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*National Homeless  
Persons' Memorial Service*

*A time for remembrance,  
A season of hope*

*December 21, 2012  
Christ Church Cathedral*

## *Order of Service*

*Organ Prelude*

Michael Gebhart, 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*

Rebecca Seifert

Executive Director, Gennesarret Free Clinics

*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*

The Honorable Oigen Williams  
Deputy Mayor of Indianapolis

Christina Rippey

Homeless Advocate

*Rainis Angelicus (Bread of Angels) by César Franck*

The Cathedral Girls' Choir

Dr. Dana T. Marsh, Director of Music

*Reading of the Names and Candlelight Ceremony*

Johnathon M. Willey

*Colling 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 shared so much of themselves with us. We also thank the candle holders and volunteers. We are grateful for significant financial support and our many 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, **First Samuel Baptist Church** and **Christ Church Cathedral** for food and beverage donations, **Sam's Club** for in-kind contributions. 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 that mobilizes, advocates, and empowers community collaboration toward ending homelessness and fosters an effective system of homelessness prevention and intervention in the greater Indianapolis area. We believe that successful efforts towards ending homelessness require the collective talents, resources, and commitment of the entire Indianapolis community. No one group or individual has the ability to address the issues alone. As an intermediary, we work to create a systemic and effective approach towards ending homelessness.

The Indianapolis community has been engaged in a process to create a next phase strategic plan to address the prevention and ending of homelessness. To see the work products created to date, and to learn how to get involved visit <http://indy-blueprint2.org>. To learn about the community campaign to house our most vulnerable homeless persons visit <http://www.100khomelessindy.org>.

## *Facts About Homelessness*

- More than 480 people who have experienced homelessness have died in Marion County since 1996.
- On a single night in January 2012, 1,647 men, women and children were identified as being homeless - living in shelters, transitional housing or a place not meant for habitation.
- 351 of adults counted in the 2012 Homeless Count were identified as veterans.
- Homelessness results from many factors, including the lack of affordable housing, lack of employment or low-paying jobs, addiction and mental illness.
- The single greatest reason for homelessness in Indianapolis was loss of employment, reported by nearly 300 of adults in 2012.
- Fourteen percent of adults who were homeless had jobs and nine percent were in school or training.
- There were 177 families (including 309 children) who were sleeping in a place they could not call home.
- Marion County schools also reported serving another 3,171 children who did not have a home of their own. These children are “doubled up” with friends or family, living in hotels or motels or are unattached.
- 360 of adults counted in the 2012 Homeless Count were women fleeing from domestic violence.
- Thirty-eight percent of the homeless population includes individuals who suffer from severe medical issues, mental illness and/or chronic substance abuse.

### *Winter Needs*

This winter, local shelter and outreach teams are in need 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, visit Wheeler Mission Ministries at 245 N. Delaware St.**

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.**

*▲ day of remembrance in honor of people who were homeless and have died in 2012.*

Tijana Anderson  
Watt Bailey  
Carl Bailey  
Danton Barnhart  
Frederick Bradley  
Kevin Brosnan  
Eric Burkhart  
James R. Bush  
Jennifer Ann Carter  
Kerry Cory  
Timothy Cross  
Andrew Dishman  
Marshall Dorsey  
Bruce Duniwent  
Kevin Edrington  
Robert "Popeye" Glispie  
Kenneth Guynn  
Michael Hanchin  
Robert C. Harrison  
Lenon Henry  
Phillip Hodges  
Brian Hoke  
Marjorie Kandell  
Joe Kendrick  
Jimmy Loving  
Derrick McGhee  
Robbie "JT" Means

*▲ day of remembrance in honor of people who were homeless and have died in 2012 continued.*

Terry Nichols  
Donald Parmelee  
Jason Purvis  
Gage Raub  
Tim Redmon  
Martin Reed  
Meisha Reynolds  
Victor Rios  
Jaymes Shackelford  
Warren Dewayne Smith  
Steve Spencer  
Mark Southwick  
Dennis Sullivan  
Janice Sweazey  
Jerry Tingle  
Mark Tobin  
Tony Walker  
Dennis Webber

As **Christina Rippey** shares her story today, we want to acknowledge the courage it takes to publicly share her experience with us. She is an example of how a combination of services and housing can help end someone's struggle with homelessness. Her story reminds us of the thousands of other people in need of our support. She will share her personal experience of homelessness as well as her commitment to regain stability in her life.