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Thanksgiving, 2017

Dear Friends,

At Nightwatch, we find a way.

We find a way to get ministers on the street late at night. We find a way to comfort homeless people in their distress. We find a way to prepare and serve a dinner every night.

Nightwatch found a way to salvage an old apartment building to serve low-income, formerly-homeless seniors.

This November, with God's help, we found a way to open up a new shelter for 50 men. Our first night finally happened! Hooray!

One way or the other, Nightwatch finds a way. We find a way to take care of our homeless friends still on the street; bringing needed supplies and a listening ear. We find a way to help them replace ID, get equipped for a new job, and furnish their new apartments.

Nightwatch finds a way to reunite a homeless person with out-of-town family or friends. We help them connect with work and treatment options. We find a way for them to make amends, and face their responsibilities.



We do this work with skeletal staff, and with lots of volunteers who find a way to make real commitments to loving their neighbors at inconvenient times.

Somehow, Nightwatch finds a way.

It can be overwhelming at times. The numbers are increasing year by year, of people without a home. On January 27 this year, there were 11,643 homeless people in Seattle/King County. Of those, 5,485 were unsheltered, sleeping in doorways, tents, vehicles and alleys.

When it concerns my personal needs and wants, I find a way. Now I'm challenging myself, and challenging you, to find a way to meet the needs of our homeless neighbors. Food, shelter, housing and hope. These are the foundational ways that Nightwatch brings comfort to hurting people, every night.

Will you find a way to include Nightwatch this Christmas season?

Will you find a way for "Missy?" She loves her room and all her knickknacks and her neighbors. It is so much better to sleep in a bed in her own place, instead of in a room with a bunch of other homeless women. Nightwatch donors like you keep the rents affordable for Missy and others like her.





Will you find a way, for "Marcus" and others like him? We provided food, shelter, and a sense of community, and met with him weekly when he moved into another shelter program. Then we helped outfit his new apartment, with a bed, a microwave, a recliner, and other comforts, to make it a home. Your gifts pay for shelter and support for guys like Marcus.

Will you find a way for us to reach some of those thousands who are surviving outside tonight? Nightwatch builds friendships with homeless people all over the city, and moves them toward wholeness. So often it starts with a bottle of water and a new pair of socks. Those friendships grow in many different directions, thanks to people like you.



Please find a way to give, today, so these good things can continue. The need has never been greater.

God bless you.

Hus Perpoles

Memorials

Rev. David Aasen Marilyn Conner Dick & Carol Goodall Dorothy Michaelson James Rowson Marion Watanabe Coralie (Brassfield) Ames Morgan & Kay Brassfield **Bob Bradbury** Jane Bradbury **Bill Branom** Mary Branom Richard Brenneman Ruth Brenneman Jerry Brooks Élizabeth Hansen Charley Bush Linda Bush Lloyd Deister Jack & Merle Patterson Robert Domzalski Mark & Lisa Domzalski Vicki Ennis Linda Fox Francis Keane Marubeni America Corp. Henry & Marie Masson Jim & Joanne McCready Ted Monte **Robert Sukovich** Kim Unrau LuAnn Warrick Tony Domzalski Mark & Lisa Domzalski Pat Domzalski

Ward Folsom Sr. Dean Kimble Rev. Charles Forbes Georgia Kurtz Keith & Kay Forbes George & Carolyn Rippee Leong Hom, MD Doug Hom John Klekotka, MD Les & Carol Nelson Dick Lamb Norma Larson Art Liddle Sheila Liddle Al & Maxine Lobb John & Jody Fenlason Bud & Trudy Forbes Joyce Mansfield Neil & Angela Bryant Eleanore Montzingo Lyle & Shelley Staley Martin Murray Maria & Greg Van Horn Richard Sanford Sandra Sanford & Paul Sampson Dick Shipe Gary & Theresa Shipe Jane Shipe Louise Solemslie Allen Solemslie Mary Speltz **Greg Speltz** Gene Todd Kathleen Todd

Roy Tsuboi Larry & Amy Sato Zollie & Sylvia Volchok Tony Volchok & Cindy Monsen Glenn & Shirley Weed Andy & Ramona McBeth George & Carolyn Rippee Jim & Cynthia Weaver Gilbert Weiss John Weiss & Corry Venema-Weiss Leonard Woodgate George & Carolyn Rippee Mary Wooldridge **Holly Boone**

Tributes

Kendrick & Laura Barnes
Amanda Ruksznis
Carole Cornell
Barbara & James Johnson
Bob Hirotaka
Harvey & Geri Nelson
Mike Potts
Catharine Fletcher
Samuel Taylor
Zola Mumford
Rebecca & Emerson Zide
Aaron Zide