

Nightwatch News

September, 2018

\$200,000 view

By Rev. Rick Reynolds



The view from the scaffold on the south side of the Nightwatch building is murky. The smoke from regional fires means we can't see very far. The horizon shows the dim outline of downtown buildings. And as I look, I'm coughing.

This is the dark impression many of our homeless friends have for themselves. They aren't sure about what to do. Many are pessimistic about their future. It is shrouded in smoke and uncertainty.

Nightwatch is dealing with cracked stucco, rotten window sills, falling apart windows at our building. There's a \$200,000 price tag attached, after the donation from Andersen Windows, and various other discounts from Schultz Miller and their sub-contractors. It can't wait until next year.

Despite all this, **we are hopeful** — for Nightwatch, and for our senior tenants and homeless friends. **Because love always overcomes uncertainty.**

Thank you for your loving care, financial support, and volunteer time. These all work together to build hope. Won't you join us in rebuilding?

Lord, you are the source of everlasting hope. May your hope overflow through our lives. ●

Time heals

By Ben Curtis, Street Minister

They say that time heals a broken heart. Many of our friends out on the street have broken hearts, deep emotional wounds and psychological trauma. Can time play a part in their healing?

Last week, a couple of volunteers and I were down in the SODO district talking with folks camping out there and giving them much needed survival supplies. We spent the majority of our time with one man and a couple of ladies that were all staying in close proximity to one another. You could tell they had their own little community.

We gave them numerous things including socks, water, food, hygiene supplies, a backpack and other clothing. We also spent time talking with them and listening. When we were getting ready to leave, the ladies thanked us for all we had given them and then, something struck me. The guy said **'Thanks for spending time with us.'** For him, out of all we had given, our time was the most important.

For all of us, our time is in high demand. Every day, all day, things call out for attention. But can we find time for our friends experiencing homelessness? It might be more healing that we realize. ●

To volunteer, contact Tonette at tonette@seattlenightwatch.org.



NIGHTWATCH

**Serving the night
community in the
name of Christ**



Save a Life

Hero of the Homeless Luncheon

Tuesday, October 23
12 noon—1 pm

Seattle Center Fisher Pavilion
or

Saturday, October 27
12 noon—1 pm

Epiphany Episcopal Church

More details and registration:
www.seattlenightwatch.org/hero

Volunteer Open House

Find your favorite
volunteer job!

Thursday, September 6, 2018
7:30—8:00 pm

RSVP or questions:
volunteer@seattlenightwatch.org

Find out more:
<http://tinyurl.com/ydaqfjsx>

Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Kay Abe
Mary Nichols
Larry & Amy Sato
Sue Wanwig
Bill Branom
Mary Branom
Charley Bush
Paul Rollins
Marie Davidson
Lola Davidson
Craig Davis
Bruce Davis
Robert Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Tony Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Bud & Trudy Forbes
Rhoda Peel
George & Carolyn Rippee

Keith & Kay Forbes
George & Carolyn Rippee
Dick Lamb
Mark Larson
Al & Maxine Lobb
John & Jody Fenlason
Norm & Melinda Lobb
Ruth McCahon
Aaron & Sue Feik
Vince & Luzy Miranda
Tom Stewart
Dick Shipe
Gary & Theresa Shipe
Jane Shipe
Gordon Siddons
Leota Van Wieringen
Kevin Sill
Betty Sill
Mary Speltz
Greg Speltz

Gene Todd
Kathleen Todd
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
John Wejak
David & Donna Goodlett
Mary Wooldridge
Holly Boone
Diana Zagurski
Joanna & Fritz Walter

Tributes

Mark McLaughlin
Anonymous
Mary Oaksmith Nichols
Cammy Hendrix
Mike Potts
Catharine Fletcher
Greg Speltz
Robert Petersen

Forest or trees?

By Ann Sakaguchi

It's easy to get lost in the forest if you keep staring at each tree.

We are now in a big building repair project at Nightwatch. Our ancient building that houses our 24 formerly homeless seniors, as well as the Dispatch Center, is getting fixed.

Windows are being replaced and sealed to keep the rains out. Workers are high above the ground, on scaffolding that covers one side of the building. I can hear the chunks of cracked and broken-down stucco hit the dumpster below as they work.

I've been focused on the details. How many windows will be needed? When will the dumpster arrive and displace staff/volunteers' parking? Where should the porta-potty be placed, so that the garbage/recycling/compost bins are still accessible? What color should we paint the building?

Details. Details. Details.

A new, young friend from out-of-state asked me this: "Why doesn't the city do something about homelessness?" For the next several minutes, I pontificated about the challenges of solving homelessness. His eyes glazed over. Then he asked "But what do you do?" To answer him, I had to zoom out, and look at the big picture, or the forest.

My own eyes glaze over if I fixate on the details. For this big building project, I need to remember the forest: we're doing this to ensure a safe and comfortable place for Nightwatch tenants and clients for years to come.

It's a big project, as in big ticket, like over \$200,000 worth of work. We have lots of folks willing to help us. **Will you join them and help us?**

Thank you for your support of Nightwatch in the past. ●



A big "Thank You" to the Puget Sound Energy Foundation for supporting Operation Nightwatch!

Shopping List

Please help by collecting these items for us to distribute to our homeless friends and tenants (travel sizes are preferred):

- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Shave cream
- Dental floss
- Lip balm
- Hand sanitizers
- Multi-vitamins
- Cough drops
- Pain relievers
- Kleenex packs
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Bulk drink mix

For more information about these items please contact:
liz@seattlenightwatch.org

Amazon Wish List:

Ship donations to our door!
<http://a.co/1UAUEUZ>

Amazon donates to Nightwatch when you shop through Amazon Smile!
Here's the link:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-0964027>


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