

Nightwatch News

November, 2018

Thankfulness

By Rev. Rick Reynolds



We walk away from a shelter to a chorus of homeless folks, thanking us for serving up pizzas each week.

Last week, we delivered 96 scratchy wool blankets to a women's shelter. Many pitched in to help move them from the van to the shelter. As we drove away, there were 20 or more women waving at us from their line on the sidewalk and shouting "Thank you!"

Where ever he goes, Street Minister Ben hears these words: "Thank you for the socks!"

And of course our seniors, seeing the work being done on the building, have been excited and full of thanks.

I want to be thankful like that. Thank you for giving to Nightwatch, to help make this work possible, and thank you for blessing our folks. And of course, Thanks be to God, who cares for people living on the margins.

Lord, may we never take you for granted. We give you thanks for your care for us, for Nightwatch, for all the people we serve. ●

Hanging onto stereotypes

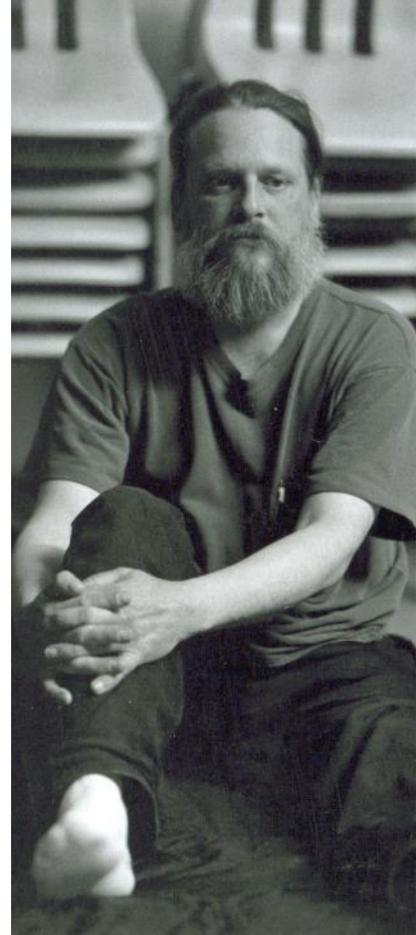
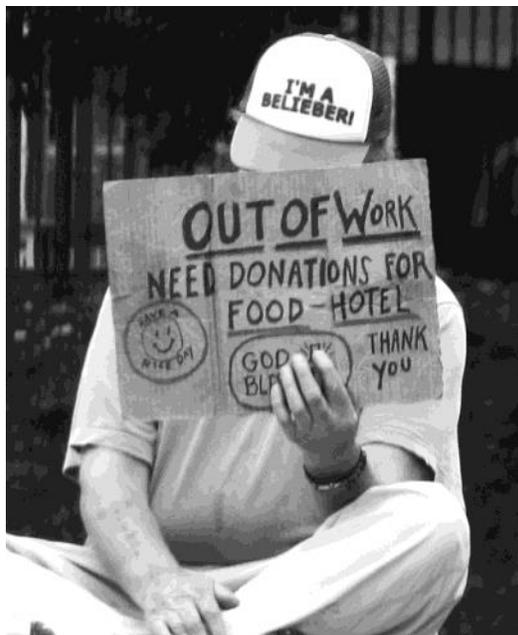
By Liz Fenn,
Shelter Dispatch Center Manager

A friend keeps telling the story of a homeless man in downtown Seattle. The man was in a wheelchair, holding a sign, asking for money. My friend felt sorry for him and his situation, so he gave the man some cash, then went on his way. Upon returning, my friend saw the same homeless man again. This time the guy in the wheelchair stood up, exchanged places with a buddy, then walked away, leaving his buddy in the wheelchair holding the sign. My friend tells this story whenever the subject of homelessness comes up as a way of proving his point that homeless people are lazy and always take the easy way out.

Each time I hear this story, I have stayed silent. I do not want to argue and disturb my peacefulness. But the story bothers me. I end up feeling sad for my friend. It's not just the content of his story that gets to me, it's that he has only one homeless story to tell. He's hanging onto his stereotypes.

And he will continue telling his one story until he has the courage to choose to look for other homeless stories. Nightwatch stories tend to bust the stereotypes.

Thank you for helping create better stories about our homeless—and formerly homeless — friends. ●



NIGHTWATCH

Serving the night
community in the
name of Christ

SOCK IT TO HOMELESSNESS

*Our goal is to collect
20,000 pairs of socks
to give out to our
homeless friends.*

Can we count on you to
help us reach our goal?

Sunday, November 18
12:30-2:00 pm
302 14th Ave S, Seattle

www.seattlenightwatch.org/sock-it

Volunteer Open House

Find your favorite
volunteer job!

Thursday, November 1, 2018
7:30–8:00 pm

RSVP or questions:
volunteer@seattlenightwatch.org

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

Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Bill Branom
Mary Branom
Chris
Norma Jean Hanson
Robert Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Tony Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Craig Davis
Bruce Davis
Hal Hansen
Elizabeth Hansen
Bodhi Dae Jarvis
Brett & Karen Lolley

Hattie Kimble
Chuck & Marge Beavers
Al & Maxine Lobb
John & Jody Fenlason
Dick Shipe
Gary & Theresa Shipe
Stephen Shipe
& Marta Pasztor
Mary Speltz
Elizabeth Hansen
Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Tony Volchok
& Cindy Monsen
Glenn & Shirley Weed
Andy & Ramona McBeth
Jim & Cynthia Weaver

Gilbert Weiss
John Weiss
& Corry Venema-Weiss
Mary Wooldridge
Holly Boone

Tributes

Joanne Crawford
Geri & Harvey Nelson
David Douglass
& Sarah Lauer's marriage
Ginny Larkins
Courtney Hirata
Tanja Epnors
Mike Potts
Catharine Fletcher
Greg Speltz
H.L. & Lilly Chabra
Vicki Grayland
John Lomba
Patricia Siggs

Shelter saves lives

By Ann Sakaguchi

It's hard to avoid hearing about homelessness these days. It's a crisis. There are homeless people everywhere. It's in the news. You hear about big dollars being spent by the government on homeless issues. You might wonder "How much does Nightwatch get of the millions of dollars being spent on homelessness?"

The answer to that question is: "None."

None of the City funds being allocated to shelter services that you hear about in the news is coming to Nightwatch. Most of this money goes to programs that provide 24-hour shelters with "wrap around" services, like case management. This is the focus of City funding; not simple overnight emergency programs, like Nightwatch shelters.

I get it. The City needs to get the most out of their money. This is understandable. But in the meantime, there are not enough of those kinds of programs, so shelters like ours are still needed.

Even if government won't fund it, more basic shelter is needed. Clearly, the sight of tents everywhere tells us more shelter is needed. Should Nightwatch build it ourselves?

As you read this, we will have just held our Hero of the Homeless fundraising luncheons. Our theme was "Shelter Saves Lives." There is still time to help us provide shelter. Without shelter, people die.

You can easily give online at www.seattlenightwatch.org.

Thank you. ●



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/1UAEUZ>

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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