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Homeless Souls ***An Exhibition of work by Jake Anderson***

Hartford — The Clare Gallery is pleased to present *Homeless Souls*. The exhibition is free and open to the public and extends from November 4 to December 26, 2010. A reception and panel discussion will be held on Wednesday, November 17, 5:30–7:30 p.m. The panel discussion will address the issue of homelessness from a variety of perspectives. The panelists will consist of the artist, Jake Anderson; Antrim House publisher, Robert McQuilkin; Director of Volunteer Ministry at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry, Trudi White; Director of Community and Civic Engagement at Saint Joseph College, Beth Fischer, RSM; and Associate Program Director at Mercy Housing and Shelter Corporation, Joan Gallagher.

In the midst of his work toward a bachelor's degree in English and Journalism, Jake Anderson became distressed at his own indifference to homelessness. A decision to travel the country, investigating with his camera a world he knew nothing of and encouraging those he met to create personal statements, led him to complete a book and eventually share his work through exhibition. The personal statements alongside his photographs work together to reveal the subjects' stories. Mr. Anderson hopes viewers will travel with him and share his understanding of homeless persons, who need warm, genuine relationships as much as a place to stay. Mr. Anderson states, "Beginning my search for the truth about the homeless, I felt sorry for these people—poor, dirty, cold, unlucky, addicted, hurting. Most people with the sympathy to notice the eyes connected to the rattling cup probably feel this way. My attitude changed with exposure. I began to see individuals simply existing. Surviving. No better or worse than the rest of us. We are all souls, many without roots. We are all Human Beings!"

Mr. Anderson is originally from the Boston area and is currently pursuing a master's degree in Photo-Journalism at Point Park University in Pittsburgh. *Homeless Souls* is published by [Antrim House](#). 100% of all proceeds from the book will support homeless persons.

The Clare Gallery primarily features exhibitions that emphasize world religions or interfaith themes, as well as social justice themes, on either a global or local level. The Gallery is housed in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry at 285 Church Street. The Center is part of St. Patrick – St. Anthony Church, a vibrant and active downtown faith community.

The Clare Gallery's hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays; Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Gallery and all related events are free and open to the public. Free parking is available directly across from the church, and the facility is handicapped accessible. More information may be found at www.spsaet.org, click "Community Life" and then "Clare Gallery".