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LOOKING FOR OUR FOUNDERS

Believe it or not, The Coalition for the Homeless just entered its 25th year of operation all due to the insight and hard work of several people who fought to make it a reality. We would like to celebrate this important milestone and the original board that made it all possible at our annual meeting on August 17, 2011. If you know how to reach any of the following, please let us know:

Jim Gilman
Alhonso O'Neil White

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN

The Coalition for the Homeless is accepting nominations for the annual Hometown Partnership Awards. These awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting which has been set for Wednesday, August 17, 2011. More information is forthcoming. Criteria for the award are as listed below.

- **Hometown Partner** - awarded *in recognition of a socially vested partnership between a local homeless service provider and neighborhood business or community organization.*
- **Homeless Service Provider** awarded *to the service provider that enhances the appearance or quality of life of its neighborhood through some kind of activity or outreach program*
- **Metro Louisville Business or Community Organization** awarded *in recognition of exceptional fiscal or service-driven support of a local service provider.*

Please submit your nomination via email to Marsha Bailey, m Bailey@louhomeless.org or Natalie Harris, n Harris@louhomeless.org

ENDOW KENTUCKY TAX CREDIT

Would you consider donating cash or appreciated stock to The Coalition for the Homeless or another charity if you could receive a state tax credit of up to 20% of the charitable gift? You can do so for a limited time through the Endow Kentucky Tax Credit. This limited-time opportunity is only available for fiscal years 2011 and 2012 if a funder creates a permanent endowment fund of up to \$10,000 at their local community foundation (like the Community Foundation of Louisville).

What Does a Donor Do?

1. Before making a gift, the donor must file an application with the KY Department of Revenue for preliminary approval of the intended charitable gift. If approved, the Department will issue a preliminary approval letter.
2. Within 30 days of receiving the approval letter, the donor must make the contribution to the endowment fund at the Community Foundation.
3. Within 10 days of making the gift, the donor must send proof of the gift to the Department, which will review the provided proof and issue a letter of final approval.

The application deadline for fiscal year 2011 is June 30 at 11:59 p.m. Approximately \$288,500 in tax credits are still available. Applications for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2011, will be accepted in three phases: (1) July 1-7, 2011; (2) if credits remain available, July 8-14, 2011; (3) if credits still remain available, July 15, 2011 - June 30, 2012. You can read the details and obtain the forms at:

<http://www.cflouisville.org/newsarticle.cfm?articleid=10036635&ptsidebaroptid=0&returnto=index.cfm&returntoname=Home&siteid=1631&pageid=13468&sidepageid=13429>

HUD ISSUES 2010 ANNUAL HOMELESS ASSESSMENT REPORT TO CONGRESS

New data shows impact of Recovery Act on mitigating homelessness caused by recession

WASHINGTON – According to its latest national homeless assessment, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development reports the number of homeless persons in the U.S. held steady between 2009 and 2010, despite the economic downturn. For the first time, HUD's annual report reveals how the Recovery Act's Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) helped to mitigate homelessness in America, assisting nearly 700,000 persons in the first year of the program. "It's clear that had it not been for President Obama's Recovery Act, many hundreds of thousands of persons may have fallen into homelessness or remained there," said HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan. "During the height of our nation's economic hardship, we've managed to stabilize and even prevent homelessness as we work to find permanent housing solutions for the most vulnerable among us."

Based on data collected from thousands of local communities, HUD's 2010 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress (find link at end of article below) finds a continued decline in the number of persons experiencing long-term homelessness due to the dramatic increase in the number of permanent supportive housing units. Those who were chronically homeless – persons with severe disabilities and long homeless histories – decreased one percent between 2009 and 2010, from 110,917 to 109,920. Since 2007, the number of people who are chronically homeless has decreased by 11 percent, partially due to the number of 34 percent increase in permanent supportive housing beds during that same timeframe.

Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program – Approximately 690,000 people received assistance in the first year of the HPRP including 531,000 (77 percent) individuals who were prevented from becoming homeless in the first place. The remaining 159,000 (23 percent) persons received ‘rapid re-housing’ assistance to move from the streets or shelters into permanent housing.

Most HPRP participants (59 percent) received assistance for two months or less. Participants receiving homelessness prevention assistance had slightly longer lengths of participation than persons receiving rapid re-housing assistance because prevention assistance was more likely to be provided on a recurring basis, while rapid re-housing was more likely to be one-time assistance – such as a security deposit.

HUD’s annual assessment is based on two measures of homelessness:

Ø **Point-In-Time ‘Snapshot’ Counts** – these data account for sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night, usually at the end of January. The number of people experiencing homelessness on a single night increased by 1.1 percent over the last year: from 643,067 in January 2009 to 649,879 in January 2010. A total of 79,344 family households, and 241,621 persons in families, were homeless on the night of the 2010 PIT count. Since 2009, the number of homeless families increased 1.1 percent, and the number of homeless persons in families increased 1.5 percent

Ø **12-Month Counts** – Using *Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS)*, these data provide more detailed information on persons who access a shelter over the course of a full year. In 2010, 411 communities covering over 4,700 cities and counties submitted useable HMIS data resulting in a 23 percent increase from 2009. This increase results in more precise results as HMIS data collection and reporting capacities continue to improve. HUD estimates that 1.6 million persons experienced homelessness and found shelter between October 1, 2009 and September 30, 2010, a 2.2 percent increase from 2009. The characteristics of sheltered homeless individuals are very different from the characteristics of sheltered persons in families. Individuals are more likely to be white men, over 30 years old, and have a disabling condition, while adults in families are more likely to be younger African-American women without a reported disability. Of all those who sought emergency shelter or transitional housing during 2010, the following characteristics were observed:

- 78 percent of all sheltered homeless persons are adults
- 62 percent are male
- 58 percent are members of a minority group
- 37 percent are 31-to-50 years old
- 63 percent are in one-person households
- 37 percent have a disability

Looking Ahead

The long-term impacts of the recession are unclear. A recent study found a nearly five-fold increase in the rate of housing overcrowding, suggesting that many families are doubling up in response to the economic downturn. If some of these family support networks already are struggling to make ends meet, some of the doubled-up families may find their way into the homeless residential service system during 2010.

*HUD will use the findings from the 2010 AHAR to continue to work to end all homelessness through the Obama Administration’s initiative, **Opening Doors**, http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2010/HUDNo.10-132 an unprecedented federal strategy to end veteran and chronic homelessness by 2015, and to end homelessness among children, families, and youth by 2020.*

Read HUD’s 2010 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress

<http://www.hudhre.info/documents/2010HomelessAssessmentReport.pdf>

MANY THANKS TO THESE VOLUNTEERS:

- * Highland Baptist Church men's group for preparing an apartment at The Marijane Toney House for a mom who will be reuniting with her son in the next few weeks.
<http://www.choicesincorporated.org/mjt.html>
- * Broadway Baptist Church Wednesday Night "Workshop" group for mowing, weeding, mulching, and trimming in the back yard at Norma's House and The Marijane Toney House, and for work in the office renovation space sweeping and vacuuming construction debris.
<http://www.choicesincorporated.org/normas.html>

THERE'S STILL WORK TO DO:

- * More mulch is waiting to be spread in the garden; we need a group of 3 to 5 folks.
 - * We need to paint a three-bedroom apartment at Martie's House to get it ready for the next homeless family experiencing special needs. <http://www.choicesincorporated.org/marties.html>
 - * We are having a dead tree taken out on Tuesday, and need folks (you know who you are) to cut up the branches and dispose of the wood probably in our dumpster.
 - * We are extremely excited about the renovation of our new offices.
<http://www.choicesincorporated.org/current.html>
- We are seeking volunteers who can paint, stain, hang doors, lay flooring, build shelving, put in base boards and shoe molding, and decorate the finished space.

Contact me if you can help in any of these ways!

Beth Hedges, MSW, Executive Director
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Upcoming Meetings

Board of Directors	July 15, 2011	8:00 a.m.
Executive Board	October 19, 2011	8:00 a.m.
Continuum of Care, MUW	July 11, 2011	3:30 p.m.

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