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*We're thinking of you this time of year, wishing you
happiness, joy, and cheer.*

*May all your days be warm and bright, and your
nights enhanced by holiday light.*

*Enjoy your delectable holiday foods, as parties and
gifts create holiday moods.*

*Favorite people play a meaningful part, while
treasured rituals warm your heart.*

*You are special to us in many ways,
so we wish you Happy Holidays!*

The Board of Directors and Staff of
The Coalition for the Homeless

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE FAMILY COMMUNITY CLINIC

Please note that due to the upcoming holidays the Family Community Clinic at 1406 East Washington will **not** be open Saturday, December 24th & Saturday, December 31st.



Holiday Wishes for the Homeless

On Monday, December 19th, Congressman Yarmuth's staff delivered hundreds of holiday cards to the homeless of Louisville. Congressman Yarmuth first raised the issue of homelessness with local elementary schools in early December. His staff shared educational resources with school teachers about homelessness and Congressman Yarmuth joined students as they created 1,700 holiday cards. These cards were then distributed to the residents of all the local shelters on Monday.

HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL

Many gathered on the shortest day of the year, December 21st, to participate in Louisville's 13th Homeless Persons' Memorial Day. The event included singing from the Down By the Wayside Choir, a devotion from Reverend John Matala, a poem written by Duane Nathaniel and the reading of names of homeless persons who died during 2011. The names include:

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| Lee Anderson | Cheri Annis | Sheila Brown |
| David Bruner | Vanessa Burton | Randal Cates |
| Pete Cummings | James Cunningham | Mark Daughtery |
| Leonard Dixon | Glenn Drees | Joy Evans |
| Curtis Everhart | Ernie Felton | Elvis Fields |
| Damian Fraser | Larry Fugate | Donald Gramble |
| Jean Grondin | Jessie Hayes | John Hill |
| Greg Johnson | Ora Johnson | Ed Mather |
| Ron McNutt | Michael Mohr | Leonard Moore |
| Jerry Palmer | Angelo Pamisano | Robert Pierotti |
| Rodney Seward | Charles Sheets | Lawrence Stevens |
| Latonya Thompson | Keith Tinch | Jeffrey Triplett |
| Patrick Vissers | William White | James Henry Wilson |
| Terrell Winfrey | Rick Wydman, Jr. | |

MAY THEY FIND THE PEACE AND REST THEY HAD NOT ON THIS EARTH

IN THE SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY, our friends at Crescent Hill Baptist Church are offering to match your gifts to Choices, Inc. By sending your check written to Choices, Inc. to Crescent Hill Baptist Church (2800 Frankfort Ave. Louisville, KY 40206) they will forward your gift to us, and write a matching check up to \$50 to help us with the last few finishing touches to our new office space. What a great way to continue the work of Choices in creating a "Place to Call Home" for homeless women and families AND help us be more welcoming and efficient in our new office and services center.

2012 STREET COUNT

It is that time! Every year the Coalition for the Homeless conducts a "street count" to compile a census of people who are living on the street. On Wednesday, January 25, 2012, 6p.m.-8p.m., we will be doing the Street Count again. We will need lots of volunteers. We mostly need people to help on the streets. We will need some people to be inside to distribute clothing and sleeping bags, people to "direct traffic" inside the shelter, etc.

For 2011 we had over 150 volunteers and we were able to get to a lot of people. This show of support is invaluable to the homeless community. I am hoping to have more volunteers and get to even MORE people this year. This census helps us determine the amount of funding needed for homeless services in the community. I am looking forward to seeing many of you again and hope to see some new faces too! Start out 2012 with a good deed!! Please reply to sbinford@sevencounties.org to sign up or for further information. (No one under 18 years old, please.)

Upcoming Meetings

Board of Directors	March 16, 2012	8:00 am
Executive Board	February 15, 2012	8:00 am
Continuum of Care, MUW	January 9, 2012	3:30 pm
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