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Governor's Committee to End Homelessness to Recognize National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, November 14-20, is being honored at an all-day event hosted by the Governor's Committee to End Homelessness on Thursday, November 18, at the state capitol. The theme of this year's event and poster contest is "A Home for Everyone."

The keynote speaker for the event will be Michael German, Regional Director of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness. The program featuring German's talk will be held in the Capitol Rotunda at 12pm.

Missouri Housing Development Commission, which holds a seat on the GCEH, will be presenting on the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act, distributing information and answering questions regarding homelessness in Missouri.

A schedule of all six breakout sessions that focus on homelessness prevention tactics and strategies is below:

1. Veterans' Housing, 1pm – 2pm, Hearing Room 3
2. The intersection between homelessness and domestic violence, 1pm – 2pm, Hearing Room 6
3. Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act, 10am – 11am, Hearing Room 3
4. SSI/SSDI Outreach Access and Recovery (SOAR) Overview, 10am – 11am, Hearing Room 7
5. Project Homeless Connect, 1pm – 2pm, Hearing Room 7
6. Developing Community Partnerships, 10am – 11am, Hearing Room 6

"This event serves as a forum reminding Missouri citizens that our goal should be 'a home for everyone,'" said Sandy Wilson, Missouri Association for Social Welfare and Chair of the Governor's Committee to End Homelessness. "It also serves to provide education and guidance on ending homelessness in our state."

On hand will be approximately 35 social service agencies that will each have their own booth for disseminating information and answering questions regarding issues that face individuals and families experiencing homelessness and the services available to them. In addition, poster contest winners from Pre-K through Grade 12 will be awarded following the Keynote address.

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week was created to promote the national endeavor to end hunger and homelessness. The Governor's Committee to End Homelessness uses this week to promote education for Missourians about the problem of homelessness that exists here at home. According to recent estimates, there are as many as 27,000 homeless persons at any given night in Missouri.

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