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Remembering and honoring 26 lives lost

INDIANAPOLIS – The Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention (CHIP) will honor local fallen homeless neighbors Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at the Annual Homeless Persons' Memorial Service.

In 2011, 26 people who were or had been homeless died in Indianapolis. The annual memorial service pays respect to homeless neighbors who passed away during the year.

WHAT: 2011 National Homeless Persons' Memorial Service

WHEN: **Wednesday, December 21, 2011**
11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Christ Church Cathedral
125 Monument Circle
Indianapolis, Indiana

Ronald Lindsay, a homeless advocate, will share his individual struggle with homelessness and the inspiring events that helped him regain his life and home.

Each year, the service is held on or near the first day of winter to bring attention to the plight of our homeless neighbors. A memorial book, inscribed with the names of those who have died from 1996 through 2011, will be on display at the church.

Following the service, CHIP will host a complimentary luncheon for the homeless and formerly homeless neighbors in attendance as well as for the service providers and volunteers who work with those experiencing homelessness on a daily basis.

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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.