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National Homeless Persons' Memorial Service

*A time for remembrance,
A season of hope*

December 21, 2010
Christ Church Cathedral

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Samuel Gaskin, Organ Scholar
Christ Church Cathedral

Master of Ceremony

Johnathon M. Willey
Board Chair, CHIP

Welcome and Prayer

The Very Reverend Stephen E. Carlsen
Christ Church Cathedral

Responsive Reading

Dennis Bender
Program Administrator, Progress House

Speaker

The Honorable Gregory A. Ballard, Mayor of Indianapolis

Come Unto Him All Ye That Labor (from Messiah)

by George Frederick Handel

The Cathedral Girls' Choir
Dr. Dana T. Marsh, Director of Music

Speakers

Gary Rhodes, Homeless Advocate
Darryl Boyd, Homeless Advocate

Panis Angelicus (Bread of Angels) by César Franck

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Reading of the Names and Candlelight Ceremony

Johnathon M. Willey

Tolling of the Bells/Moment of Silence

Tolled for the number of homeless and formerly homeless persons who have died this year, and one more for those known only to God.

Special Thanks

The National Homeless Persons' Memorial Service is held with the help of many people. We want to thank those who contributed their time and energy to this year's service including all of the speakers who gave of their time, talent and selves. We also thank the candle holders and volunteers. We are grateful for significant financial support from **The Samarian Foundation, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Christy and Adam Shepard, Herman & Kittle Properties, Inc.** and the many other generous donors recognized on signage at today's event and on CHIP's website. In addition, we thank Frank Bradford for providing musical entertainment during the luncheon for our homeless neighbors immediately following the service, MCL Cafeteria, Panera Bread, Chick-fil-A, Starbucks Coffee, and First Samuel Baptist Church for food and beverage donations, and IKON Office Solutions, a Ricoh Company for donating services. Thank you to Christ Church Cathedral for hosting the service once again and for all the people in the community who share a commitment to working together toward ending homelessness.

Information About CHIP

The Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention (CHIP) is a not-for-profit agency working to assist homeless and near-homeless persons and the agencies that serve them. Our mission is to mobilize the community to work together to end homelessness in Indianapolis. The *Blueprint to End Homelessness* provides a set of strategies that have been proven effective in preventing and ending homelessness.

Join in the fight to end homelessness by visiting the Community Wish List at www.ChipIndyWishList.org to search for volunteer opportunities or items to donate to a local service provider. By volunteering and donating, you can make a positive change for a homeless neighbor and our community. There are many other ways for people to get involved. Contact CHIP today for more information.

Facts About Homelessness

- More than 400 people who have experienced homelessness have died in Marion Country since 1996.
- An estimated 4,500 - 7,500 of our fellow neighbors will experience homelessness during the course of a year.
- On a single night in January 2010, nearly 1,500 men, women and children were identified as being homeless.
- There were 199 families (including 362 children) who were sleeping in a place they could not call home. Homeless families make up nearly forty percent of our entire homeless population.
- There were 250 veterans staying on the streets, in emergency shelter, or in temporary housing.
- Nineteen percent of adults who were homeless had jobs.
- Nearly one out of every five homeless individuals found during the 2010 Homeless Count was identified as a survivor of domestic violence.
- Forty-seven percent of the homeless population includes individuals who suffer from severe medical issues, mental illness and/or chronic substance abuse.
- Homelessness results from many factors, including the lack of affordable housing, lack of employment or low-paying jobs, addiction, and mental illness.
- In 2010, the single greatest reason for homelessness in Indianapolis was loss of employment.

Winter Needs

This winter, local shelter and outreach teams are in short supply of warm clothing and non-perishable food items. Working in partnership with other homeless service providers, Wheeler Mission Ministries is storing public donations of these items. Donations can include: blankets, jackets, hats, and gloves; and single serving, easy-to-open sports drinks, juice boxes, sausages and beef sticks, puddings, fruit cups, peanut butter crackers, cereal or breakfast bars, instant coffee, and individual servings of chips and nuts. **To donate, please visit Wheeler Mission Ministries at 245 N. Delaware Street.** Donors should specify the contributions are for the Winter Relief for Homeless efforts.

An offering taken after today's service at the back of the church will support Winter Relief efforts.

Responsive Reading

(Leader)

To each of you who has perished, this year and in previous years -

(All)

We will remember you...

(Leader)

We gather together to bring attention to the shame of homelessness and how it robs our neighbors of their hope and their lives -

(All)

We will remember you...

(Leader)

To those who have been lost on our city streets, in the alleyways, abandoned buildings and sometimes even in our hearts -

(All)

We will remember you...

(Leader)

For your strength, courage and perseverance, we will celebrate your life and mourn your loss. Lest we never forget your struggle -

(All)

We will remember you...

(Leader)

In your memory we will rekindle hope and recommit ourselves to fight for the cause. We will work as individuals, through organizations and as part of our communities to put an end to homelessness - now and forever.

(All)

We will remember you...

(Leader)

From the writings of St. Augustine:

*“Hope has two beautiful daughters,
Anger at the way things are, and
Courage to change the way things are.”*

In your memory we will seek to change the way things are, and -

(All)

We will remember you.

*A day of remembrance in honor of those people
who were homeless and have died in 2010.*

Vaughn Barker
Jeanne Bendel
Michael Brown
Michael D. Brown
Timothy G. Burgoon
Roy Bush
Calvin Eugene Cole
Malissa Davidson
Nick Davidson
Lawrence K. Dugan
Christopher Fallowfield
Rita Fuller
Charles Hall
Alan Hicks
Keenan Hill
Leo Johnson
George Jones
Shawna Lamb
Rusty Lightfoot
Joe Martin
Gerald Mathews
John McClain
Jeremiah Monroe
Donna Mosatto
Nolan Nichols
Nicki Pope
Clifford Rowley
Mary Sampson
Michael Settles
Arthur Sims
Lawrence Stokes
Mosby Traylor
Ronald Tully
Christopher Ward
Karen Wasnidge
Robert Withem

*Their Stories...*Two homeless advocates share their stories today: Gary Rhodes and Darryl Boyd. We thank them for sharing their experiences with us and for helping us understand how a combination of services and housing helped end their struggles with homelessness and encouraged their ongoing recovery. Their stories remind us of the thousands of other people in need of our support.

Gary Rhodes spent 14 years on the streets of Indianapolis before becoming housed and employed this past year. Gary is an alcoholic and has been for more than 35 years. Stemming from a turbulent childhood and low self-esteem, he took his first drink when he was 13 years old, and it was his resulting addiction to alcohol that led to his homelessness. During multiple episodes of homelessness, Gary accumulated 45 arrests for public intoxication. Except for brief times when he was incarcerated, in emergency shelter or sleeping in the home of a friend or relative, he spent all of his time on the street during those 14 years. In 2008, he began receiving services from the Homeless Initiative Program and became housed at the Gladstone Apartments as part of the Threshold Program. Gary recently gave up his apartment and moved into the Salvation Army Harbor Light Center, where choosing to totally embrace his sobriety, he continues with his treatment and recovery. Gary currently works as a Bell Ringer for the Salvation Army. He enjoys the support of multiple social service agencies along with representatives from the Marion Superior Court and the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department as he continues to work on his recovery. Speaking before you today, Gary is celebrating his seventh month of sobriety.

Darryl Boyd is a veteran of the United States Navy. Darryl became homeless as a result of his addiction to drugs and subsequent years of substance abuse. Darryl met Rick Feuille, a formerly homeless veteran who worked for HVAF of Indiana, who mentored Darryl and introduced him to other service providers and programs. Darryl entered the HVAF Residential Employment and Substance Abuse Treatment (REST) Program, a supportive, recovery-dynamics based housing program for homeless veterans with the primary goal of maintaining sobriety while obtaining employment and permanent housing. Darryl was homeless and in recovery when he attended the memorial service last year. He was inspired by the service and support he received from those in attendance to continue with his recovery. Darryl is now employed as a resource specialist with the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center, where he serves as an advocate for men seeking recovery from addiction and homelessness. He attends Ivy Tech Community College with plans to transfer to Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis to pursue his bachelor's degree in social work with a minor in philanthropy. Speaking before you today, Darryl is celebrating one year and four months of sobriety.