Dealing with change
By Tonette Winston,
Dispatch Center Manager
Because of COVID-19, the Dispatch Center has made several changes quickly, to keep everyone safe.
Change is difficult for all and the frustration often boils over as our homeless friends wait in line.
I was outside the other night explaining the new restrictions and what we have now implemented, and why. A couple of our guys said, “Tonette, now you understand our day-to-day existence. You aren’t used to having anyone boss you around, like we are every day. You aren’t used to having people turn away from you, like we experience every day. This whole thing is nothing new for us.”
It’s true. I’m personally struggling with separation, and my guys remind me every day that I am lucky because I will have the opportunity in the future to reclaim my freedom. This cannot last forever.
But homeless folks will continue as they always have, in their separated lives.
God help us to love them as best we can, even now. Thank you for making this work possible through your donations. “Be Kind. Be Nightwatch.”

Just one old man
By Rev. Rick Reynolds
Dennis was just one old man in a constellation of old men who circulate around Nightwatch.
During Holy Week, I found him on the floor of his apartment. The medics could not revive him.
Dennis drove a cab. He gave free rides and tried to continue making his living in the age of Uber and Lyft. He was usually broke.
Last Christmas, he drove all the way to West Seattle to pick up a guy at a nursing home. He brought Pat to the building for Christmas dinner. Watching him half-carry Pat up the stairs was a picture of compassion.

Did we make life any better for Dennis? He was homeless before moving in.
At Nightwatch he had his own room, stability, food, and best of all, a community of friends.
That community is afraid and sad. Dennis was just another old man. He was a living, loving, breathing, caring human being. And we will miss him.

O Lord, grant eternal rest and may your perpetual light shine upon Dennis. Amen.

Serving the night community in the name of Christ

GiveBIG 2020!
Tuesday & Wednesday, May 5-6
Help our neighbors who are most in need. Early giving has started! Give now!
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May, 2020
Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Tom Barker
Lola Davidson
Chuck Beavers
Marjorie Beavers
Bill Branom
Mary Branom
Chauney Burke
Susan Burke
Jason Burke
Samuel Taylor
Bill Burr
Aaron & Sue Feik
Jack & Merle Patterson
Jim & Frances Reynolds
Charley Bush
Betsy Darrah
Leon “Buzz” Buzitis
Bill & Leslie Brickett
Norma Cathey
Bob & Pat Cathey
Marjorie Christianson
Paul Christianson
& Angie Lausch
Barb Cram
Kim Sather

Robert Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Tony Domzalski
Paul & Linda Arms
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Burton Dyson
Kathy Roseth
Chris Graff
Norma Jean Hanson
Mal & Effie Higgins
Linda Martin
Mary Ellen Ingerson
Jim & Jan Sullivan
Tom & Gertrude Isaac
Jerry & Berta Merrill
John & Ruth Alice Keepers
George & Carolyn Rippe
Richard Lamb
Luke Larson
Al & Maxine Lobb
John & Jody Feniason
Margaret Mack
Steve & Marion Mack

Georges Matsuda
Muriel Taylor
Daisy Neves
The Neves Family
Bud Palmberg
Anonymous
Evergreen Covenant Church
Mike Potts
Catharine Fletcher
Bill Relfin
Kristen Fadok
Mary Speltz
Robert & Roberta Brown
Vern Toms
Randall & Linda Toms
Robert “Mugs” Tracy
Eileen Anderson
Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Tony Volchok
& Cindy Monsen
Glenn & Shirley Weed
Carolyn & Curtis Neitsch
Mary Wooldridge
Holly Boone & Pat Braus

Tributes

Bob & Jane Ann Bradbury
Patrick & Carol Jean Gaffney
Deacon Frank DiGirolamo & Family
Leslie Engelmeier
Patricia & Eugene Styer
Healthcare workers
John & Celeste Clauson
Jean & Sherwin Flewelling
Carol Ridenhour
Lee Mattson
Ken & Carol Williams
Aiko Nakagawa
Jerolyn Yoshihara
Victoria Palmen
Harvey & Geri Nelson
Viyla Patel
Nancy & Robert Brown
Jim Reynolds’ birthday
Fred Thomas
Chris Rose
Nancy Petrich
Trevor Zoppi
Leah Krekek-Zoppi

How?

By Ann Sakaguchi,
Deputy Director

Stay at Home. That’s what the Governor has ordered. We all have to do this, for the sake of us all. But how do you stay home if you don’t have a home?

The people who come to seek help from Nightwatch do not have homes. They are experiencing homelessness. Where should they stay, to comply with the orders?

Nightwatch has helped many people find shelter for the night for many, many years, thanks to your support. Now, those places where we used to send our folks for the night will not allow them to sleep overnight. They are trying to keep people safe who are already inside. But what does Nightwatch do with people who are new in this predicament?

Bottom line: when someone needs a place to go at the end of the night, we have few options. As I write, we have no place to send “new” people who come to our doors. Things can change quickly, but right now, we have no options for them. At the end of the night, we are passing out blankets. It’s the hardest thing we have to do.

We’ve experienced miracles at Nightwatch before. We need one now. We need you all who pray, to join us in praying for a solution. And we need you who support us financially, to not forget us. Please give generously; we are seeing expenses increase due to our response to this pandemic.

How? Our God is faithful, and we trust in Him.●

Shopping List

Please help by collecting these items for us to distribute to our homeless friends and tenants (travel sizes are preferred):

- Juice (single-sized cans, pouches, or boxes)
- Bottled water (8 oz. preferred)
- Protein bars
- Cereal bars
- Chewy granola bars
- Chips (single serving size)
- Fruit snacks
- Fruit cups
- Trail/nut mix (individual pack)
- Cheese-n-cracker snacks (individually wrapped)
- Beef jerky sticks
- Wrapped candy
- Cookies and pastries (individually bagged)
- Whole individual fruit (apples, oranges, bananas)
- Disinfectant wipes
- Bleach

For more information about these items please contact: info@seattlenightwatch.org

Amazon Wish List:

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