**Richard and me**

By Rev. Rick Reynolds

Richard stopped me on the sidewalk one November day. “Hey, Pastor Rick, what are you doing for Thanksgiving?”

“Not really sure,” I told him. “Hope he doesn’t want to come to my place,” I thought to myself.

“You know, you could always come downtown and have dinner with us,” he said, graciously. “Pastor Rick, wherever I wake up in the morning, maybe on the loading dock, or in the park, I never know where I might be. The first thing I do in the morning is thank God for that first breath.”

I looked at Richard’s athletic bag, with everything he owned. I thought about my warm home, filled with too much stuff.

But Richard was the thankful one. I’ve carried that lesson with me for 23 years now.

Lord, grant that thankfulness will overflow our lives into the lives of those around us. And wherever Richard is tonight, grant him your Peace.

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**Investment**

By Ben Curtis, Street Minister

For the past few weeks, my wife and I have been in the process of buying a home. It’s our first time. I never realized before how much work it actually takes: Searching through listings, going to open houses and tours, inspections, appraisals and endless paperwork and forms.

As we near our closing date, I’ve been reflecting on the plight of my friends outside. They don’t own homes. They don’t even have a roof over their head. The challenge of getting someone off the street and into stable housing can be even worse than what we’re going through.

Often, the slide into homelessness takes time. Getting back into housing can also take time. It’s easy to assume the process is simple; you get a job, you get housing. It’s almost never that simple. There are forms to fill out, more paperwork, interviews, signing things, and lots of waiting to see if you can get into a place or not.

Meanwhile, you’re in survival mode. That’s when Nightwatch helps.

Because you give, we can bring people through perilous times. We share warm food and shelter every night. Street Ministers show up with food, water, socks and more. We hold the hands of hurting people. Our Senior Housing brings stability for people in crisis; and the rents are affordable because generous people like you see the importance of keeping old people off the street. Food, shelter, housing, and hope is what we’re about. Loving our neighbors, as we like to say.

It’s an investment, caring for poor and homeless people. Your support pays big dividends, when we see formerly-homeless people jangling their new set of apartment keys.
Memorials & Tributes

Memorials
Renata Asic Kozina
Dianne Lattemann
Tom Box
Lyle & Shelley Staley
Bill Branom
Mary Branom
Bob Bryant
Janet Buck
Charley Bush
Ginny Larkins
Gail & Jay Winberg
Chris
Norna Jean Hanson
Joe Curtis
Robert & Roberta Brown
Craig Davis
Bruce Davis
Robert Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Tony Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Bud & Trudy Forbes
Rhoda Peel
Kim Forman
Jerry Shigaki
BJ Furgerson
Kathleen Todd
Betty Holing
Judy & Jim Jansen
Mary Ellen Ingersoll
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Maria & Greg Van Horn
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Ats Kiuchi
Terry Sheehan
George & Carolyn Rippee
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Anne Todd
Kathleen Todd
Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Tony Volchok
&Cindy Monsen
Glenn & Shirley Weed
Andy & Ramona McBeth
Jim & Cynthia Weaver
Gilbert Weiss
John Weiss
&Cory Venema-Weiss
Leo Werlech
Ray & Jackie Marsh
Shoe Wong
Irene Cheung
Mary Wooldridge
Holly Boone
Diana Zagurski
Joanna & Fritz Walter

Tributes
Christine Henderson’s birthday
Mary Ellen Reimund
Courtney Hirata
Jerelyn Yoshihara
Man Lung Li
Mimi Yi
Lois Lingren
Anonymous
Brett & Karen Lolley
Vern & Marilyn Lolley
Mark McLaughlin
Anonymous
Mary Oaksmit Nichols
Cammy Hendrix
Mike Potts
Catharine Fletcher
Leonard Root
Jim & Frances Reynolds
Greg Speltz
Robert Petersen

“HEY ANN! HOW YA DOIN’?”
By Ann Sakaguchi

We have 24 tenants living with us in our apartments for seniors. Most of them have been homeless at one time. They are all low income; they are all my age or older. We know some of them really well; others keep to themselves. Several we see and talk with every day; kinda like family.

In families, there is likely a similar situation; some members we are close to, but others not so much. Some we get along with very well. If we’re honest, some just get on our nerves, right?

One longtime resident has a habit of greeting me whenever he sees me. He might be across the street and half a block away and I’ll hear “HOW YA DOING, ANN?” I know it’s me; I don’t like to be yelled at from across the street. I love this old guy like a little brother, yet I get so irritated when he calls out to me like that. What’s wrong with me? Why can’t I be gracious and just accept the friendly greeting for what it is?

I am grateful for this almost daily reminder of my shortcoming. I am still, even after 11 years, struggling to accept the loving greeting that is shouted to me from across the street.

Do you have any family members that irritate you in this way? If you do, how about joining me in prayer and solidarity to overcome our irritations with one another and simply love? This crusty old guy living at Nightwatch is challenging me to be a more accepting and loving person. Sure, he’s getting help from Nightwatch, but he’s helping me, too.

Are there other things we can learn from our friends at Nightwatch? Definitely! Wanna come and see? ●

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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