

The Advocate

NCH Newsletter

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Hate Crimes against the Homeless: *The Brutality of Violence Unveiled*



Unidentified Human Remains, BM, Cause of Death: Blunt Force Trauma 2012 Photo by NCH

Holiday Greetings from ED, Hate Crimes Report, Homeless Persons' Memorial Day, Grant Opportunities

Happy Holiday Friend,

During this season of giving, we wish to extend our sincere thanks for all you've done to make NCH an organization for which we can all be proud. Your financial investment and advocacy efforts over time has allowed us to fulfill our mission...

To prevent and end homelessness, while ensuring that the immediate needs of those experiencing homelessness are met and that their rights are protected.

All of us at NCH are looking towards the New Year with great enthusiasm and with feeling of expectation. This coming year will mark NCH's 30th Anniversary. We could not have accomplished all that we have done without your support. We look forward to working with you during this upcoming year to ensure that each individual and family who lacks a place to call home can have reasonable cause to hope for better future.

Please [remember NCH](#) and all the un-housed we serve during this holiday season in your thoughts and prayers. And please consider [continuing your important investment](#) in our work towards ending homelessness in each and very community and throughout America.

Wishing a warm and hopeful holiday season to you, your family and friends,

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Upcoming Events



Tomorrow, December 21, 2012, marks the annual [National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day](#).

Join with NCH and hundreds of our members nationwide in remembering those we have lost in 2012.

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NCH in the News

Las Cruces Sun-News (Dec. 1) - [Senator seeks to add protection for homeless in hate crimes law](#)



Neil Donovan
Executive Director

Annual Hate Crimes Report

This week, NCH will be releasing its annual report on Hate Crimes Against the Homeless. Below is an introduction to this year's findings. Please see [our website](#) for the full report.

In order to remain free of the toxins which accompany more than a decade of researching hate crimes against the homeless, the National Coalition for the Homeless works to recognize the fundamental humanity of both the victims and perpetrators of hate crime. We recognize the need to understand and report on the consequences of criminal acts of hate, as well as the motivations which lie beneath.

Many people worry about the dangers of terrorism, natural disasters, and plane crashes. Last year, however, more homeless individuals were killed in bias attacks than the sum total of American civilians killed in hate crimes (approximately 10), large commercial air crashes (no fatalities), and earthquakes (no fatalities)--combined. The fact that the 32 homeless killed in bias attacks alone in 2011 are only a portion of homeless people criminally killed each year and come from a pool of only 650,000 on any given night, makes the numbers a cause for concern. Moreover, bias motivated violence is only one of the serious dangers homeless people encounter, including exposure, hunger, accidents, disability and a lack of medical care.

In the past 13 years (1999-2011), the National Coalition for the Homeless has documented 1,289 acts of violence against homeless individuals by housed perpetrators. These crimes are believed to be motivated by the perpetrators' bias against homeless individuals or their ability to target homeless people with relative ease. The documented violence includes everything from murder to beatings, rapes, and setting people on fire. *Hate Crimes against the Homeless: The Brutality Unveiled* is the 13th annual report documenting violence against homeless persons.

[Read the full report](#)

Give Back this Holiday Season

Looking for last minute gift ideas? Give the gift of advocacy with a [donation to NCH in honor](#) of your friends or family (we'll send them a personalized thank you!).

Here are other ways to give back this season:

- Craftsby Cares [Keep Out the Cold](#) Campaign
Craftsy, an online community for crafters, has partnered

USA Today (Dec. 1) - [Winter problem: More homeless are living in cars](#)

Bradenton Herald (Dec. 3) - [Manatee's Community Coalition on Homelessness, Salvation Army help veteran get new lease on life](#)

NPR Talk of the Nation (Dec. 6) - [Why Some Homeless Choose The Streets Over Shelters](#)

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with NCH in an effort to keep out the cold for 10,000 homeless children. From November to January, they will be collecting new garments, hats, gloves, and blankets to be donated to NCH partners. Makers can download free patterns from the [Craftsy Cares website](#) and are encouraged to attach a personal note for the child receiving the hand-made item.

- Brush up on Homeless Outreach
NCH Member, Outreach Worker and Author Jay S. Levy has pledged to donate 100% of profits from the sales of [his books](#) from now until December 31st. *Homeless Narratives & Pretreatment Pathways: From Words to Housing* shares stories of those Mr. Levy has worked with over the years, while *Homeless Outreach & Housing First: Lessons Learned* offers a holistic reflection on offering highly effective housing stabilization and outreach services. [Find out more about both titles on Mr. Levy's website.](#)

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

General Service Foundation

The [Foundation's Human Rights and Economic Justice program](#) supports efforts that protect, promote, and create good jobs with living wages for workers, including low-wage workers, in the United States and Mexico so that people on both sides of the border can live and work in dignity. The program seeks to strengthen worker voices, promote public policies that protect labor rights, and democratize corporate power and promote corporate accountability. The upcoming deadline for letters of inquiry is February 1, 2013. Visit the [Foundation's website](#) to learn more or apply.

Peace Development Fund

The Fund's [Community Organizing Grant Program](#) provides support to U.S.-based groups that are engaged in community organizing work for social justice. Priority is given to new or emerging organizations, efforts that have difficulty securing funds from other sources, and groups that receive little other foundation support. These technical assistance grants of \$500 to \$2,500 may be used for trainings, consulting services, travel to conferences or meetings, purchase of equipment, and other short-term needs that will provide long term benefits to the organization. The application deadline is January 4, 2013. Visit the [Fund's website](#) for more.

Continuing Opportunities for Youth Service Projects

Youth Service America offers a number of grant opportunities to support youth-led service projects.

- [Sodexo Foundation Youth Grants](#) of \$500 grants are

Cynthia Perlman, Plasmanet,
Jennifer Pollock, Rosemarie
Poole, Frank Ratcliff, Patricia
Rodgers, Terri Rosales, Robert
Rosenthal, Michael Rossi,
Aleisha Sebastian, Carolyn
Sechler, Beth Shinn & David
Krantz, Albert Sweigart, Brian
Tiffany, Robert Towers, Jenna
Turow, Anthony & Julie
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Venhood Victor & Shreemati
Budhan, Volusia Flagler
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Homeless, Sam Waite, Wall 2
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Melissa Wanserski, Bradley
Wells, Winky Foundation,
Michele Wornow, Lewis Yelin

available for youth-led service projects that bring together young people, families, Sodexo employees and other community members to address childhood hunger. Projects will take place on or around Global Youth Service Day, April 26-28, 2013. Applications are due by midnight January 31, 2013.

- [Disney Friends for Change](#) awards \$1,000 grants for youth-led service projects that demonstrate youth leadership, creativity, and a commitment to making a positive impact on the community. Applications are open through February 10.
- View the [full list of grants available](#), and check out this great post by Youth Service America: [How to Help End Childhood Hunger on Global Youth Service Day](#).



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