

2016
National Homeless Persons'
Memorial Service

Wednesday, December 21, 2016
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 Witchey
Executive Director, CHIP

WELCOME & PRAYER

The Reverend Cannon Shannon MacVean-Brown
Christ Church Cathedral

RESPONSIVE READING

Lia Hicks
Manager, Homeless & Housing Resource Team
Adult & Child Health

MUSICAL SELECTION

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

SPEAKER OF HONOR

Catina Hill
Homeless Advocate

MUSICAL SELECTION

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

READING OF THE NAMES & CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY

Ken Catenacci
Candle Lighter, 2016 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.*

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 INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE HOMELESS AND HAVE DIED IN 2016

Charlotte Allen
Mike Bombard
Jeff Brooks
Steve Cook
Wes Cunningham
Jeremiah Daugherty
Robert Drews
Glenn Eaglebarger
Samuel Elliot
James Fields
Michael Fisher
Antonia "Toni" Garrett
Alexander Gerth
Kenneth Grimes
Jhurnee Hudson
Brian Johnson
Angel Jones
Denise Knott
Brett LeVeQue
David Lewis
George Lingenfelter
Tammy Mallory
Jessie McClelland
Richard McDole
John Meadors
Margaret "Peggy" Means
Adron Metcalf
Kristy Nix
Scott Parker
Vince Richardson
Darell Robertson
Jeffrey Robinson
Khameron Rollins
Barry Rominger
Khristoma Russell-White
LaDon Scott
Frederick Shorts
Gurdeep "Happy" Singh Sandhu
Joel Theiss
Thomas Turk
Danny Waters
Dwight White
Yolonda Williams
Tommy Young

Those known only to God

FACTS ABOUT HOMELESSNESS

- More than 550 people who have experienced homelessness have died in Marion County since 1996.
- Between 4,850 - 8,100 individuals in Marion County will experience homelessness over the course of a year.
- On a single night in January 2016, 1,619 men, women, transgender individuals, and children were identified as being homeless.
- 326 of adults counted in 2016 were identified as veterans.
- There were 156 families (including 305 children) who were sleeping in a place they could not call home during the 2016 Point-in-Time Count.
- Almost one out of every four adults experiencing homelessness during the 2016 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 Winter Relief efforts.

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

SPEAKER OF HONOR BIOGRAPHY

Ms. CATINA HILL struggled with homelessness for many years. Catina has also faced struggles with mental illness as well as drug and alcohol addiction.

At a young age, Catina wanted independence and to feel like an adult, which led her falling in with the wrong crowd. At age 15, she became addicted to alcohol; at age, 17 she started experimenting with drugs, including cocaine. She didn't want to go to school or to stay at home, so she moved in with a man with which she shared similar interests. She soon ended up getting kicked out because she became a slave to addiction.

Catina started living outside: behind buildings, in parks, in downtown parking garages. She started begging for money to feed her habits. She would beg for money every waking minute, causing her to not sleep for days at a time, so she could satisfy her addiction. She would walk the streets to find someone who would fuel her addiction, even if it meant exchanging sex for drugs or alcohol. Sometimes she would wake up in someone's bed and not know how she had gotten there. Drugs and alcohol had taken over her life.

One day, Catina realized that her life had become unmanageable. She took a long look at herself. She saw that her kids, her grandchildren, and other family members didn't want her around. She ultimately decided that she was going to change her way of life because she needed her family in her life because of her love for them.

Today, Catina is a changed woman. She has been clean and sober from drugs for 8 years and from alcohol for 1 year. She now has a home of her own. She feels good about herself and her family is now back in her life. Each and every day she thanks the Lord for taking her in His arms and showing the right path of sobriety.

CANDLE LIGHTER BIOGRAPHY

KENNETH CATENACCI is 60 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 searching for over 17 years. 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, Ken was homeless and on the streets. Several people from his recovery program assisted him, connecting him with the resources that were available. Since being released, he has been in and out of 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.

Ken believes there is a solution to homelessness and it lies in the 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 organizations such as CHIP, PourHouse, the 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. It is through these organizations that he thinks we can end homelessness.

In February 2016, Ken was housed through the Continuum of Care and on December 5, 2016, Ken began working for Adult and Child on the Homeless and Housing Resource Team. Additionally, Ken sits on the 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.

Ken would like to say to individuals who experience or have experienced homelessness, "We are loved and cared for. We do get better. We do recover."

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 Christ Church Cathedral for providing beverages and First Samuel Baptist Church for providing and serving food for the luncheon following the service. Thank you to Christ Church Cathedral for hosting the service once again and for all the people in the community who share a commitment of working together to end homelessness in Indianapolis.

INFORMATION ABOUT CHIP

Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention (CHIP) is a nonprofit agency that mobilizes, advocates, and empowers community collaboration toward ending homelessness and fosters an effective system of homelessness prevention and intervention in greater Indianapolis.

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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