We won’t give up
By Rev. Rick Reynolds

This weekend I got a call from one of our formerly homeless friends. After many months in an Operation Nightwatch shelter, she has been doing fantastic. She lives in the Midwest now, has a stable home, stable relationships, and is active in her church and community. She never gave up, in the face of many disappointments and obstacles. Through the years she has continued to be grateful for the help we gave.

Operation Nightwatch has been sheltering more than 120 homeless people every night for decades now. It’s simple, overnight shelter. Indoors. Safe. Access to bathrooms. A solid base for people who have nothing.

The simple truth—the people we serve are really resilient. They don’t give up. And we won’t give up either.

The obstacles we face are daunting. The challenges our homeless friends must overcome can be overwhelming. But together, with determination, there is a way out of this crisis as a community. Thank you for your financial support, your time as volunteers, and your prayers on behalf of Nightwatch. We won’t give up.

Lord, though the way seems difficult, we will not fear, for you are with us all.

Home sweet home
By Marlene Poland and staff

“Martha” has lived in the Nightwatch Senior Housing for many years.

It’s hard to describe the feeling of home that you get when living upstairs at Nightwatch. You have to get along with your neighbors. But the relationships go beyond just tolerating someone. The seniors really do care for each other. They might fight like brothers and sisters sometimes, but then they show true compassion when bad things happen.

Martha was standing in the kitchen when suddenly, her legs gave way. She slumped to the ground. One of her neighbors was able to bring her back to her feet. Soon she was back to teasing the guy about . . . everything.

Friends may come and go, but Nightwatch seniors have built close friendships and a sense of community.

“The sense of belonging at Nightwatch is real,” Marlene says. “This affordable housing is only possible because of your donations throughout the year.”
Hey Tonette!
By Ann Sakaguchi

The last couple of months at Nightwatch have been interesting. We’ve made some changes and are excited to share the news.

Last June, we introduced Tonette Winston to you as our new Volunteer Coordinator. She has spent the past year working very hard. She’s managed to grow our volunteer teams and recruited some fantastic new people to help us out. At the same time, she continued working the desk at our Dispatch Center one night each week.

Because of that experience on the desk, we asked Tonette to temporarily fill the Manager’s position when it opened up. Tonette stepped up to the leadership void. During this “interim” time, she has done outstanding work. She’s found that she enjoys it, too, and has agreed to become the permanent Dispatch Center Manager.

Please join us in congratulating Tonette on her promotion and wishing her well!

For those of you that help us with evening meals at the Dispatch Center, watch for some new faces. Be sure to greet Carrie, Trina, Robert, Wiley, and Jason. They have all joined the security team at night.

On the front desk, we still have Jim, Crystal, Twyla, and Bridgett.

This is our night staff. What a great crew!

“Hey Tonette!” She hears that a lot these days.

Thanks be to God.

Memorials
Bob Bradbury
Jane Bradbury
Bill Branom
Mary Branom
Richard Brenneman
Ruth Brenneman
Charley Bush
Jay & Gail Winberg
Chris
Norma Jean Hanson
Dorothy Clement
Norm & Melinda Lobb
Craig Davis
Bruce Davis
Robert Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Tony Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Marie Erickson
Judy Hurley
Bud & Trudy Forbes
Jim & Fern Smith
Mal & Effie Higgins
Linda Martin
Mary Ellen Ingersoll
Jim & Jan Sullivan
Doreen Keepers
George & Carolyn Rippey
Dean Kimble
Jim & Frances Reynolds
Al & Maxine Lobb
John & Jody Fenlason
Norm & Melinda Lobb
Harley & Mercedes Lolley
Vern & Marilyn Lolley
Albert & Velma Miller
Vern & Marilyn Lolley
Martin Murray
Maria & Greg Van Horn
Bud Palmberg
Jane Bradbury
David & Mary Jo Kjell
Richard & Joan Merritt
Merideth Nelson
Susan Reines
Rick & Lorri Reynolds
Walter Ritchie
Mary Sansburn
Shirley & Douglas Wilkinson
Howard Rippey
George & Carolyn Rippey
Dick Shipe
Gary & Theresa Shipe
Rob Staley
Janet Buck
Louise McKnight
Jack Sullivan
Marion Sullivan
Sandy Tonseth
George & Carolyn Rippey
Robert “Mugs” Tracy
Eileen Anderson
Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Tony Volchok
&Cindy Monsen
Peggy Wakumo
Larry & Amy Sato
Leonard Woodgate
George & Carolyn Rippey
Mary Woodridge
Holly Boone

Tributes
All the volunteers
Ken & Carol Williams
Alan Beasley
Andrew & Loveta Price
Lorena & Jay Dickson’s wedding
Bob & Dixie Doyle
Anne Down
Geri & Harvey Nelson
John Eldridge for Fathers Day
Pam & Clay Herbst
Sr. Ann Jackson
Kathleen Todd
Bill Jordan
Norma Jean Hanson
Phillip Lorente
Buffalo Mazzetti
Mike Potts
Catharine Fletcher
Wonderful Staff
Yuki & Julianne Kumasaka

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: info@seattlenightwatch.org

Amazon Wish List:
Ship donations to our door! https://amzn.to/2NwV2JG

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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