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## ***Release of Economic Study to Determine the Cost of Homelessness in No. KY***

Press conference: Monday, June 13, 2011 at 10 am  
Location: City of Covington Commissioners Chambers

How much does homelessness cost the tax payers in Northern Kentucky? Numerous studies have demonstrated the excessive costs of services to the chronically homeless. On June 13<sup>th</sup>, the Welcome House, in partnership with Boone County Human Services Department and NKU graduate student, Lisa Desmarais, will release the results of the economic impact of the chronically homeless population in Northern Kentucky. The purpose of this study was to create a baseline by which to compare costs of alternative treatment options for the chronically homeless population.

The study examines the usage and cost for 10% of the chronically homeless population in Northern Kentucky (as determined by the 2009 Point-in-Time Homeless Count) for the time period of January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2009. By collaborating with local social service providers, local health care providers, and local jails, the study details the staggering costs generated by 37 homeless individuals over a two year time span. The startling and informative results will be made available for the public at the press conference.

In coordination with the findings from the study, a three person panel will be available to talk about the impact and answer any questions regarding the study, the community impact, and next steps. The panel will consist of Kirk Kavanaugh (Director of Boone County Human Services), Laura Pleiman (a Social Worker with Boone County Human Services), Lisa Desmarais (MPA Graduate Student from Northern Kentucky University) and panel moderator, Linda Young (Executive Director at Welcome House).

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