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MEDIA ADVISORY

36th Annual Homeless Persons' Memorial Vigil to be Held on Sunday, December 21, 2025 National Homeless Remembrance Blanket Project Joins Denver Event

Date: Sunday, December 21, 2025

Time: 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Front Steps of the Denver City and County Building, 1437 Bannock Street

For the 36th year, hundreds of Denver community members will gather in front of the steps of the Denver City and County Building on Sunday 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 2025. 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 vigil program will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., but the area will be open from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and will include luminaries surrounding the area honoring each of the at least 276 individuals who passed away between November 1, 2024, and October 31, 2025. This is a decrease from the 294 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* will be released on Sunday, December 21st at 6:00 AM and is linked to here as an <u>embargoed preview copy.</u>

This year, the organizers of the Vigil are also proud to partner with the national <u>Homeless Remembrance</u> <u>Blanket Project</u>. The Homeless Remembrance Blanket Project is both an art installation and an opportunity for generous blanket makers to knit, crochet, and quilt special gifts for neighbors far and wide who are experiencing homelessness. Blankets have been mailed to Denver from throughout the country and as far away as Australia. The blanket display will begin at 1:00 PM on Bannock Street, in front of the Denver City & County Building on Sunday, December 21st.

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.