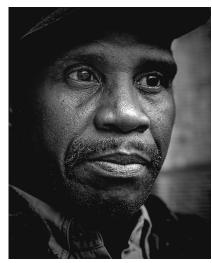
# Nightwatch News

October, 2019

# The pizza matters

By Rev. Rick Reynolds



I was in the back of a local shelter, keeping an eye on some pizzas still in the oven. The other street minister was out front, cutting the cooked pizzas and loading plates with pepperoni slices. The rich smell of pizza floated through the shelter—run by another organization who is gracious enough to let us invade once a week.

"Am I doing anyone any good back here?" (I remember thinking.)

Almost instantly, some guy I never saw before stuck his head in at the kitchen door.

"Hey Rev! Can you say a prayer for me?"

I'm not even sure how he knew I was back there, laboring in solitude.

"Sure, Brother, What's your name?" "Shaq," he replied

I put my hand on Shaq's shoulder. "Lord, grant Shaq the wisdom to know your will, and grant him the strength of the Holy Spirit to do it." Shaq thanked me and melted back into the night of the darkened shelter.

It's not just about the pizza. But the pizza matters.

Lord, we can do nothing without your guidance, and your strength. Grant these to us all, in abundance. ●

# Sometimes, I'm the mom.

### By Tonette Winston, Dispatch Center Manager

The other night I was in the Dispatch Center when I heard a commotion outside. I checked it out. Two clients were in a heated discussion. I asked what was up, and asked them to lower their voices.



They were boarding our courtesy van, driven by volunteers. The van hauls folks to our shelter in the U District. They were fighting like kids over who would get to sit in the front seat! There was no common ground, so I decided the client with physical challenges would be seated in the front. The other client ranted on and on about being first in line and how unfair this whole system was. "He has to be kidding!!" I thought.

As the van prepared to leave, the client who was so upset confessed that he appreciated the way I made the decision. His life is so out of control lately that the ability to control anything is hard to give up.

I often think of the daily struggles of our clients, and my own personal challenges, and wonder "Why am I here?" I don't know the answer, but if I can make someone feel better about their predicament, isn't that a nod from God? A mom needs that!

Your support gets people off the street every night.



# NIGHTWATCH

Serving the night community in the name of Christ

### Nightwatch First Light Fundraising Breakfast

# Start the day right. Get inspired!

Wednesday, October 23
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.
Embassy Suites, Pioneer Square
Details and registration:
www.seattlenightwatch.org/
firstlight

# SOCK IT TO HOMELESSNESS

Sunday, November 24 12:30–2 pm 302 14th Ave S, Seattle www.seattlenightwatch.org/sock-it

#### **Volunteer Open House**

Come and see us!
Thursday, October 3, 2019
7:30-8:00 pm

RSVP or questions: volunteer@seattlenightwatch.org http://tinyurl.com/ydaqfjsx

### Memorials & Tributes

#### Memorials

**Chuck Beavers** Marge Beavers Bill Branom Mary Branom Chris Norma Jean Hanson Craig Davis **Bruce Davis** Robert Domzalski Mark & Lisa Domzalski Tony Domzalski Mark & Lisa Domzalski Pat Domzalski Mollie Fitzsimons NW Christian Church Women's Fellowship **Bud & Trudy Forbes** Rhoda Peel Mal & Effie Higgins Linda Martin

Henry Hoffman Marlyn Hoffman Mary Ellen Ingersoll Jim & Jan Sullivan Dean, Harriet & Ron Kimble Heather Craven Jeanie Smith Lea Anonymous Al & Maxine Lobb John & Jody Fenlason Thomas Osborne Margaret Osborne **Bud Palmberg** Les & Carol Nelson Marie Porter Sally Lower **Barbie Sharrard** Joy Lauderbaugh

Dick Shipe Gary & Theresa Shipe Stephen Shipe & Marta Pasztor Mary Speltz Greg Speltz Sue Stewart Tom Stewart & Bonnie Takasugi Robert "Mugs" Tracy Eileen Anderson Zollie & Sylvia Volchok Tony Volchok & Cindy Monsen Shirley & Glenn Weed Curtis & Carolyn Neitsch Leo Werlech Theresa Werlech Mary Wooldridge Holly Boone

#### **Tributes**

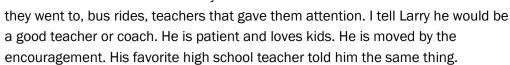
Caring people Patricia & Eugene Styer Man Lung Li Eric Lam Phillip Lorente Anonymous The Park Family Kirstin Ward Mike Potts Catharine Fletcher Greg & Mary Speltz Robert Petersen

### Handshake and fear **By Michael Cox, Street Minister**

I have been talking with Larry and his girlfriend, Karen, every Monday for a few months.

They are always drunk. Sitting in their own little world on the same bench, they seem to never move. I wonder how they get booze if they never get up from the bench. They have always been kind and friendly to me. "Hey Mike, you out here doing your thing!"

I love to hear Larry and Karen talk about their childhoods. What elementary school



Larry asks me if I know why his feet are numb. They have been tingling for a month. He tells me that it started after his mom died. "She was my everything." I offer my condolences and talk about my mom's recent passing. We talk about stress and anxiety manifesting in the form of physical ailments. I tell him that alcohol abuse can damage your body, affecting blood flow, organ function, etc. Sometimes God speaks to us through what we are experiencing with our body. His tingling feet could be the Holy Ghost trying to tell him something. I offer to pray for him.

Larry stretches out his hand and grips mine. It's not a halfhearted hand-grab. He is holding on for dear life. We pray and he shakes my hand again. I offer to take him to the hospital, and give him my card.

I hope he gets sober. I hope he doesn't drink himself to death.

Hold Larry, God. "I cling to you; your right hand upholds me (Psalm 63:8)."

Nightwatch relies on the support of folks like you. Please give today.



## **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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