

# Nightwatch News

February, 2019

## The ability to give

By Rev. Rick Reynolds



Just 10 years ago there was a pitched battle between homeless campers and the City of Seattle. Nickelsville was born. Remember the sea of pink tents on West Marginal Way?

Since then, camps have become “establishment,” sometimes exchanging tents for tiny homes which don’t need to move so often.

I’ve got friends in those camps. One is on dialysis, waiting for a kidney. Another is a retiree, tottering around using a walker. They all need stability, a bed with sheets, and warmth.

“John” is a new camper. He lost his place at one camp while he was in the hospital for ongoing health issues. He was sent to a second camp after he was discharged. “Do you know anywhere I can get some pants? Nothing fits now,” John asked.

Two pairs of sweats, some underwear. Things you and I take for granted, made a huge difference for that camper. And it was all made possible because people like you gave last month in support of Nightwatch.

Will you help this month? Some homeless person somewhere is going to need our help.

*Lord, thank you that we have the ability to share what we have, from the abundance you have given to us. Grant joy to all who give. ●*

## What joy!

By Marlene Poland, Housing Coordinator, and staff

“Marcus” is one of our amazing senior tenants at Nightwatch. In his 70s, he survives month- to-month by driving a cab. I know from experience, cab driving is not an easy life, especially with the competition now from Uber and other services.

Somehow, Marcus is able to keep going with a smile on his face. It’s not uncommon for him to lose money on the day, between paying for gas and leasing the vehicle. Marcus is very enthused about living at Operation Nightwatch.

It seems like he is joyful and full of life, even when things are difficult.

One morning last week, he was his usual jolly self. Sitting in his cab, getting ready to start his work day, he sees one of our Nightwatch employees arrive. Marcus opens the door to his cab and waves to get their attention.

“We got new bath mats upstairs!” he yells across the street, giving two thumbs up.

Think about that. Marcus has such joy in a simple improvement. I replaced the bathmats in the community bathrooms, and he simply had to tell someone.

May I live with that sense of joy and gratitude for simple things every day. ●



# NIGHTWATCH

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community in the  
name of Christ**

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[coleen@seattlenightwatch.org](mailto:coleen@seattlenightwatch.org)  
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### Volunteer Open House

Find your favorite  
volunteer job!

**Thursday, February 7, 2019  
7:30–8:00 pm**

RSVP or questions:  
[volunteer@seattlenightwatch.org](mailto:volunteer@seattlenightwatch.org)

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

# Memorials & Tributes

## Memorials

David Aasen  
Kay Franklin & Tom Mohle  
Don Benson  
The Benson Family  
Bill Branom  
Mary Branom  
Richard Brenneman  
Ruth Brenneman  
Charley Bush  
Paul Rollins  
Chris  
Norma Jean Hanson  
Dorothy Clement  
Norm & Melinda Lobb  
Anna Coon  
Carol Crouter  
John Darrah  
Betsy Darrah  
Craig Davis  
Bruce Davis  
Robert Domzalski  
Mark & Lisa Domzalski  
Tony Domzalski  
Mark & Lisa Domzalski  
Pat Domzalski  
Keith & Kay Forbes  
Linda Martin  
Marise Ruth Graves  
Blake Lankford  
& Nancy Graves Lankford

Elsie & Gunnar Guddal  
Kari Record  
Mal Higgins  
Linda Martin  
Leong & Syen Hom  
Doug Hom  
Mary Ellen Ingersoll  
Jim & Jan Sullivan  
Betty Isaac  
Sean & Heather Abbott  
Gertrude Isaac  
Loren & Wendy Isaac  
James Iverson  
Marilyn Iverson  
Harriet Mihara Jurcan  
Kiyo & Sho Doi  
Karl Krienke  
Lyle & Shelley Staley  
Al & Maxine Lobb  
John & Jody Fenlason  
Norm & Melinda Lobb  
Don Mayo  
Daisy Neves  
Dick Nishioka  
Larry & Amy Sato  
John Recher  
Joybelle & Paul Eriks  
Jo Lynn Richardson  
Judy Richardson

Norm & Bonnie Riggins  
Dave & Robin Roe  
Kendall Robinson  
Robert Goodwin  
Edith Root  
Janet Root  
Dick Shipe  
Gary & Theresa Shipe  
Stephen Shipe  
& Marta Pasztor  
Dick Spady  
Ina Spady  
Sandy Tonseth  
George & Carolyn Rippee  
Louise Uyeda  
Steve & Chris Murphy  
Zollie & Sylvia Volchok  
Tony Volchok  
& Cindy Monsen  
Glenn & Shirley Weed  
Andy & Ramona McBeth  
Carolyn & Curtis Neitsch  
Leo Werlech  
Theresa Werlech  
Leonard Woodgate  
George & Carolyn Rippee  
Mary Wooldridge  
Holly Boone

## Tributes

Neil & Mary Braun  
Cathy Braun  
Linda Bush  
Paul Rollins  
Carmen Catunao  
Delsa Anderl  
Kris Cummings  
Denise Nelson  
Jessica Elliott  
Elizabeth Kristoferson  
The Henry Family  
Aaron & Sue Feik  
Chuck Jacobson  
Grace Jacobson  
The Mark Joves Family  
Kirstin Ward  
Marshall Langohr  
Sally & John Glancy  
William LeMire  
Sally & John Glancy  
Landis Lingren  
Lois Lingren  
Liz Olsen  
Kathleen Todd  
Mike Potts  
Catharine Fletcher  
Jane Shipe's 90th birthday  
Christine Elson  
Shelley & Lyle Staley  
Jim & Frances Reynolds  
Clio & Kathleen Thomas  
Rick & Lorri Reynolds  
Klaus & Marcia Zech  
Scott & Hilda Zimmerman

## Sick

### By Ann Sakaguchi

This article is gonna be different. In this newsletter, we like to share stories about clients or tenants, to inspire and encourage you, our faithful supporters. Rarely do we focus attention on our staff and our personal challenges. This time is different.

Nightwatch serves homeless and poor people with very few paid staff; we rely heavily on volunteers to do our work. If one of our paid staff "goes down" for any length of time, we all pick up the slack. We're pretty adept at doing this; we are flexible and everyone is willing to pitch in. However, its been tough around here lately.

We've been hit with a bout of chicken pox (yes, adult chicken pox!). Someone else is hobbling around on a fractured kneecap. Pneumonia has stricken another co-worker. One of our night staff has been suffering and is soon to have her gall bladder removed.

When one part of the body hurts, the rest feel it too.

I'm not complaining; no one is. The work is continuing, as we balance the need to get healthy with the need to protect our vulnerable homeless friends and residents from exposure. I just wanted you to know that we're straining right now and could sure use your prayers.

Please pray that everyone returns to good health quickly. Pray for protection of our residents and homeless friends. Pray that our volunteers will be responsive and present.

Thank you for your prayers. We cannot do this work without 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/1UAUEUZ>

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