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## **Homelessness is a solvable problem**

*Project H3: Home, Health, Hope Community Briefing – Changing Systems, Saving Lives*

Project H3: Home, Health, Hope is a collaborative effort of community leaders from the non-profit, governmental, business and faith-based communities in the Greater Phoenix area striving to end homelessness in our communities. In early April 2010, 36 teams of over 170 community volunteers canvassed the streets of targeted areas in Phoenix, Mesa and Glendale. The volunteer teams used Common Ground's Vulnerability Index to survey and create a by-name list of individuals experiencing homelessness who have been on the streets the longest and are the most vulnerable. At a community briefing held after survey week, \$50,000 in funding and resources from individuals and companies in attendance was pledged to house the top 50 of those deemed by the Vulnerability survey tool to be the most medically vulnerable.

“Our goal is to permanently house the original 50 individuals identified during survey week, but our aim isn’t just to save those 50 lives, but rather to change systems that would otherwise be a barrier to getting individuals off the streets,” says Joan Serviss, Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness Executive Director.

Becky Kanis from Common Ground will be in attendance at the community briefing and will share about Common Ground’s 100,000 Homes campaign, a national effort to house 100,000 Americans by July 2013.

- Who:** Members of the Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness, Project H3 leadership and volunteers, homeless service providers and advocates.
- What:** Six month community briefing
- Where:** Disability Empowerment Center, 5025 E. Washington Street, in Phoenix.
- When:** Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at 1 p.m.
- Why:** For an insightful look at what we've accomplished, successes and challenges along the way, and the amazing progress being made to end chronic homelessness by Changing Systems, Savings Lives.

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