

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. 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, Christ Church Cathedral, Chick-fil-A, Chipotle, Hard Rock Café, and Palomino 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.

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.



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2014 National Homeless Persons' Memorial Service

Friday, December 19, 2014

Christ Church Cathedral

11:00 a.m.

A Time for Remembrance

A Season for Hope

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Matthew Middleton
Interim Organist and Choirmaster
Christ Church Cathedral

Master of Ceremony

Steve Karn
Board Chair, CHIP

Welcome & Prayer

The Very Rev. Stephen E. Carlsen
Christ Church Cathedral

Responsive Reading

Rebekah Bricker, LCSW, LAC
Crisis Clinician, Eskenazi Health
Midtown Community Mental Health

Musical Selection

Steal Away to Jesus, Arr. Dale Adelman
Sung by The Cathedral Men's Choir

Speaker

Louis Nutter, Homeless Advocate

Musical Selection

Ave Maria, Franz Biebl
Sung by The Cathedral Men's Choir

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 530 people who have experienced homelessness have died in Marion County since 1996.
- Between 7,543 and 9,485 individuals in Marion County will experience homelessness over the course of a year.
- On a single night in January 2014, 1,897 men, women and children were identified as being homeless.
- 370 of adults counted in 2014 were identified as veterans.
- There were 161 families (including 346 children) who were sleeping in a place they could not call home during the 2014 Point-in-Time Count.
- Nearly one out of every five people experiencing homelessness during the 2014 Homeless Count was identified as a victim of domestic violence.
- Homelessness results from many factors, including the lack of employment or low-paying jobs, incarceration, addiction, mental illness, and domestic violence.



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Louis Nutter is the brother of Samba Nutter, one of the people whose life was cut too short by the effects of homelessness. We acknowledge the courage it takes for him to publicly share his family's sorrow and celebrate the life of his brother during today's service. We thank him for sharing his memories with us. May his story be a reminder to us of the thousands of other people who need our help every year. Let his story strengthen our commitment to a future where homelessness is rare, short-lived and recoverable in Indianapolis.

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 people who
were homeless and have died in 2014**

Holly Angel
Anonymous
Jon Aspling
Abigail Baker
Charles Baker
Bruce Barfield
Diane Bledsoe
Anthony Blythe
Joyce Cannady
Marshall Carman
Xin Chen
Caesar Cox
Stephen Cox
William Dulin
Michael Fournier
Arthur Gamble
Shelly Gaston
Michelle Gee
Kenneth Gentry
Quintico Goolsby
Robert Gottschalt
Ryan Hannan
Mechelle Henderson
Ken Hoskins
Charles Jackson
Anthony Jinx
Renee Johnson
Arthur Jordan
Troy Kennedy
Leo Knuckles
Irvin McNeely
Amanda Malone
Terry Miles
Thomas Mitchell
Larry Mink

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Carlton Morrow
Frank Murray
Samba Nutter
Roy Ofsthun
Alfred Petty
Chad Pozsgai
Stephen Rhodes
William Ricketts
Michael Robertson
John Seals
Joe Smith
Carol Spitz
Dennis Wenger
Karen White
Gregory Whitfield
Charles E. Williams
Roland Wiggly

And those known only to God