

The Partnership to End Homelessness lead the Candlelight Walk of Remembrance for those who died homeless in 2008



From left to right: Sean Porter, Leroy Bertram, Alisha Williams, Lindsey Trollinger, and Angela Murray

On December 17, 2008, the members of the Partnership to End Homelessness led the candlelight walk of remembrance for the annual Homeless Memorial observance. Each year the homeless community, and those that serve them, come together to remember those people who died homeless during the previous twelve months. The remembrance began with a candlelight walk that began at Shiloh Baptist Church and ended at Grace Community Church.



Members Emily Holmes, Patricia Waters, Sara O'Brien and Kendra Britto get ready to walk



Members Geri Epps and Sandra Miller walk with their glowsticks

The walk was then followed by a service of remembrance with singing provided by the American Express choir and a message by the Outreach Pastor of Grace Community Church. This year, ten homeless men were remembered. Each was represented by an empty chair on the stage with a sign bearing his name. Even though some of these men were not known to the gathering personally, it is important to mark their passing and affirm them as people of value. Regardless of economic status, each person is significant and deserves to be treated with dignity when alive and remembered with dignity when dead. The latter is the goal of the Memorial and the former is the goal of the AmeriCorps members' service.