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MEDIA ADVISORY 35th Annual Homeless Persons' Memorial Vigil to be Held on December 21, 2024

Date: Saturday, December 21, 2024 **Time:** 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. **Location:** Front Steps of the Denver City and County Building, 1437 Bannock Street

For the thirty-fifth year, many Denver community members will gather in front of the steps of the Denver City and County Building on Saturday evening to attend the "We Will Remember: Homeless Persons' Memorial Vigil." Hosted by the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, the candlelight vigil and name-reading ceremony will pay tribute to our neighbors who lived on the streets of the Denver metropolitan area and passed away during 2024. This will be the only memorial service honoring the lives of many of these individuals. The public is welcome and invited to attend this event.

The program will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., but the area will be open from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and will include luminaries surrounding the area honoring each of the at least 294 individuals who passed away between November 1, 2023, and October 31, 2024. This is a decrease from 311 individuals in the previous year.

As always, a data accompaniment to the Memorial has been created. This year's *We Will Remember Homeless Death Review* is <u>located here</u>.

The event will also feature a collection drive for new winterwear donations. Attendees are encouraged to bring new adult coats, as well as new socks and gloves, or other new winterwear to donate.

Additional information is available at coloradocoalition.org/vigil.

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The mission of the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless is to work collaboratively toward the prevention of homelessness and the creation of lasting solutions for homeless and at-risk families, children, and individuals throughout Colorado. The Coalition advocates for and provides a continuum of housing and a variety of services to improve the health, wellbeing and stability of those it serves. Learn more at www.coloradocoalition.org.