



Homeless Services Center



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19th ANNUAL HOMELESS MEMORIAL CEREMONY

The Homeless Services Center, the Santa Cruz County Homeless Persons Health Project and Encompass Community Services' River Street Shelter invite members of the public and local media to the 19th annual Homeless Memorial, honoring members of the local homeless community who have passed over the last year.

The event is being held in conjunction with Homeless Persons' Memorial Day, an annual nationwide event celebrated in over 150 U.S. cities at the onset of winter. The event will feature a ceremonial reading of the names of more than 65 persons, homeless and formerly homeless, who died in the past year, as well as an annual report summarizing the details of who died in our community and the causes of their death.

Family, friends and community service providers are invited to speak in memory of those who have died. The event will be held in the cafeteria at the Homeless Services Center, emphasizing the need to work towards ending chronic homelessness.

Advocates, service providers, homeless and formerly homeless individuals, religious leaders, and concerned citizens are welcome honor the lives and dreams of deceased. As we write their names on our list, joining the hundreds of local homeless individuals who have been honored over the last two decades, we will reflect on the need to extend a caring hand and take action toward ending homelessness.

WHAT: 19th annual Homeless Memorial

WHERE: Homeless Services Center Cafeteria. 115 Coral Street. Santa Cruz

WHEN: December 19, 2017 at 10:00 am