the press of the cause and manner of death. In many other cases however, the official said "telling about the death would be an invasion of privacy."

Anonymous – Even in Death

The efforts that go into collecting names for the annual memorial vigils are no substitute for a more formal system of gathering the names of people who have died while homeless, said National Coalition for the Homeless Executive Director Michael Stoops.

"We need a better system of keeping track of people who died homeless," said Stoops. But the task is just one more of the challenges of helping people who live and sometimes die in the shadows.

"When you are a homeless person, your life can be anonymous. Your death can also be anonymous. No one will know if you pass away."

Over the years, Stoops has often been called upon to identify the bodies. It's a difficult task, he said "especially when it's someone you know."

The List Goes On

Names for the 2009 memorial vigil are already being collected. Three days after the 2008 vigil, the body of local homeless man Yoshio Nakada was found in Foggy Bottom, apparently bludgeoned to death as he slept outdoors.

The official from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner said autopsies are still being completed on Byron Alexander, who was reportedly found dead Feb. 1 at North Capitol Street and Florida Ave., and Ellen Gong, whose body was found Feb. 5 at 14th Street and New York Ave. in Northwest.

A third homeless person, a 50-yearold white male, was found dead on March 9 at 13th and Perry Streets in Northeast, according to Luby. And a fourth, named Robert Pryor, about 52, was found alive on Sixth Street, NW on March 1, she said. But on March 10, he also died.

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Alive and Well and Working Hard

On his recent visit to Street Sense, Andrus enjoyed a doughnut with his friends and then decided he had better get back to Virginia. He is anxiously awaiting spring, and more gardening and landscaping work. "I'll probably be planting trees and flowers," he said with a smile. He promised to stay in touch.