

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. In addition, we thank **Mike Johnson** 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. 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.



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2013

National Homeless Persons' Memorial Service

*December 20, 2013
Christ Church Cathedral*

*A time for remembrance,
A season of hope*

Order of Service

Organ Prelude
Nicole Simental, Organ Scholar
Christ Church Cathedral

Master of Ceremony
Steve Karn
Board Chair, CHIP

Welcome and Prayer
The Very Reverend Stephen E. Carlsen
Christ Church Cathedral

Responsive Reading
Aaron Kalinowski, MD MPH
Eskenazi Health

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
Douglas S. Hairston, Director
Mayor's Office of the
Indianapolis Front Porch Alliance

Dorothy Caldwell & Valerie Hogston
Homeless Advocates

Panis 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
Steve Karn

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.

Facts About Homelessness

- More than 480 people who have experienced homelessness have died in Marion County since 1996.
- On a single night in January 2013, 1455 were staying in emergency shelters or temporary housing and 120 were found unsheltered on the streets.
- Between 4800 and 8000 individuals in Marion County will experience homelessness over the course of a year.
- 320 of adults counted in the 2013 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.
- There were 151 families (including 328 children) who were sleeping in a place they could not call home during the 2013 Homeless Count.
- According to the McKinney-Vento definition of homelessness, which is broadened to include children in families who are doubled up, a total of 3,553 students in Marion County were living in homeless conditions.

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 completed its nearly two-year process to create Blueprint 2.0 and the Indianapolis Continuum of Care. Indianapolis is one of the first cities to accomplish this thanks to our collaborative spirit and desire to keep the momentum of the first Blueprint going. To learn about Blueprint 2.0 and the Indianapolis Continuum of Care visit www.indycoc.org.

Responsive Reading

As **Dorothy Caldwell** and **Val Hogston** share their stories, we acknowledge the courage it takes to publicly share their experiences with us. Their stories demonstrate that it is possible to end homelessness when a person searching for help encounters a combination of caring people, services and housing. Hundreds of people move out of homelessness every year in our community. Unfortunately, there are also thousands of individuals and families that will experience homelessness in Indianapolis in the coming year.

But let us remember Dorothy's and Val's stories of hope as we enter the new year. Let this hope strengthen our commitment to a future where homelessness is rare, short-lived and recoverable in Indianapolis. We can end homelessness one person/one family at a time.

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.

(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 people
who were homeless and have died in 2013*

continued.

Latoya Martin
Harold McIntosh
Kelly McCoy
Joyce McQuiller
Roy "Ro" Molina
Joseph Norris
Darnell Perius
Brian Quarles
Tamera Ramsey
David Raymer
Thomas Roll
Gregory Sedam
Barbara Sparks
Kenneth Sparks
James Stanbeck
Ryan Switzer
Betty Taylor
David Tucker
Steven Turcsik
Nebraska Washington
Curtis Willis
Fred Wilson
Dexter A. Young

And those known only to God

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Kevin Adams
Karen Amsley
Mario Bacon
Alan Bartley
Reginald Barton
Sheila Bryant
Phillip Buchanan
Michael Cafiero
Russell Conner
Susan Cox
Randy Dean
John Elmore
Matthew Ferran
David Fewell
Dane Gambill
Aaron Gardner
Ronnie Hancher
Barry Harris
Katrina Harvey
John Herron
Earmon Hubbard
Richard Jones
Michelle Keller
Jodi Krause
Donald Lang
Casey Lewis
James Randolph Lewis, Jr.
Gregory Lones

