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**Homeless Persons' Memorial Day Honors New Yorkers Lost While Homeless**

*Care For the Homeless and Urban Pathways to host a memorial to commemorate New Yorkers who passed away while unstably housed, or due to the stressors of homelessness, in 2022.*

**New York, N.Y.** – Care For the Homeless (CFH) and Urban Pathways, in partnership with their Consumer Advocates, will host Homeless Persons' Memorial Day on Thursday, December 15th. The memorial is free and open to the public. Masks will be required inside the venue.

The ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be held in-person at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in Bonnell Hall located at 7 West 55th Street, New York, NY. There will also be a Zoom link to join virtually, which attendees can access after registering. Those interested in either in person or virtual attendance can [click here](#) to register.

During the memorial, community members will take part in a reading of the names of those who passed this year, and a collection of eulogies will be shared. For many of the over 300 names mentioned, it will be the only commemoration they receive.

The observance will also include live music, reflections, calls to action, and a to-go meal. NYC Department of Social Services Commissioner Gary Jenkins and other invited guests will also be joining.

Homeless Persons' Memorial Day is a grassroots effort involving many members of the community, including those with lived experience of homelessness, service providers, advocates, and policymakers. For all involved, it is a solemn event. However, it is also a call to action to end homelessness.

It is the hope of both organizations that this memorial not only provides those in attendance with the opportunity to reflect on the trauma that unstable housing inflicts on people, but also to recommit to advocating for policies that increase access to safe and stable housing and quality health care for homeless New Yorkers.

“Homelessness is a public health crisis, a crisis that we have the tools to end,” said CFH President & CEO, George Nashak. “We hold this memorial to hold ourselves accountable. None of the people we recognize died because of a personal failure. We believe they died because the system designed to help them failed. We recognize these individuals and acknowledge the necessity to provide a measure of dignity and respect to our brothers and sisters who may not have received the benefit of such compassion when they were alive.”

Urban Pathways CEO, Frederick Shack commented, “This memorial recognizes the value and dignity of every New Yorker lost, regardless of their housing status. We must use this opportunity to not only honor them with remembrance, but also with action. We can end the crisis of homelessness by providing access to permanent affordable and supportive housing for all in need. Together, we can work to end homelessness so that the names of those passing without a home will be fewer next year.”

Care For the Homeless and Urban Pathways have hosted Homeless Persons’ Memorial Day annually for the past five years.

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**About Care For the Homeless:**

*Care For the Homeless (CFH) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and is committed to providing individuals experiencing homelessness with high quality medical and behavioral health care services. In addition, CFH actively advocates for policies to prevent and end homelessness. CFH also currently operates Susan’s Place and the 52nd Street Women’s Center, transitional shelters for women with behavioral health needs, as well as a safe haven in the Bronx targeting individuals that are unsheltered, and multiple health care delivery sites across all five New York City boroughs. For more information, visit [www.careforthehomeless.org](http://www.careforthehomeless.org).*

**About Urban Pathways:**

*Since 1975, Urban Pathways has provided a way home for thousands of New Yorkers. Through a full continuum of services, Urban Pathways helps more than 3,900 individuals each year achieve stability by providing housing and services to meet their needs, including wellness, employment, and consumer advocacy programming. For more information, please visit [www.urbanpathways.org](http://www.urbanpathways.org).*