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***Annual Blueprint Celebration to Honor
Community's Work to End Homelessness
Featured Speaker Ray Hilbert inspires as featured speaker;
formerly homeless individual recognized***

INDIANAPOLIS – The Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention (Coalition) will host its annual Blueprint Celebration *Presented by Sharon & Jim O'Brien and Indiana Pacers* to recognize individuals and organizations who are making significant progress in the implementation of the community's *Blueprint to End Homelessness (Blueprint)*. Additionally, *Indianapolis Colts* are this year's Platinum Sponsor.

The celebration will take place **Thursday, September 16th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** at the Conseco Fieldhouse, One Conseco Court 125 S. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.

The celebration will champion the community's progress on the groundbreaking *Blueprint*. The program will feature Indiana Pacers Head Coach Jim O'Brien, presenter of the celebration, as Master of Ceremonies.

"Sharon and I are proud to be part of the celebration," said CHIP Board Director Jim O'Brien. "Ending homelessness in Indianapolis takes considerable collaboration and commitment. We look forward to continuing our work in making sure our families and neighbors have a place to call home."

The celebration will include an annual awards ceremony honoring individuals and organizations like the Indianapolis Marion County Public Library, Judge Barbara Collins of Marion Superior Court, Criminal 8, Mental Health Court, Sergeant Robert Hipple of Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department and Jay Butler of Castleton United Methodist Church for their efforts in the local fight to end homelessness.

Donnie Robinette, a formerly homeless individual will also receive an award to recognize his achievements of overcoming substantial obstacles and going on to make outstanding contributions to our community. Robinette, is a homeless outreach worker with the Homeless Initiative Program. He has spent 15 years doing what he can to help Indianapolis' homeless with a helping hand, warm heart, and unsurpassed patience.

Featured speaker Ray Hilbert is the co-author of the international best-selling novel, *The Janitor: How An Unexpected Friendship Transformed A CEO And His Company* and CEO and Co-Founder of TRUTH @ WORK, a not-for-profit ministry founded in 1998 specializing in helping business owners and leaders build strong organizations and discover meaningful ways to personally make a positive impact in the lives of others.

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The annual Blueprint Celebration is made possible by the generosity of several local sponsors. Presenting level sponsors include: Sharon & Jim O'Brien and Indiana Pacers. Platinum level sponsors include: Indianapolis Colts. Gold level sponsors include: Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County. Silver level sponsors include: Ann and Bill Moreau, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Barnes & Thornburg, Dauby O'Connor & Zaleski, Fifth Third Bank, M&I Marshall & Ilsley Bank, and Second Presbyterian Church.

Tickets available online at www.chipindy.org.

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The Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention is a nonprofit agency created in 1996 to advocate for homeless and near-homeless people in Indianapolis and to help organizations that serve them work together more effectively. CHIP led the Blueprint to End Homelessness planning effort and now serves as the lead agency to mobilize the community to work together to implement its recommendations.