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.
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
Betty Darran
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
Marylın Iverson
Harriet Mihara Jurcan
Kyo & Sho Ooi
Karl Krienke
Lyle & Shelley Staley
Al & Maxine Lobb
John & Jody Feniason
Norm & Melinda Lobb
Don Mayo
Daisy Neves
Dick Nishioka
Larry & Amy Sato
John Recher
Joybeille & 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 Tonsesh
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 Werleich
Theresa Werleich
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 G Lynch
William LeMire
Sally & John Lynch
Landis Lingren
Lois Lingren
Liz Lizk
Kathleen Todd
Mike Potts
Catharine Fletcher
Jane Shipes’s 90th birthday
Christine Elson
Shelley & Lyle Staley
Jim & Frances Reynolds
Clio & Kathleen Thomas
Rick & Lorn 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, it’s 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:
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Amazon Wish List:

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

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