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Wake County to Hold Memorial for Homeless

Wake County will hold a memorial to remember the homeless individuals who passed away in the county this year.

The memorial will be held Dec. 21, at 7:15 p.m. at the [South Wilmington Street Center](#), at 1420 S. Wilmington St. in Raleigh.

“Wake County experiences a great deal of growth and prosperity, but that good fortune has not extended to every resident in our county,” said Frank Lawrence, director of the center. “Several times a year, we walk the streets for a 24-hour period, physically counting the number of people who identify themselves as homeless and asking them questions. More than 800 people were identified as being homeless during Wake County’s 2016 survey. This memorial is an opportunity to remember those who have passed while educating residents about homelessness in our community.”

The South Wilmington Street Center is the largest homeless shelter in Wake County. It served 2,028 men, for a total of 87,775 overnight stays, between July 1, 2015, and June 30, 2016. Four hundred seventy-three of those men moved on to permanent housing.

Wake County is also working with the City of Raleigh on plans for a multi-service center that will serve as a one-stop location to help people experiencing homelessness.

Additional resources for individuals experiencing homelessness can be found on the [Wake Network of Care](#).

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