

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 candleholders and volunteers. In addition, we thank 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.

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 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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2015 *National Homeless Persons' Memorial Service*

*Monday, December 21, 2015
Christ Church Cathedral
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.*

*A Time for Remembrance
A Season for Hope*

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Improvisation on "Steal Away"
Dr. Michael Boney
Canon for Music and Organist
Christ Church Cathedral

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Alan Withey
Executive Director, CHIP

WELCOME & PRAYER

The Reverend Cannon Shannon MacVean-Brown
Christ Church Cathedral

RESPONSIVE READING

Kay Wiles
Director
HealthNet Homeless Initiative Program

MUSICAL SELECTION

Hymn 690 - "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
Dr. Michael Boney

SPEAKER OF HONOR

Kenneth Catenacci
Homeless Advocate

MUSICAL SELECTION

Hymn 662 - "Abide with Me"
Dr. Michael Boney

READING OF THE NAMES & CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY

Gillian Bundles
Candle Lighter, 2015 Diamond Service Award Recipient

TOLLING OF THE BELLS / MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

CANDLE LIGHTER BIOGRAPHY

GILLIAN BUNDLES While a sophomore at Broad Ripple High School, Gillian Bundles was left on her own after her mother moved to another state. Ms. Bundles stayed with friends and family throughout the rest of her high school career but had no permanent home. Sometimes transportation, food, and a place to sleep were not easy to come by, but she did what she could to remain in school, stating, "I knew school was a priority for me if I wanted to get somewhere in life." That commitment paid off. Graduating with a 4.19 G.P.A., she was named school valedictorian. Ms. Bundles received a full-ride scholarship to IUPUI, where she is studying mechanical engineering.

Despite great challenges, Ms. Bundles remains positive and grateful and believes strongly in helping others. In high school, Gillian was a volunteer mentor. Now she provides encouragement to youth engaged with Outreach, Inc., an organization that reaches out to homeless youth, including Gillian. Staff and youth she encountered through Outreach filled needs that most youth receive from their family such as stability, encouragement, accountability, and support. With their help and her own perseverance, Gillian looks forward to a future where she is healthy, happy, housed, and able to continue to help others.



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SPEAKER OF HONOR BIOGRAPHY

KENNETH CATENACCI Mr. Catenacci is 59 years old and is from Chicago, Illinois. He has lived in various parts of the country and arrived in Indiana in the summer of 1980 when he located his natural father in southern Indiana after over 17 years of searching. In the fall of that year, he received two felony convictions and served 10 years and 2 weeks in Indiana Department of Corrections facilities. He was released in November 1990.

From the moment he was released, Mr. Catenacci was homeless and on the streets. Several people from his recovery program assisted him, walking him through all of the various resources that were available. From those days until now, he has been in and out of homelessness or near homelessness. Even when he had a roof over his head, it was not a place of his own; often times, it was a very unhealthy environment. He currently does not have his own place, but he strives to get through each day and asks for help when he cannot handle something.

Mr. Catenacci believes that there is a solution to homelessness. There is a saying, "As long as the ties that bind us together are stronger than those that would tear us apart; all will be well". He believes that organizations such as CHIP, The PourHouse, the upcoming Albert G. and Sara I. Reuben Engagement Center, the police department and many others are truly a part of those ties that bind us together. Currently, he sits on Board of Directors for the Reuben Engagement Center, a facility designated to shelter homeless individuals who are under the influence of substances and/or suffering from mental illness. The Center will provide access to treatment and connect clients with appropriate supportive services and housing options. He believes that we can help individuals in homelessness by helping these organizations help them.

Mr. Catenacci is thankful for the opportunity to speak.

Mr. Catenacci says about individuals in homelessness, "We are loved and cared for. We do get better. We do recover."

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 2015

Anthony Bennett
Ronnie Bowling
Roy Britt
Keith Brown
James Cannon
Ralph Chew
James Cox
Douglas Coyne
Paris Currington
Joseph Deadman
James Dewar
Catherine Duvall
Ian Haase
Michael Harsh
Otto Hopson
Cody Horsley
Kelsey Hott
Stacey Hiner Huaracha
Norman Ivins
Anonymous
Maureen Krause
Joseph Mangiaracina
Chanel "Donnie" Manners
Tito McCombs
Steve Mundy
Earl Perry
Brian Pope
Bobbi Ratliffe
Lynn Rike
Jon Scott
Reginald Smith
Frank Smith
Gregory Sparks
Bruce Spellum
Vickie Stailey
Randy Staten
Gregory Thomas
Diane Treaster
Gerald "Bo" Wallace
Charlie Whalen
LaQuita Wiggins

Those known only to God

FACTS ABOUT HOMELESSNESS

- More than 550 people who have experienced homelessness have died in Marion County since 1996.
- Between 5,000 - 8,330 individuals in Marion County will experience homelessness over the course of a year.
- On a single night in January 2015, 1,666 men, women, transgender individuals, and children were identified as being homeless.
- 389 of adults counted in 2015 were identified as veterans.
- There were 136 families (including 285 children) who were sleeping in a place they could not call home during the 2015 Point-in-Time Count.
- One out of every four people experiencing homelessness during the 2015 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.

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; coats, hats, and gloves; hand warmers; and single serving, easy-to-open nonperishable food and drink items, such as water, 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, Indianapolis, IN 46204. 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.*