

**NATIONAL
HOMELESS
PERSONS'
MEMORIAL DAY
Recorded Events - 2013**

Memorial Events

Over **180** cities representing **44** states and the District of Columbia participated in the 24th Annual **National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day** on or around December 21st, 2013.

Observing this national event gives those in your community the chance to remember the lost and sends a national message that homelessness is a serious issue that must be dealt with. For more information, consult our **2014 Organizing Manual** at <http://nationalhomeless.org/about-us/projects/memorial-day/>.

All events covered by local media or registered with National Coalition for the Homeless are listed here. If your community's annual event is not yet listed, please contact Michael Stoops (mstoops@nationalhomeless.org) and/or Brian Zralek (bzralek@nhchc.org).

Event Descriptions by State

ALASKA

SITKA

Event: A candlelight memorial service was held at Crescent Harbor Shelter to commemorate those in the community who passed away in 2013 while experiencing homelessness. The service honored the deceased and provided motivation for those attending to fight to end homelessness.

Sponsor: The Easter Group, Crescent Harbor Shelter

Contact: Julia Smith, The Easter Group, (907)-738-6336

ARIZONA

TEMPE

Event: Members of the Tempe community came to Desert Palm UCC to memorialize the homeless in their community who passed away in 2013. The service was conducted without subscribing to one religion and was open to the public.

Sponsor: Tempe Interfaith's TEAM

Contact: TEAM, Rev. Sue Ringler,, (480)-967-7729

TUCSON

Event: The Primavera Foundation held a memorial ceremony at the Evergreen Cemetery to pay their respects to the men and women who passed away while experiencing homelessness. The service included music and speeches by many in attendance, including elected officials, a Primavera board member, people who were currently homeless, neighbors, and friends.

Sponsor: Primavera Foundation, Evergreen Mortuary Cemetery Crematory

Contact: Primavera's Administrative Office, (520) 882-5383

CALIFORNIA

CONCORD

Event: Project HOPE held its annual memorial service on Friday, November 22nd at the Concord United Methodist Church. The memorial was open to the public and allowed those in attendance to reflect on their friends and neighbors who have passed away while homeless.

Sponsor: Anka Behavioral Health, Inc., Concord United Methodist Church

Contact: Shayne Kaleo, Project Hope, (925) 435-3650

FAIRFIELD (SOLANO COUNTY)

Event: Community members gathered at St. Mark's Church in Fairfield to memorialize those who died while experiencing homelessness in Fairfield in 2013. This was the third annual memorial hosted by the Health Care for the Homeless Advisory and was planned in conjunction with a similar event in Vallejo.

Sponsor: Solono County Health Care for the Homeless Advisory Board

Contact: Solono County Health Care for the Homeless (707) 784-4406

GLENDALE

Event: Homeless service providers and the people they serve gathered for a candlelight vigil at the old Ascencia building to commemorate the lives of ten homeless individuals who died during the past year.

Sponsor: Ascencia

Contact: Chelsea Mitchell, Ascencia, (818) 246-7900, ctmitchell@ascencia.org

LONG BEACH

Event: The Long Beach Area Coalition for the Homeless held a memorial service on Friday, December 20th at Civic Center Plaza. The service remembered and honored the homeless individuals that passed away in 2013.

Sponsor: Long Beach Area Coalition for the Homeless

Contact: Gary Shelton, Long Beach Area Coalition for the Homeless, mrgshelton@yahoo.com

LOS ANGELES

Event: Skid Row held a memorial service to more than 50 people who died in LA while homeless at the James M. Wood Community Center. Memorial wreaths presented at the ceremony were displayed in Can Julian Park for the following three weeks, in order to gain attention for the serious issue of homelessness.

Sponsor: SRO Housing Corporation

Contact: SRO Housing Corporation, (213) 229-9664

MERCED COUNTY

Event: On Friday, December 20th a memorial was held at the D Street Shelter to honor those who have passed away while living on the streets. Pastries, hot chocolate, care packages, and coats were given away at the conclusion of the event.

Sponsor: Golden Valley Health Centers, D Street Shelter

Contact: Juan Villa, Golden Valley Health Centers (209) 761-8775, jvilla@gvhc.org

MODESTO

Event: On the evening of December 21st, the Salvation Army's Berberian Shelter held an outdoor candlelight vigil to remember the 17 men and women who died in the Modesto area in 2013.

Sponsor: The Salvation Army, Stanislaus County's Behavioral Health & Recovery Services, Golden Valley Health Centers

Contact: Salvation Army's Berberian Homeless and Transition Shelter Center (209) 529-7507

PALM SPRINGS

Event: At the Palm Spring's City Hall, a city council meeting was held in place of a Homeless Persons' Memorial Service. Community members and elected officials gathered together to discuss the problem of homelessness and what could be done to fight it.

Sponsor: City of Palm Springs

Contact: City of Palm Springs, Dale Cook, (760) 323-8198, Dale.Cook@palmsspringsca.gov

PASADENA

Event: The All Saints Church gathered local community members and neighbors for its annual homeless memorial commemorating those who died without a permanent home. Those who attended lit candles in honor of loved ones, worshiped with praise music, and prayed for the deceased.

Sponsor: All Saints Church

Contact: All Saints Church info@allsaints-pas.org, (626) 796-1172

REDDING (SHASTA COUNTY)

Event: The Good News Rescue Mission holds an annual homeless persons' memorial service in their chapel to allow the public to mourn and remember those who died in the past year. The service includes prayer, worship music, and time for the community to reflect on the epidemic of homelessness.

Sponsor: Good News Rescue Mission, Shasta County Homeless Continuum of Care Council

Contact: Caesar, Good News Rescue Mission (530) 241-5754

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Event: The County of Riverside and the California Department of Mental Health hosted a memorial to honor those who have passed away while living on the streets.

Sponsor: The County of Riverside, The California Department of Mental Health

Contact: Heidi Fisher, Riverside County Mental Health Department, hdfisher@rcmhd.org

SACRAMENTO

Event: This memorial event honored those who died in Sacramento without a home within the past 10 years. The names of the dead were read and followed by an interfaith memorial service

Sponsor: Sacramento Regional Coalition to End Homelessness, Sacramento Steps Forward

Contact: Bob Erlenbusch, Sacramento Regional Coalition to End Homelessness, (916) 993-7708

SAN DIEGO

Event: The people of San Diego marched from the San Diego Rescue Mission to the County Administration Building in solidarity and respect for those 63 people who died in San Diego in 2013 without a home. 63 pairs of shoes were placed on the steps of the County Administration Center to represent the deceased individuals.

Sponsor: San Diego Rescue Mission

Contact: San Diego Rescue Mission, (619) 819-1855

SAN FRANCISCO

Event: St. Anthony's held a memorial service with a candlelight vigil, reading of the names of San Franciscans who died without a home, and speeches from faith leaders. The interfaith memorial remembered those who were lost and honored their lives.

Sponsor: San Francisco Night Ministry, San Francisco Interfaith Council

Contact: Lyle Beckman, San Francisco Night Ministry (415) 441-0123, sfnightministry@aol.com

SAN JOSE

Event: Two memorial services for those who died in San Jose while experiencing homelessness were held this year. One informal ceremony was held in a vacant lot Wednesday, December 11th to honor the lives of four men who died due to exposure and another was held on December 19th at the Boccardo Reception Center to honor all men and women who died in San Jose without a home.

Sponsor: Healthcare for the Homeless, Gardner Family Health Network, Inc

Contact: Roberta Gunderson, Gardner Family Health Network, Inc, (408) 935-3918

SAN LUIS OBISPO

Event: People gathered on Thursday, December 19th outside of the San Luis Obispo County Superior Courthouse to light candles and sing in commemoration of the lives that have been lost while affected by homelessness.

Sponsor: San Luis Obispo County Homeless Services Oversight Council

Contact: Laurel Weir, Homeless Services Oversight Council (805) 781-1833, nholst@co.slo.ca.us

SANTA BARBARA

Event: The residents of Santa Barbara gathered on Saturday, December 21st for an interfaith candlelight prayer vigil for those who passed away in Santa Barbara while experiencing homelessness. The mayor of Santa Barbara issued a proclamation on behalf of the event and read it at the service.

Sponsor: Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE), The Interfaith Initiative of Santa Barbara

Contact: Wayne Mellinger Ph.D., CLUE (805) 963-6443, waynemellinger@gmail.com

SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Event: At Destination: Home, an outdoor memorial displays the names of those people who have died without homes in Santa Clara County. Their annual service was held next to this memorial and honored the lost.

Sponsor: EHC Life Builders, Destination: Home

Contact: Destination: Home, (408) 513-8700

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

Event: Santa Cruz's Homeless Services Center held the annual Homeless Memorial Ceremony to pay tribute to those who have passed away while being homeless. Candles were floated in a small pool in honor of each deceased individual.

Sponsor: Santa Cruz's Homeless Services Center

Contact: Valerie Thomas, Homeless Services Center (831) 458-6020, vthomas@santacruzhs.org

VALLEJO

Event: Community members gathered at the First Baptist Church in Vallejo to memorialize those who died while experiencing homelessness in Vallejo in 2013. This was the third annual memorial hosted by the Health Care for the Homeless Advisory and was planned in conjunction with a similar event in Fairfield.

Sponsor: Solono County Health Care for the Homeless Advisory Board

Contact: Solono County Healthcare for the Homeless (707) 784-4406

VENTURA

Event: Lift Up Your Voice to End Homelessness and Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura held Homeless Persons' Memorial on Sunday, December 15th, to affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person and remember those who have died homeless this past year in Ventura County. After the ceremony, those in attendance marched silently through the city to raise awareness for an end to homelessness.

Sponsor: Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura, Lift Up Your Voice to End Homelessness

Contact: Rev. David Pyle, Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura, (805) 644-3898, asstminister@uuventura.org

COLORADO**BOULDER**

Event: The Boulder community held their annual memorial on Saturday, December 21st to remember the fifteen homeless members of their community who passed away that year and three service providers. The ceremony included singing, prayer, and a service by a local pastor.

Sponsor: Bridge House

Contact: Shane, Bridge House
shane@boulderbridgehouse.org

COLORADO SPRINGS

Event: Community members gathered at an hour-long outdoor ceremony memorializing the 13 individuals who died while homeless in Colorado Springs in 2013. The service included a candlelight vigil and a reading of names of the deceased.

Sponsor: The Bijou House

Contact: The Bijou House, (719) 635-5078

DENVER

Event: On Thursday, December 19th hundreds attended a candlelight vigil and name-reading ceremony held outside of the Denver City and Country Building in order to pay tribute to those who are homeless and for the homeless people who died in 2013.

Sponsor: Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, National Consumer Advisory Board, and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council

Contact: CCH, (303) 293-2217

GRAND JUNCTION

Event: A dozen community members gather around a tree every year in Hawthorne Park to remember those who have died from being homeless. The candle lighting, ribbon tying, and prayer ceremony took place in November at this park where the Grand Valley Coalition for the Homeless planted this tree.

Sponsor: Grand Valley Coalition for the Homeless

Contact: Grand Valley Coalition for the Homeless (970) 683-5400

PUEBLO

Event: Posada holds its annual memorial ceremony in late May at the Boettcher Outdoor Education Center, on the eastern edge of the Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo. On May 28, 2013, the lives of those who passed away while homeless were honored through music, words of remembrance, and a military salute.

Sponsor: Posada, Boettcher Outdoor Education Center

Contact: Posada, (719) 545-8776

CONNECTICUT**BRIDGEPORT**

Event: A memorial service was held at the Margaret E. Morton Government Center in Bridgeport to remember and pay respects to those in the community who died while experiencing homelessness.

Sponsor: Southwest Community Health Center

Contact: Julia Perez, (203) 332-3592, jperez@swchc.org

DANIELSON

Event: A candlelight ceremony was held at Cornerstone Baptist Church to memorialize homeless friends, loved ones, patients, and neighbors that died during their time living without a permanent home.

Sponsor: Generations Family Health Center

Contact: Generations Family Health Center, (860) 774-7501

HARTFORD

Event: Those who passed away in Hartford while experiencing homelessness were recognized at Center Church on Saturday, December 21st. The memorial included the reading of names of those who died and a commemorative service.

Sponsor: Connecticut Homeless Human Rights Campaign, Faces of Homelessness, Charter Oak Cultural Center

Contact: Connecticut Homeless Human Rights Campaign (203) 673-2730

MIDDLETOWN

Event: A memorial service and candlelight vigil was held at the Church of Holy Trinity to remember the homeless individuals that have passed away this past year. Each person living without a home at the time of the ceremony will be encouraged to take a bag of necessities to get them through the winter.

Sponsor: Church of the Holy Trinity, Middlesex County Coalition on Housing and Homelessness

Contact: Middlesex County Coalition on Housing and Homelessness, (860) 346-8695

NEW BRITAIN

Event: An annual service of remembrance is held at the South Congregational Church for the homeless individuals that passed away in New Britain. The memorial included a litany, name reading, hymns, and candle lighting.

Sponsor: Friendship Service Center, South Congregational Church

Contact: Friendship Service Center, (860) 225-0211

NEW HAVEN

Event: Neighbors and friends gathered for outdoor ceremonies on a cold and snowy day in December to remember those men and women who died in Connecticut while experiencing homelessness. The service included prayer, song, and memorial flags with names of the dead. Pizza was provided and volunteers sorted and distributed clothes and other necessary goods to local people experiencing homelessness.

Sponsor: National Healthcare for the Homeless, Greater New Haven Opening Doors, The Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen, & Abraham's Tent

Contact: Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center, (203) 503-3167

NEW LONDON

Event: People gathered at All Souls Church to remember those who had passed away while living without a home. The service included prayer, songs, and reflection on the lives of the friends and strangers who were lost.

Sponsor: All Souls Church

Contact: All Souls Church, (860) 439-1573

NORWICH

Event: Services are held throughout the year for those in the community that pass away while being supported by St. Vincent de Paul Place, and one annual event memorializes all of their lives while raising awareness for the severity of homelessness.

Sponsor: St. Vincent de Paul Place

Contact: St. Vincent de Paul Place, (860) 889-7374 Exec. Director - Jillian Corbin, (jcsvdpp@gmail.com)

STAMFORD

Event: On Thursday, December 19th, the people stood outside the First Congregational Church of Stamford in silent memorial for those in their community who died while experiencing homelessness.

Sponsor: The Interfaith Council of Southwestern CT

Contact: Interfaith Council of Southwestern CT
(203) 348-2800

WEST HARTFORD

Event: The Mercy Community joined together on December 21st to memorialize those who had passed away while experiencing homelessness. Mass was held Saturday af-

ternoon and donations for the church's Giving Tree Project were collected and blessed.

Sponsor: Mercy Giving Tree Project

Contact: Christine Looby, Mercy Giving Tree Project
(860) 570-8305, clooby@mchct.org

DELAWARE

NEW CASTLE

Event: On Friday, December 20th, the Homeless Planning Council of Delaware hosted their first ever memorial service for those individuals who died while homeless in the past year. The service was followed by the official release of Delaware's Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness.

Sponsor: Homeless Planning Council of Delaware, Fund Legacies with Investment Properties (FLIP) Fund

Contact: Homeless Planning Council of Delaware
(302) 654-0126

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, DC

Events: Homeless advocates held an all-night vigil at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church on Thursday, December 19th, gathering to remember those who had passed away due to homelessness through song, candles, and sharing memories. The following morning, the group held a rally at Freedom Plaza to call for affordable housing and more shelters. A separate vigil was held on Sunday, December 22nd at Luther's Place Memorial Church

Sponsors: National Coalition for the Homeless, New York Avenue Presbyterian Church; Luther's Place Memorial Church

Contacts: Michael Stoops, National Coalition for the Homeless info@nationalhomeless.org, (202) 462-4822 ext. 234; Luther's Place Memorial Church, (202) 667-1377

FLORIDA

BRADENTON (MANATEE COUNTY)

Event: A memorial service was held at Bayside Community Church for those who passed away in Manatee County while homeless in 2013. The service gave neighbors a time to pay their respects to the dead and incited future action to end homelessness.

Sponsor: Bayside Community Church

Contact: Bayside Community Church, (941) 755-8600

BROWARD COUNTY

Event: On the evening of December 12th, community members gathered together at HOPE Central for a candle-light ceremony in remembrance of those who died in their community due to homelessness.

Sponsor: HOPE South Florida, Henderson Behavioral Health, Christ Church, National Consumer Advisory Board, Love in Action, Taskforce for Ending Homelessness, and National Health Care for the Homeless Council

Contact: HOPE South Florida, (954) 566-2311

CRYSTAL RIVER (CITRUS COUNTY)

Event: The Mission in Citrus hosted their annual candlelight vigil for those members of the community who passed away while living without a home. This was their first collaborative public service with Florida Coalition for the Homeless.

Sponsor: Mission in Citrus, FL Coalition for the Homeless

Contact: Mission in Citrus, (352) 794-3825

FORT LAUDERDALE

Event: Christ Church held its annual memorial service with worship and candles on Thursday, December 19th. Those in attendance included community members and the homeless population that Christ Church services every Thursday evening.

Sponsor: Christ Church

Contact: Christ Church, (954) 771-7300

FORT MYERS (LEE COUNTY)

Event: The Lee County Homeless Coalition's 17th Annual Candlelight Vigil was held on the evening of Saturday, December 21st on the steps of the Old Lee County. The memorial service remembered those who were lost and reminded those in the Lee County community that the problem of homelessness is real.

Sponsor: Lee County Homeless Coalition

Contact: Lee County Homeless Coalition, (239) 322-6600

GAINESVILLE (ALACHUA COUNTY)

Event: After previously holding the ceremony in downtown Gainesville, organizers decided to hold a revitalized memorial service on a grassy edge of "Tent City," where many homeless individuals sleep, so that friends of the deceased could easily attend the event. The memorial included a candlelight circle with hot chocolate and doughnuts following the ceremony.

Sponsor: The Home Van

Contact: The Home Van, (352) 372-4825

JACKSONVILLE

Event: Emergency Services & Homeless Coalition of Northeast Florida held the annual memorial service on the afternoon of Friday, December 20th at the Salvation Army Chapel. The service included brief testimonies from service providers, reading of names, lighting of candles, and music.

Sponsor: Emergency Services & Homeless Coalition of Northeast Florida

Contact: Emergency Services & Homeless Coalition of Northeast Florida, (904) 354-1100

KEY WEST (MONROE COUNTY)

Event: Since 2000, the Florida Keys Outreach Coalition has organized a memorial service at the Key West Cemetery for those who died while homeless in the past year. Bodies of the late individuals are cremated at the expense of the county. Both the city of Key West and Monroe County recently issued proclamations remembering the homeless who died this year.

Sponsor: Florida Keys Outreach Coalition

Contact: Florida Keys Outreach Coalition, (305) 295-7580

LAKE CITY (SUWANNEE VALLEY)

Event: An outdoor vigil was held in Olustee Park to remember the men and women in the Suwannee Valley area who died while living without a permanent home. Those attending the service were encouraged to join the fight against homelessness.

Sponsor: Homeless Services Network of Suwannee Valley, United Way of Suwannee Valley

Contact: Jennifer Lee, United Way of Suwannee Valley (386) 752-5604, jennifer@unitedwsv.org

LIVE OAK (SUWANNEE COUNTY)

Event: Love In The Name of Christ (Love INC) hosts an annual candlelight vigil at Millennium Park in downtown Live Oak to recognize those who passed away each year while homeless. Donations of pop-top canned goods, new/ slightly used blankets, and new socks were accepted to be distributed to those who need them.

Sponsor: Love INC

Contact: (386) 364-4673

www.loveinc-suwanneecounty.org,

MELBOURNE

Event: The Daily Bread hosted its annual Homeless Persons' Memorial Service for those who had passed away while being homeless. There were prayers and songs during the ceremony, with a concluding procession of a wreath and a white cross bearing all of the names of the deceased.

Sponsor: Daily Bread, Inc

Contact: Daily Bread, Inc, (321) 723-1060

MIAMI (MIAMI-DADE COUNTY)

Event: The Miami Coalition for the Homeless and the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust held a vigil on Friday, December 20th for all those men and women who died while living without a home in Miami in 2013. The deceased were honored with a candlelight vigil, music, wreath laying, and reading of their names.

Sponsor: The Miami Coalition for the Homeless, The Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust,

Contact: Dr. Joy G. Bruce, NANAY Community Economic Development Corporation, (305) 981-3232, joybruce@aol.com

NAPLES (COLLIER COUNTY)

Event: A vigil those who died while experiencing homelessness was held at St. Matthew's House on December 21st. The service was open to the public and included a reading of names and candlelight vigil.

Sponsor: Collier County Hunger and Homelessness Coalition

Contact: Collier County Hunger and Homelessness Coalition, (239) 263-9363

PENSACOLA (ESCAMBIA COUNTY)

Event: Waterfront Rescue Mission hosted a candlelight vigil in late November. Recent studies have shown the area has 945 homeless people in the area, so the Pensacola community came together to remember those people that were lost from that population in the past year.

Sponsor: Waterfront Rescue Mission

Contact: Waterfront Rescue Mission, (850) 478-4027

PORT CHARLOTTE (CHARLOTTE COUNTY)

Event: At the Charlotte County Homeless Coalition center, community members came to remember the four homeless individuals and one supporter who passed away through a candlelight vigil and music.

Sponsor: Charlotte County Homeless Coalition

Contact: Angela Hogan, Charlotte Co. Homeless Coalition, (941) 627-4313, angela.hogan@cchomelesscoalition.org

ST. AUGUSTINE (ST. JOHN'S COUNTY)

Event: Emergency Services and Homeless Coalition of St. Johns County hosted their 15th annual homeless candlelight vigil at First United Methodist Church on November 21st. The service memorialized all those homeless men and women who died in 2013.

Contact: Emergency Services and Homeless Coalition of St. John's County

Contact: Debi Redding, Emergency Services and Homeless Coalition of St. John's County (904) 824-6623, homelesscoalition@comcast.net

ST. PETERSBURG (PINELLAS COUNTY)

Event: Organized by Celebrate Outreach Inc., Trinity Lutheran Church held a service to honor the homeless people who passed away in 2013. The memorial service remembered the lives of those humans lost and memorialized them.

Sponsor: Celebrate Outreach Inc., Trinity Lutheran Church

Contact: Reggie Craig, Celebrate Outreach Inc. reggie@celebrateoutreach.org

SARASOTA

Event: The Salvation Army sponsored a memorial at their shelter on December 21st. The memorial had several speakers and a name reading for each man or woman who had died in 2013 while living without a permanent home.

Sponsor: The Salvation Army of Sarasota

Contact: The Salvation Army of Sarasota, (941) 364-8845

TALLAHASSEE (LEON COUNTY)

Event: On December 21st, the 8 individuals who died while experiencing homelessness were memorialized at a memorial service hosted by The Tallahassee-Leon Shelter. Three days later, on Christmas Eve night, The Shelter held a Community Christmas Eve service, during which both the holy family and the homeless in the Tallahassee community were recognized and honored.

Sponsor: The Tallahassee-Leon Shelter

Contact: Jacob Reiter, The Tallahassee-Leon Shelter (850) 224-9055

TAMPA

Event: A service was held at Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church in downtown Tampa to memorialize those in the area who passed away while homeless and bring light to this pressing issue in the Tampa community.

Sponsor: Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church

Contact: Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church, (813) 253-6047

GEORGIA**ATLANTA**

Event: Atlanta has observed a Homeless Memorial Day and Requiem since the death of 17 homeless people in Atlanta in 1988. This year marked their 25th memorial and was observed with an all-day event providing breakfast, lunch, and dinner, services, and free transportation for the homeless.

Sponsor: Cascade United Methodist Church, The Cathedral of St. Phillip, and the City of Refuge

Contact: The City of Refuge, (404) 874-2241

MARIETTA

Event: A candlelight vigil was held in late December to honor those who died while experiencing homelessness. It was held at the First United Methodist Church of Marietta and was supported by various homeless groups around the Metro area.

Sponsor: First United Methodist Church

Contact: First United Methodist Church, (770) 429-7800

IDAHO**BOISE**

Event: On December 20th, individuals came together to commemorate the lives of homeless members of their community who died on our streets or in our emergency shelters from illness or conditions directly related to their homelessness. Individuals who were formerly homeless, and homeless advocates, who died in 2012 were also remembered that night at the Interfaith Sanctuary shelter.

Sponsor: Interfaith Sanctuary Housing Services, Corpus Christi House Day Shelter, Mosaic Street Ministry, El-Ada Community Action Partnership & CATCH, INC.

Contact: Jayne Sorrels, Interfaith Sanctuary (208) 343-2630, jayne@interfaithsanctuary.org

ILLINOIS**BELLEVILLE**

Event: Representatives from faith-based organizations, volunteer organizations, county officials, and the Mayor's office met on the morning of Saturday, December 21st to memorialize those who died as a result of homelessness in Belleville. They honored the dead, discussed issues of homelessness and economic inequality, and assessed "next steps."

Sponsor: Coalition for Economic and Social Justice

Contact: Jesse Arms, Coalition for Economic and Social Justice, (618) 719-1154

CHICAGO

Event: The Chicago Coalition for the Homeless held a memorial service and candlelight vigil to remember those who died while homeless at Old St. Patrick's Church on the evening of Tuesday, December 17th.

Sponsor: Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, Ignition Spirituality Project, The Harmony, Hope, & Healing choir, Old St. Pat's Church

Contact: Anne Bowhay, Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, (312) 641-4140

DECATUR

Event: The Decatur community came together at Oasis Day Center to observe National Homeless Person's Memorial Day the lighting of candles, reading of names, and performance of worship music.

Sponsor: The Oasis Day Center

Contact: The Oasis Day Center, (217) 422-3940

LENMONT

Event: Four times every year, the volunteers on Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery's Memorial Squad give a full ceremony, complete with a 21-shot salute, to honor the 60-70 homeless veterans that are buried in the cemetery in each season.

Sponsor: Individual veteran volunteers in the Lenmont community

PALATINE

Event: Journeys from PADS to HOPE hosted their annual memorial service on Friday, December 20th to remember those who have died while living without a home. The memorial included poetry and a candlelight vigil at the HOPE Center.

Sponsor: Journeys from PADS to HOPE

Contact: Journeys from PADS to HOPE, (847) 963-9163

ROCKFORD

Event: The Carpenter's Place held a memorial that honored men and women who died without a home. Pictures were collected and displayed during a name reading honoring the dead.

Sponsor: The Carpenter's Place

Contact: Carpenter's Place, (815) 964-4105

INDIANA**EVANSVILLE**

Event: The annual gathering for the Evansville Homeless Memorial Service was held at the Trinity United Methodist Church, as a group of community members came to remember those who have struggled and have passed away while being homeless. Ten candles were lit to represent all of those who died in 2013, including an "unknown candle" to represent anyone who has passed that the community is not aware of.

Sponsor: Aurora, Inc. and Trinity United Methodist Church

Contact: Luzada Hayes (812) 428-3246, info@auroraevansville.org

INDIANAPOLIS

Event: The Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention (CHIP) held a Homeless Persons' Memorial Day event on Friday, December 20th at Christ Church Cathedral. The annual tradition honored the dead through a memorial service and provided a full lunch for any member of the homeless community.

Sponsor: The Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention (CHIP)

Contact: Jen Hunt, CHIP, (317) 472-7638

JEFFERSONVILLE

Event: Haven House Services and Exit Zero co-sponsored their annual outdoor vigil to honor the people in the community who died while experiencing homelessness. After the service, they fed hungry people in the community and spoke together about the public issue of homelessness.

Sponsors: Haven House Services, Exit Zero

Contact: Haven House Services, (812) 284-3373

IOWA**DAVENPORT**

Event: The Quad-Cities Shelter and Transitional Housing Council hosted an annual memorial service at the Community Health Care clinic. The service included music, poetry readings, prayers, and a moment of silence for those who have passed. During the vigil, donations of coats, hats, gloves, blankets, toiletries, and other cold weather necessities were accepted.

Sponsor: The Quad-Cities Shelter & Transitional Housing Council

Contact: Quad Cities Shelter and Transitional Housing Council, (563) 322-3751, qc.sthc@gmail.com

DES MOINES

Event: Joppa Outreach held the Iowa Homeless Memorial to remember those men and women who died while living without a permanent residence. The service included a candlelight memorial, live music, and words spoken about the deceased.

Sponsor: Joppa Outreach

Contact: Joppa Outreach, (515) 288-5699

KANSAS**WICHITA**

Event: The people of Wichita came together on Saturday, December 21st to remember the people who died in 2013 while experiencing homelessness. The vigil, hosted by Advocates to End Chronic Homelessness, was held at St. John's Episcopal Church.

Sponsor: Advocates to End Chronic Homelessness

Contact: Earl Mahan (316)-262-0897, earlmahan@gmail.com

KENTUCKY

NEWPORT

Event: The 23rd Annual Homeless and Hungry event was held at Newport Middle School on October 17th. The event is designed to raise awareness about homelessness and hunger, and involves music, food, games, and donation stations. A memorial service for those who have died while homeless is held at the program to remember the lost.

Sponsors: Brighton Center Street Outreach, Catholic Charities, Covington Independent Schools' Project Home, Fairhaven Rescue Mission, Family Promise of Northern Kentucky, Hosea House, Newport Independent Schools' NSTEP, St. Johns UCC/Newport, St. Walburg Monastery, Welcome House of No. Kentucky

Contact: Vicky Bauerle, Covington Charities (859) 581-8974, vbauerle@covingtoncharities.org

MAINE

BANGOR

Event: The Bangor Area Homeless Shelter held their annual memorial service on the evening of Saturday, December 21st at Hammond Street Congregational Church. A candlelight vigil was held and guest speakers who were currently or had been homeless honored those who passed in our area while homeless.

Sponsor: The Bangor Area Homeless Shelter

Contact: The Bangor Area Homeless Shelter (207) 947-0092

LEWISTON-AUBURN

Event: A ceremony memorializing those homeless individuals who died in the past year was held in downtown Lewiston-Auburn on Friday, December 20th. The ceremony included a candlelight vigil and creation and display of signs to raise awareness for homelessness

Sponsors: The Lewiston-Auburn Alliance for Services to the Homeless, New Beginnings, St. Mary's Nutrition Center, The Bread Shack

Contact: Bob Rowe, Lewiston-Auburn Alliance for Services to the Homeless, (207) 795-4077

PORTLAND

Event: Each year, residents of Portland gather at the Preble Street Resource Center and silently march to Monument Square in remembrance of those people who died homeless in 2012 while being homeless. The street is closed for the march, and a service including speakers and music is held at its conclusion.

Sponsor: Preble Street Resource Center

Contact: Preble Street, (207) 775-0026

MARYLAND

ANNAPOLIS

Event: Community members joined at the Arundel House of Hope on the evening of Saturday, December 21 to pay their respects to those who lost their lives as a result of

homelessness in 2013. Monetary and physical donations were accepted for those living at the House of Hope.

Sponsor: Arundel House of Hope

Contact: Derek Shorey, Arundel House of Hope (410) 863-4888, dshorey@arundelhoh.org

BALTIMORE

Event: Mourners in Baltimore recognized those who died homeless in the Inner Harbor Amphitheatre in 2013 on Saturday, December 21st. This day was designated by the Baltimore City Council as Homeless Persons' Memorial Day. Following a memorial service, Baltimore residents walked to City Hall alongside people currently experiencing homelessness to deliver flowers memorializing the dead.

Sponsors: Stop Homelessness and Reduce Poverty (SHARP), the Coalition for Homeless Families, and the Baltimore Homeless Youth Initiative

Contact: Vanessa Borotz, Health Care for the Homeless MD (443) 703-1349, vborotz@hchmd.org

BEL AIR (HARTFORD COUNTY)

Event: In the afternoon of Thursday, December 19th, community members gathered outside the Bel Air Armory Park to memorialize those individuals who died while experiencing homelessness. This memorial was the 7th annual ceremony in Harford County to recognize these individuals.

Sponsor: Hartford County's Health Care for the Homeless Project, Hope in Action Ministry

Contact: Harford County's Health Care for the Homeless (410) 838-1500

ELKTON (CECIL COUNTY)

Event: Meeting Ground, a Christian nonprofit group, held a service of remembrance on Saturday, December 21st at Trinity Episcopal Church. A short service and reception honored those homeless friends who died in the last year.

Sponsor: Meeting Ground

Contact: Patricia Marks, Meeting Ground pnmarks@meetingground.org, (410) 620-3128

MASSACHUSETTS

BOSTON

Event: The Church on the Hill hosted its annual memorial service in its sanctuary on the evening of Saturday, December 21st. Church members read the names of people who had passed away while homeless and lit candles to remember those we lost in the last year. Members of the homeless community and the people who served them also provided music and shared food.

Sponsor: The Church on the Hill

Contact: Michael Bancewicz, The Church on the Hill (617) 523-4575, moxie12794@aol.com

CHICOPEE

Event: The community of Chicopee came together at Lorraine's Soup Kitchen to remember those in the community who died while experiencing homelessness. The service provided a time to mourn and remember those who were lost in 2013.

Sponsor: Lorraine's Soup Kitchen, The National Health Care for the Homeless Council, & The National Consumer Advisory Board

Contact: Lorraine's Soup Kitchen, (413) 592-9528

FITCHBURG

Event: Community Health Connections ACTION Health services staff and friends volunteered their time on Saturday, December 21st to commemorate those homeless individuals who died in 2013.

Sponsor: Community Health Connections

Contact: Community Health Connections, (978) 878-8100

HYANNIS

Event: A memorial service was held for the homeless who had died in 2013 on Saturday, December 21st on the Hyannis Village Green. To send the message that "we understand, we care," a few volunteers chose for the 10th year in a row to sleep outside all night. A press conference dealing with the issue of homelessness was also held earlier that day.

Sponsor: Duffy Health Center

Contact: Duffy Health Center, (508) 771-9599

SPRINGFIELD

Event: The Springfield community remembered those who had died while living without a home at Christ Church Cathedral's annual memorial service in late December. The service honors the memory of the deceased and calls attention to the issue of homelessness in the area.

Sponsor: Christ Church Cathedral

Contact: Christ Church Cathedral, (413) 736-2742

MICHIGAN**DETROIT**

Event: Individuals from throughout the city came together on the evening of Friday, December, 20th at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul for a candlelight vigil in remembrance of those who died homeless in Detroit in 2013.

Sponsor: Episcopal Diocese of Michigan and Advantage Health Centers

GRAND RAPIDS

Event: The Well House of Grand Rapids held a memorial service for those in the area who passed away while living without a permanent residence. The service remembered the deceased and honored their memories.

Sponsor: Well House

Contact: Camilla Voelker, Well House (616) 245-3910, camilla@wellhousegr.org

TRAVERSE CITY

Event: The Goodwill Industries of Northern Michigan held a candlelight vigil for all members of the community who died without a home. They had a moment of silence for each person who passed away in 2013 and shared music and prayer.

Sponsor: The Goodwill Industries of Northern MI

Contact: Ryan Hannon, The Goodwill Industries of Northern Michigan, (231) 995-7721

MINNESOTA**DULUTH**

Event: On the steps of Duluth City Hall, a group of people remembered those who died homeless in their community during their annual Christmas Eve vigil. As each name was read a candle was lit in memory of the deceased.

Sponsor: Churches United in Ministry (CHUM)

Contact: CHUM, (218) 720-6521

MINNEAPOLIS

Event: On the evening of December 19th, friends, families, and advocates marched silently to honor those homeless men and women who have died and to raise awareness for the issue of homelessness. The service included music, lighting of candles, and a reading of names with a reflection about each person. After the service, a dinner at the Simpson United Methodist Church was held for both the homeless and the housed to sit side by side.

Sponsor: Simpson Housing Services

Contact: Simpson Housing Services, (612) 874-8683

RED LAKE

Event: The Red Lake Homeless Shelter hosted a community meal to honor those people who died while homeless in the Red Lake area and provide connection between and comfort for those in attendance.

Sponsor: The Red Lake Homeless Shelter

Contact: Red Lake Homeless Shelter, (218) 679-3228

MISSISSIPPI**HATTIESBURG**

Event: An outdoor candlelight memorial service is held each year on December 21 at the fountain located behind City Hall to remember and recognize those who passed away while homeless. While inclement weather prevented the outdoor remembrance this year, community members were reminded to honor the memory of the deceased and fight to end homelessness.

Sponsor: Pinebelt Coalition on Homelessness

Contact: Pinebelt Coalition on Homelessness (601) 554-1005

JACKSON

Event: The Jackson community gathered at Galloway United Methodist Church on Friday, December 20th to memorialize those who died while homeless in Jackson, celebrate those individuals' lives, and raise awareness for the issue of homelessness.

Sponsors: Partners to End Homelessness, Galloway United Methodist Church

Contact: Partners to End Homelessness, (601) 969-1895

MISSOURI**ST. LOUIS**

Event: For the 10th year, the St. Louis community came together for a service and dinner to commemorate those who died without a place to live. The "Longest Night" ceremony was held at Centenary United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 21st.

Sponsors: The Bridge, Centenary United Methodist Church

Contact: The Bridge, (314) 421-3136

MONTANA**BILLINGS**

Event: A Homeless Awareness ceremony was held on December 20th on the Billings courthouse lawn. This memorial services were cut short by extreme cold, which one speaker correctly identified as a major issue for those who must spend 24 hours a day outside.

Sponsor: RiverStone Health's Healthcare for the Homeless

Contact: RiverStone Health's Healthcare for the Homeless (406) 247-3200

HELENA

Event: Helena held its 15th annual Longest Night stand-down for the homeless on Saturday, December 21st. At the event, men and women collected and sorted donations for the homeless in their community. A program in the park recognized those individuals who died while homeless that year.

Contact: Good Samaritan Ministries and Thrift Store

Sponsor: Good Samaritan Ministries and Thrift Store (406) 442-0780

KALISPELL

Event: Samaritan House held its annual outdoor memorial service honoring those who passed away while homeless and showing respect for the conditions they lived in. Warm drinks were provided to all those in attendance.

Sponsor: Samaritan House

Contact: Chris Krager, Samaritan House, (406) 257-5801

NEBRASKA**LINCOLN**

Event: The People's City Mission held a memorial for the 13 homeless people who died in the Lincoln area during 2013 as a way to honor their lives and bring attention to the severe issue of homelessness.

Sponsor: The People's City Mission

Contact: The People's City Mission, (402) 475-1303

OMAHA

Event: The Siena/Francis House held a memorial service on December 20th for the 47 homeless individuals who died in their area in 2013. Those who attended prayed, recited scripture, and lite candles in the memory of the dead.

Sponsor: The Siena/Francis House

Contact: The Siena/Francis House, (402) 341-1821

NEVADA**LAS VEGAS**

Event: At HELP of Southern Nevada campus at 1640 E. Flamingo Road at 4pm there was a service to memorialize each of the homeless people who died this past year.

Sponsor: HELP of Southern Nevada

Contact: Mindy Torres, HELP of Southern Nevada (702) 369-4357 x1817

NEW HAMPSHIRE**CONCORD**

Event: On Friday, December 20th, there was a candlelight vigil to remember those who died while homeless in 2013. The event is an annual one and was followed by a plan by the mayor to end homelessness.

Sponsor: Concord Coalition to End Homelessness

Contact: Concord Coalition to End Homelessness (603) 496-1789

KEENE

Event: On Saturday December 21st, Keene had its 5th annual candlelight vigil in Central Square to memorialize those who had died while homeless. Names of those who were lost were read and those in attendance lit candles to pay their respects.

Sponsor: Hundred Nights

Contact: Hundred Nights, (603) 352-5197

LACONIA

Event: Catholic Charities held a memorial vigil on the evening of Saturday, December 21st to remember those lost while suffering from homelessness. The memorial had a "candlelight" vigil flashlights instead of fire.

Sponsor: New Hampshire Catholic Charities, Belknap County Continuum of Care

Contact: Len Campbell, New Hampshire Catholic Charities (603) 528-3035, lcampbell@nh-cc.org

LEBANON

Event: Lebanon residents met on Saturday, December 21st for an outdoor memorial service where the community paid homage to those who passed away or had previous experience with being homeless

Sponsor: Tri-County Community Action Program (CAP)

Contact: Angel Hudson, Tri-County CAP, (603) 443-6100

MANCHESTER

Event: On Saturday, December 21st, community members met at the local Salvation Army for a commemorative to remember and honor all those individuals who died in Manchester while living without a home.

Sponsor: Do You Know Him Ministries

Contact: Bill Sullivan, bjckm76@gmail.com

NASHUA

Event: On the evening of Wednesday, December 18th, a group of people gathered for a memorial vigil paying tribute to the individuals who passed away while homeless in 2013.

Sponsor: Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter

Contact: Eileen Brady, eileen@nsks.org

NEWPORT

Event: Newport's memorial service was held on the evening of Saturday, December 21st at the Newport Commons to remember those who passed while homeless and allow those present to share their grief.

Sponsor: The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

Contact: Rev Alice Roberts alicehandruss@comcast.net

PETERBOROUGH

Event: Peterborough residents gathered outside of their Town House for a candlelight vigil in remembrance of the individuals who had passed away in the past year while experiencing homelessness

Sponsor: Monadnock Area Transitional Shelter

Contact: Joan Foucher, (603) 547-7600

PORTSMOUTH

Event: Members of the community met at Market Square on Thursday, December 19th to commemorate those friends and neighbors who died while experiencing homelessness in the Portsmouth area.

Contact: Jessica Brazeau, Crossroads House (603) 436-2218, j.brazeau@crossroadshouse.org

NEW JERSEY**CAMDEN**

Event: Project H.O.P.E. holds an annual memorial service for those who die in their community while homeless. The event has guest speakers, presentations on available services, time for remembrance, and a complimentary lunch for all those in attendance.

Sponsor: Project H.O.P.E

Contact: Project H.O.P.E, (856) 968-2320

HACKENSACK (BERGEN COUNTY)

Event: A candlelight vigil was held on the evening of Thursday, December 19th to memorialize those who died in 2013 while experiencing homelessness. The event was held in the Bergen County Housing, Health and Human Services Center.

Sponsor: Kathleen A. Donovan and the Board of Chosen Freeholders, Bergen County Housing, Health, and Human Services Center

Contact: Bergen County Housing, Health, and Human Services Center, (201) 336-6475

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Event: This year's commemoration marked the 5th annual Homeless Persons' Memorial held in Middlesex County. County officials and homeless service providers came together on Saturday, December 21st to remember those in the community who died while homeless through a candlelight tribute outside and informational session on the issue of homelessness held at the Reformed Church of Highland Park.

Sponsors: The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Reformed Church of Highland Park Affordable Housing Corporation (RCHP-AHC), Middlesex County Housing Continuum of Care Committee (MCHC^3), Coming Home of Middlesex County, Inc

Contact: Bridget Kennedy, Middlesex County Department of Human Services, (732) 745-4228

HUDSON COUNTY

Event: The Garden State Episcopal Community's 5th annual interfaith memorial took place at Old Bergen Church on Thursday, December 19th. Throughout the day, volunteers were invited to make sandwiches to serve a full lunch to the homeless in their community. Donations were also accepted.

Sponsor: The Garden State Episcopal Community

Contact: Joanne (201)-604-2600 ext 203, hudson.homeless.memorial@gmail.com

LAKEWOOD

Event: The city of Lakewood held a joint memorial service and rally on the night of Saturday, June 21st in their Town Square. Interfaith speakers gathered to memorialize the dead and those attending lit electric candles in memory of those lost.

Sponsor: Homelessness Ended through Local Partners (HELP), Beth Am Shalom, Lakewood Outreach Ministries

Contact: Beth Am Shalom, (732) 363-2800

TRENTON (MERCER COUNTY)

Event: A breakfast for the homeless and subsequent memorial service was held at Turning Point United Methodist Church in remembrance of those who lost their lives while living without a permanent home.

Sponsor: Turning Point Methodist Church, Trenton Soup Kitchen

Contact: Turning Point Methodist Church, (609) 393-9574

NEWARK

Event: The Garden State Episcopal Community Development Corporation held an inter-faith homeless memorial service for the homeless neighbors, friends, and loved ones of homeless who died this past year. Volunteers were asked to make up gift bags and bagged meals for the homeless coming to the reception.

Sponsor: The Garden State Episcopal Community Development Corporation

Contact: The Garden State Episcopal Community Development Corporation, (201) 209-9301

NEW MEXICO**ALBUQUERQUE**

Event: The Albuquerque community remembered those who died while homeless through a march from the local Healthcare for the Homeless center to St Johns Cathedral and a subsequent to have a ceremony and church service in honor of the deceased.

Sponsor: Healthcare for the Homeless, St Johns Cathedral

Contact: (505) 247-1581

SANTA FE

Event: St. Elizabeth and New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness held a memorial service on Saturday, 21st in the courtyard of a local shrine. The ceremony is an annual event honoring those who passed away while homeless, and their deaths are remembered with the lighting and display of a faralito for each homeless person who passed away.

Sponsors: St. Elizabeth Shelter, New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness

Contact: St. Elizabeth's Shelter, (505) 982-6611

NEW YORK**ALBANY**

Event: One dozen individuals who lost their lives while homeless on the Albany streets were memorialized during a vigil on Thursday, December 19th at the First Lutheran Church. The vigil occurred one week after the death of a local woman without a home and in the midst of temperatures below freezing and a Code Blue designation. At the event, there was a reading of names and speeches by formerly and currently homeless individuals.

Sponsor: First Lutheran Church

Contact: Rev Debra Jameson, First Lutheran Church (518) 463-1326

AMSTERDAM

Event: A service was held at New Song Church on the evening of Saturday, December 21st to honor the lives and dreams of men and women who died while homeless. Individuals who attended the event honored the dead and renewed their commitment to ending homelessness.

Sponsor: Care For the Homeless, New Song Church

Contact: Dominiq Williams, Care For the Homeless (910) 554-9302, dwilliams@cfhnyc.org

BUFFALO

Event: The Western New York Coalition for the Homeless hosted a memorial to those nine people who passed away while homeless in Buffalo in 2013 and to bring attention to the issue of homelessness in New York. The event had guest speakers and refreshments for those in attendance.

Sponsor: Matt Urban Hope Center

Contact: Matt Urban Hope Center, (716) 893-7222

JAMESTOWN (CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY)

Event: On Thursday, December 19th, the Homeless Coalition of Chautauqua County remembered those who passed away due to or during their time being homeless. This was their fifth annual commemoration and included a candlelight vigil and moment of silence.

Sponsor: Homeless Coalition of Chautauqua County, St. Susan Center

Contact: St. Susan Center, Sue Colwell, (716) 664-2253

NEW YORK CITY

Events: Care for the Homeless held a memorial program on the afternoon of December 21st to remember those in NYC who passed away while experiencing homelessness. The program included art, live entertainment, and a special tribute to the deceased with the ringing of a bell and reading of each name. Lutheran Family Health Centers Community Medicine Program held a separate service at the Church of St. John the Baptist on December 17th. This program included prayer, music, and a guest speaker telling stories of his encounters with homelessness. A third program was held on the evening of Friday, December 20th at Judson Memorial Church. The service was themed "Passing the Torch," to honor the dead and carry forward.

Sponsor: Care for the Homeless; Lutheran Family Health Centers Community Medicine Program, New York City Providers of Health Care for the Homeless; Picture the Homeless

Contact: Care for the Homeless, (212) 366-4459
Lutheran Family Health Centers, (718) 630-7000
Picture the Homeless, (646) 314-6423

SARATOGA SPRINGS

Event: Members of the Saratoga Springs community gathered at the Presbyterian-New England Congregational Church to remember and say goodbye to those in area who died while homeless. The service honored the memories of the deceased and asked those in attendance to fight against homelessness.

Sponsor: Presbyterian-New England Congregational Church

Contact: Presbyterian-New England Congregational Church, (518) 584-6091

NORTH CAROLINA

ASHEVILLE

Event: Community members gathered together on the morning of Friday, December 20th to remember friends and neighbors who died without homes. The service was held at First Presbyterian Church of Asheville.

Sponsor: First Presbyterian Church

Contact: First Presbyterian Church, (828) 253-1431

DURHAM

Event: An interfaith prayer service was held in CCB Plaza in downtown Durham on Saturday, December 21st. The event memorialized nine homeless people who died in Durham during 2013.

Sponsor: Community members

GREENSBORO (GUILFORD COUNTY)

Event: In early December, the Guilford County community gathered for a mile long Homeless Memorial Walk of Remembrance ending at Grace Community Church in Greensboro. After the walk, a memorial service was held at the church with a stage full of chairs displaying the names of each person who passed away.

Sponsors: Grace Community Church, Americore, Partners Ending Homelessness

Contact: Sara, Partners Ending Homelessness
(336) 553-2715, sara@partnersendinghomelessness.org

RALEIGH

Event: South Wilmington St. Center's held its annual memorial service to recognize the individuals in the community who died without a permanent home. The service included public speakers on the impact of homelessness and recognition of each individual's life.

Sponsor: South Wilmington St. Center

Contact: South Wilmington St. Center, (919) 857-9428

HIGH POINT

Event: A memorial service for those individuals who passed away while homeless was held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in High Point. The public was given a chance to say goodbye to those who were lost and encouraged to fight to end homelessness.

Sponsor: St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Contact: Open Door Ministries skey@odm-hp.org,
(336) 885-0191

SOUTHERN PINES

Event: St. Joseph of the Pines hosted its 4th annual candlelight vigil for the homeless on Thursday, December 19th. At the memorial, they celebrated the lives of those who are gone and to provided hope for those still fighting to end homelessness.

Sponsor: St. Joseph of the Pines

Contact: St. Joseph of the Pines, (910) 246-1000

OHIO

CINCINNATI

Event: Each year in Cincinnati, the Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless and others come together to commemorate the lives lost, and to recommit to housing for all. The event was held on Friday, December 20th in Washington Park.

Sponsor: The Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless

Contact: The Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless
(513) 421-7803

CLEVELAND

Event: The Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless hosted a candlelight vigil, where the community paid homage to those who passed away or had previous experience with being homeless.

Sponsor: Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless

Contact: NEOCH, (216) 432-0540

COLUMBUS

Event: This event was held on Thursday, December 19th to honor and remember 44 individuals who passed away while homeless in Central Ohio. The evening was run by representatives from various faith backgrounds and is concluded with a candle lighting ceremony at Trinity Episcopal Church.

Sponsor: Columbus Coalition for the Homeless

Contact: Columbus Coalition for the Homeless
(614) 228-1342

DAYTON

Event: A memorial service was held for those individuals who died on the streets of Dayton on the evening of Friday, Saturday 20th. Community members gathered at the Courthouse Square for the ringing of bells and reading of names of the dead.

Sponsor: Emergency Housing Coalition

Contact: Lori Seward, Emergency Housing Coalition
(937) 223-8994

OKLAHOMA

TULSA

Event: An annual candlelight vigil is held at the Tulsa Day Center in order to reflect, recognize, and remember those who died due to homelessness in the past year. The name of each of the deceased is read and candles are lit in their memory.

Sponsor: Tulsa Day Center

Contact: Tulsa Day Center, (918) 583-5588

OREGON

ALBANY

Event: Homeless individuals, city staff, social service providers, faith based organizations, and the general public gathered together on December 20th, at the City of Albany's fifth annual participation in National Homeless Person's Memorial Day. The memorial was held in Albany City Hall Plaza and included a candlelight vigil for the seven deceased people and a military salute. Donations of clothes were collected for local shelter guests.

Sponsor: City of Albany, the Homeless Enrichment and Rehabilitation Team (HEART), Samaritan Health Services, American Legion Post 10, and the Community Services Consortium

Contact: Terry Knoll, HEART (541) 758-2626, tknoll@communityservices.us

COOS BAY

Event: An annual service is held on the Coos Bay Boardwalk in remembrance of those who passed away due to homelessness. Candles were provided and the entire community was encouraged to attend.

Sponsor: Oregon Coast Community Action

Contact: Laura Moore, Oregon Coast Community Action (541) 435-7082

GRANTS PASS

Event: Since 2010, the Josephine County Homeless Task Force has held an annual memorial service to honor the members of the community who died without a home. The candlelight vigil remembered those who were lost and called for community action to end homelessness.

Sponsor: Josephine County Homelessness Task Force

Contact: Kelly Wessels, Josephine County Homelessness Task Force (541) 956-4050, kelly.wessels@ucancap.org

PORTLAND

Event: The city of Portland held its annual march to raise awareness for homelessness in late November. The event included speakers who honored the memory of people who died while homeless and drew attention to the seriousness of homelessness.

Sponsor: New City Initiative, JOIN, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon

Contact: Paul Schroeder, New City Initiative, (971) 231-5423

PENNSYLVANIA

MILFORD

Event: Pike County Hands of Hope held a memorial service and candlelight vigil for those who died while experiencing homelessness on December 21st. The ceremony was held on the city's courthouse steps.

Sponsor: Pike County Hands of Hope

Contact: Sherry Fusco, Hands of Hope (570) 296-4673, crafter@ptd.net

PHILADELPHIA

Event: Many gathered at Thomas Paine Plaza with lit green candles to remember those who had passed in 2012. The service was held with the theme, "Remember, Hope, and Heal" and included speakers and a reading of the names of people who died homeless in 2013.

Contact: Project HOME, Jennifer Toslu, (215) 232-7272 ext . 3106

PITTSBURGH

Event: Community members annually gather at a memorial wall beneath a busy highway overpass. The wall lists those people who have died while homeless since 1991 in Allegheny County. This year the memorial service included a reading of names, song, and prayers.

Sponsor: Operation Safety Net (a program of Pittsburgh Mercy Health Systems)

Contact: Operation Safety Net, (412) 232-5739

POTTSTOWN

Event: Local service organizations hosted a candle light ceremony on Thursday, December 19th at the Smith Family Plaza to remember those who passed away in the region. The crowd lit candles and raised signs emblazoned with myths and stereotypes about homelessness.

Sponsors: TriCounty Community Network Homeless Services Committee, Pottstown Cluster Outreach Center, Your Way Home Montgomery County

Contact: TriCounty Community Network Homeless Services Committee, (610) 705-3301

WILKES-BARRE

Event: At St. Stephen's Episcopal Pro-cathedral, the people of Wilkes-Barre County conducted a memorial commemorating the lives of the formerly and current homeless population. There were guest speakers and a candle lighting to honor those who had passed.

Sponsor: St. Stephen's Church

Contact: Ruth's Place Homless Shelter, (570) 822-6817

RHODE ISLAND

PROVIDENCE

Event: Rhode Island community members gather annually for a service and a luncheon to celebrate the strength and the spirit of those who pass away each year while homeless. Candles are lit for each of the deceased, and a luncheon is provided afterward for all those in attendance.

Sponsor: Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless, Rhode Island Homeless Advocacy Project

Contact: (401) 721-5685

SOUTH CAROLINA

CHARLESTON

Event: Residents gathered at central Marion Square on Thursday, December 12th to pay their respects to two homeless individuals who lost their lives in 2013. The ceremony intended to memorialize the dead and to renew the community's commitment to ending homelessness.

Sponsor: Crisis Ministries

Contact: Crisis Ministries, (843) 723-9477

SOUTH DAKOTA

SIOUX FALLS

Event: On November 22nd, many gathered for a memorial service at the riverbank of the Big Sioux River to remember those who passed away while unable to have housing of their own. At the spot there the memorial was held, a plaque commemorates the deceased.

Sponsor: Sioux Empire Homeless Coalition

Contact: Sioux Empire Homeless Coalition, (605)-271-2562

TENNESSEE

KNOXVILLE

Event: The public was invited to gather to recognize those formerly homeless, those who are homeless, and those who have died while homeless. Knoxville's 5th annual Homeless Memorial Day service had a record turnout of 92 people and memorialized those who had passed with the ringing of a bell and lighting of a candle..

Sponsor: Cherokee Health Systems

Contact: Matt Tillery, (865) 368-9937, matt.tillery@cherokeehealth.com

MEMPHIS

Event: The Memphis Health Center hosted a memorial service at the Mt. Olive Cathedral CME Church on December 18, 2012. Lunch was provided to all in attendance and monetary gifts and physical donations were accepted for the Center.

Sponsor: Memphis Health Center, Inc.

Contact: Sharon Hill, (901) 261-2062, shill@mphshc.org

NASHVILLE

Event: Nashville honored those men and women who died while experiencing homelessness with a memorial service at Riverfront Park. The memorial allowed for a time to grieve and a way to move forward through breakfast at Room in the Inn, a march to the park, and a reading of names.

Sponsor: Room in the Inn

Contact: Howard Allen Jr. (615) 243-5923, hallenj23@yahoo.com

TEXAS

AUSTIN

Event: Each year since 1992, Austin has met at their Homeless Memorial and Tree of Remembrance to share song, bread break, and observe a non-denominational prayer for the deceased. This year, the event was held on the morning of November 17th and featured a City Council member as the keynote speaker.

Sponsor: House the Homeless

Contact: House the Homeless, (512) 796-4366

BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION

Event: Community members gathered outside the Twin City Mission Bridge Homeless Shelter to honor those who passed away while homeless at their annual Longest Day of Night memorial. Many came to light candles to remember the local homeless community and to reflect on the struggles of homelessness.

Sponsor: Twin City Mission

Contact: Twin City Mission, (979) 822-7511

CORPUS CHRISTI

Event: At the 13th annual Sunrise Homeless Memorial Service, speakers encouraged citizens to remember and recognize the need to help transition homeless citizens from the streets. The service was held to honor the homeless who died in 2012.

Sponsor: Community members

EL PASO

Event: Centro San Vicente hosted a "Light up the Night" event on the evening of Friday, December 20th, during which candles were lit in remembrance of those who died while homeless in El Paso. The event was intended to memorialize the dead and to raise awareness for the issue of homelessness in Texas.

Sponsor: Centro San Vicente's Homeless Clinic

Contact: Debbie Diaz-Gomez, Centro San Vicente (915) 351-0233

FORT WORTH

Event: Tarrant County Homeless Coalition holds an annual memorial service for those who have died while experiencing homelessness. In addition to this service, a local group held another, smaller memorial service for one specific homeless man they knew and loved dearly.

Sponsor: Tarrant County Homeless Coalition

Contact: Cindy J. Crain, Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (817) 991-9127

HOUSTON

Event: The Coalition for the Homeless of Houston hosted their annual In Memoriam on Friday, December 20th. Names of those who died while experiencing homelessness were read and honored through a candlelight vigil. Donations of blankets, winter coats, hats, scarves, and gloves were collected after the service. Additionally, a service was held earlier that week at Spring Woods United Methodist for a homeless woman found outside their sanctuary doors.

Sponsor: Houston Coalition for the Homeless

Contact: Houston Coalition for the Homeless (713) 739-7514

LUBBOCK

Event: The Community Health Center of Lubbock held a candlelight vigil on Saturday, December 21st at the Dave Freriks Park. The Center worked with Salvation Army to host the event that included a reading of names, public discussions, and a prayer service.

Sponsor: Community Health Center of Lubbock, Salvation Army

Contact: Community Health Center of Lubbock (806) 765-2611

SAN ANTONIO

Event: The city's 7th annual candlelight memorial service was held on Saturday, December 21st. The service remembered those who died while experiencing homelessness and honored their memories.

Sponsors: SAMMinistries, Tobit Ministry

Contact: SAMMinistries, (210) 979-6188

UTAH**SALT LAKE CITY**

Event: Members of the Salt Lake City community gathered for a candlelight vigil in Pioneer Park to remember those who died without a home. The community also took this opportunity to unite in order to raise awareness for permanent housing solutions.

Sponsor: Fourth Street Clinic

Contact: Fourth Street Clinic's Consumer Advisory Board (801) 364-0058

VERMONT**BRATTLEBORO**

Event: Residents gathered on Saturday, December 21st to memorialize those who died homeless in 2013 with their Annual Candlelight Vigil and a reading of the names of the deceased. Donations of meals, extra clothing, and bedding were accepted for local shelters.

Sponsor: The Interfaith Clergy Association Morningside Shelter for the Homeless

Contact: Joshua Davis, Morningside Shelter for the Homeless jdavis@morningsideshelter.org, (802) 257-0066

BURLINGTON

Event: The Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS) held a candlelight vigil outside the Burlington City Hall on Thursday, December 19th. The event focused on homeless youth and aimed to increase awareness of the issues surrounding homelessness.

Sponsor: The Committee on Temporary Shelter

Contact: The Committee on Temporary Shelter (802) 864-2651

MONTPELIER

Event: Members of the community gathered at the Montpelier State House on January 9th to discuss the strategies in place to reduce homelessness and how they could be improved. After the discussion, the group went outside to the State House steps to recognize and remember the men, women, and children who passed away in 2013 while homeless.

Sponsor: Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness, Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition

Contact: Linda Ryan, The Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness (802) 373-6505, lindaryan3@comcast.net

RUTLAND

Event: The Rutland County Housing Coalition gathers neighbors and friends annually to light candles in remembrance of the people who died while homeless during the past year and to raise awareness of the city's homeless community.

Sponsor: Rutland County Housing Coalition

Contact: (802) 775-9286

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION

Event: The Upper Valley community remembered the men and women who had been lost while experiencing homelessness in New Hampshire through an outdoor candlelight vigil and subsequent community dinner.

Sponsor: The Upper Valley Haven

Contact: The Upper Valley Haven, (802) 295-6500

VIRGINIA**CHARLOTTESVILLE**

Event: The Haven hosted the annual homeless memorial service to take time to remember those in the homeless community who passed away and to raise awareness about the effects of homelessness. The service heavily emphasizes silence and reflection on the lives of the lost.

Sponsor: The Haven

Contact: Stephen Hitchcock, Day Haven, stephen@thehaven.org

CHESAPEAKE/NORFOLK

Event: Chesapeake and Norfolk held a community vigil for those who died during their time being homeless on Thursday, December 19th. Those at the event remembered the dead and reflected upon the complicated issue of homelessness.

Sponsor: The Southeastern Virginia Homeless Coalition

Contact: Yilla Smith, Southeastern Virginia Homeless Coalition, (757) 622-9268

PORTSMOUTH

Event: Portsmouth's annual candlelight vigil recognized and remembered those who passed away while homeless, while also raising awareness for the issue of homelessness in the area.

Sponsor: Portsmouth Homeless Action Consortium

Contact: (757) 393-7848

RICHMOND

Event: Local community members attended a memorial service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church for all those people who passed away while living without a home. Jars were set out with the name of a deceased homeless person and one act of kindness to perform in the person's honor.

Sponsor: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Homeward

Contact: Homeward, (804) 343-2045

SPOKANE

Event: On Friday, December 20th, CHAS Clinic hosted its 8th annual memorial for those who died without a place to live. For each person who died, a bell was rang and a ribbon was hung on a small tree in their honor.

Sponsor: CHAS Clinic

Contact: CHAS Clinic, (509) 444-8200

VIRGINIA BEACH

Event: Virginia Beach held several events to honor and raise awareness for the homeless during the week of December 16th to December 21st. Donations were accepted throughout the week and a vigil was held at the Volunteers of America Lighthouse Center on Saturday, December 21st.

Sponsor: The Virginia Beach Human Rights Commission, Volunteers of America, Department of Housing and Neighborhood Preservation, BEACH Community Partnerships, Volunteers of America at the Lighthouse Center

Contact: Volunteers of America at the Lighthouse Center (757) 437-4911

WASHINGTON**BREMERTON**

Event: First Christian Church holds an annual service for the people who died in the Bremerton while homeless, honoring those individuals with a reading of names, prayer, and worship songs. Food, clothes, and a few holiday presents are collected and donated to local nonprofit groups.

Sponsor: First Christian Church

Contact: First Christian Church, (360) 373-2444

EVERETT (SNOHOMISH COUNTY)

Event: A memorial was held on the steps of Snohomish County's courthouse which honored all men and women who died without a place to live. The service put a particular emphasis on homeless veterans who had passed away in 2013.

Sponsor: Snohomish County Veterans Homelessness Committee

Contact: Jerry Gadek, Snohomish County Veterans Homelessness Committee, (425) 388-7367
gerard.gadek@snoco.org

OLYMPIA

Event: Community members gathered at Olympia City Hall to commemorate those people who died in Olympia and across the country while experiencing homelessness.

Sponsor: Downtown Activist Volunteer Experience

Contact: Nathan Schandel, (360) 480-1872,
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SEATTLE

Event: Seattle's memorial for those individuals who died without homes began at their "Tree of Life" sculpture. The sculpture honors the deceased and "Leaves of Remembrance," bronze leaves with names embedded on them, are scattered all around the sidewalks in Seattle. Those in attendance moved from the tree to Westlake Park for an hour of silence.

Sponsor: Women in Black

SPOKANE

Event: The Community Health Association of Spokane held its annual memorial service for the men and women who died in the past year while experiencing homelessness. The service remembered the lost and provided motivation for those in attendance to fight to end homelessness.

Sponsor: CHAS Denny Murphy Clinic, The House of Charity, and City Gate

Contact: CHAS Denny Murphy Clinic (509)-835-1205

YAKIMA COUNTY

Event: A candlelight vigil was held on December 21st at the Millennium Plaza to honor those men and women who passed away while experiencing homelessness. The program included a remembrance of each individual who passed away and those who may not have been identified.

Sponsor: Homeless Network of Yakima County, Yakima Neighborhood Health Services

Contact: Yakima Neighborhood Health Services (509) 249-6232

WISCONSIN

GREEN BAY

Event: St. John the Evangelist Church held an interfaith memorial service in Downtown Green Bay to remember and honor those in the community who passed away in the past year while experiencing homelessness.

Sponsor: St. John the Evangelist Church

Contact: St. John the Evangelist Church,
(920) 436-6380, Ext. 204

KENOSHA

Event: Walkin' in My Shoes held a memorial service in Library Park on Friday, December 21st. Those who had died while homeless were recognized with a litany reading and a balloon ceremony.

Sponsor: Walkin' In My Shoes

Contact: Walkin' In My Shoes, (262) 764-0214

LA CROSSE

Event: The Salvation Army hosted a local memorial for homeless and formerly homeless people who died in 2013. On Friday, December 20th, their deaths were commemorated with a name reading, balloon release, and prayers.

Sponsor: Salvation Army La Crosse

Contact: Kathy Bowling, Salvation Army La Crosse
(608) 782-6126

MADISON

Event: An outdoor memorial service held by the Madison-area Urban Ministry gave community members a time to reflect on those who died in Madison while experiencing homelessness.

Sponsor: Madison-area Urban Ministry

Contact: Linda Ketcham, Madison-area Urban Ministry
(608) 256-0906, linda@emum.org

WYOMING

CHEYENNE

Event: The Wyoming Coalition for the Homeless held a ringing of the bell and speeches by various homeless advocates on the afternoon of Saturday, December 21st on the capital building steps in Cheyenne. The event commemorated the three homeless individuals who died in Cheyenne in 2013.

Sponsor: Wyoming Coalition for the Homeless

Contact: Wyoming Coalition for the Homeless
(307) 634-8499