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Memorial remembers Omaha homeless who died in 2007

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OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - A memorial is held to remember the 30 Omaha-area homeless people who died in 2007.

About 50 people attended yesterday's service at the Siena-Francis House's temporary day shelter near downtown.

The event was held in conjunction with similar services around the nation.

Erin Porterfield is executive director of the Metro Area Continuum of Care for the Homeless. She says the 30 deaths in Omaha attracted little notice in most cases, but their passing is marked because they were daughters, sons, mothers, fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers.

Porterfield said more than 1,800 men, women and children are living in Omaha shelters on a given night, and others are sleeping outside or in their cars.

On the Net:

Siena-Francis House: <http://www.sienafrancis.org/>

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