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HOMELESSNESS MARATHON TO BRING HOMELESS VOICES INTO HOMES

The Homelessness Marathon, an annual 14-hour live radio broadcast on homelessness and poverty, will originate from Atlanta, starting at 7 p.m., EST, Wednesday, February 15th. This year's broadcast -- the 9th -- will air on at least 110 stations (with another 30 or so stations across Canada carrying a parallel Canadian Homelessness Marathon). We believe this makes the Homelessness Marathon, by far, the largest anti-poverty broadcast in the world.

The Homelessness Marathon does not seek to raise money, just consciousness. Topics will include:

- A panel of homeless youth.
- A discussion with Robert Aldridge, president of FEANTSA, the European Federation of Organisations Working With the Homeless
- A blistering critique of the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (on our web site, we also have posted the salaries of selected people working with homeless and hunger organizations -- some of them are shocking).
- Two reports from New Orleans on what happened to homeless people when Katrina hit and where the survivors are now.
- Discussions about homelessness in Atlanta, how poor people lose the vote and how cities tear down poor people's housing.

And most important, the voices of poor and homeless Americans - the voices you don't hear anyplace else.

More information, including a list of stations carrying the broadcast and a complete schedule, may be found at the Homelessness Marathon's web site:

<http://www.homelessnessmarathon.org>

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