

Nightwatch News

November, 2020

Ring the bell for the workers

By Rev. Rick Reynolds, Executive Director



I've had a giant 300 pound bell in my backyard since I was about 10 years old. It was salvaged by my aunt, given to my mother, who entrusted it to me.

It tolls out special occasions, like birthdays, national holidays, New Year's Day.

Since about April we've been ringing it to honor first responders in the time of COVID, at 8:00 p.m. Many of our neighbors come out on their balconies to cheer. My wife will yell out "This one is for the teachers!" or "This one is for the

grocery workers!" "This one is for the truck drivers."

"This one is for the homeless program workers!" I yelled the other night. There were shouts of approval from across the alley. It made me get teary-eyed.

Think about the team at Operation Nightwatch! We've had people get sick, then come right back to work. Most have not gotten sick. They keep showing up, doing whatever they can do for homeless people in the middle of a pandemic. They have been faithful to do what must be done, to keep people alive, providing the essentials: food, shelter, housing and hope. We need them. And we need your support.

Lord, thank you for the willing hands who are working to provide care in difficult circumstances. And thank you for the donors who hear and respond. ●

We can see clearly now

By Marlene Poland,
Housing Coordinator, and staff

At long last, the North Side senior tenants at Nightwatch have new windows, like the South Side tenants.

For two years, the North Side tenants had to listen about how great the new South Side windows were.

The finishing touches are happening this month. New blinds will soon be installed, and the workers will be gone.

For the first time, they have a window to see through clearly. It opens wide. It closes tight.

There's no more wind howling through on a stormy night, and no rain dribbling in. A tenant said: "Makes me feel human!"

A North Side Guy said "I love my new windows." A South Side Guy responded "I told you it was worth the hassle."

"Are you going to raise my rent?" I was asked. And I was glad to tell him, "No!"

It's going to be a bright, bright, sun-shiny day, thanks to Nightwatch donors. You are keeping our seniors in affordable housing. Please remember us this winter. ●



NIGHTWATCH

**Serving the night
community in the
name of Christ**



PB&J Lunch In

**Thank you for the
tremendous support!**

If you couldn't join us,
watch the recording!

seattlenightwatch.org/pbj

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SOCK IT TO HOMELESSNESS

Sock Drive-Up Drop-Off

Sunday, November 15

12:30–2:00 pm

302 14th Ave S, Seattle

More details:

seattlenightwatch.org/sock-it

Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Chuck Beavers	Mal & Effie Higgins	Paul Sakaguchi Sr.
Marge Beavers	Linda Martin	Paul & Stacie Sakaguchi
Bill Branom	Mary Ellen Ingersoll	Robert “Mugs” Tracy
Mary Branom	Jim & Jan Sullivan	Eileen Anderson
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Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Daisy Neves	& Cindy Monsen
Tony Domzalski	The Neves Family	Tom Walters
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Bud Palmberg	Debby Walters
Pat Domzalski	Anonymous	& Dan Patterson
Bud & Trudy Forbes	Michael & Chrisi Dotson	Shirley & Glenn Weed
Jim & Fern Smith	Mike Potts	Curtis & Carolyn Neitsch
Kim Forman	Catharine Fletcher	Mary Wooldridge
Bill & Jody Lemke	Bernice Reilly	Holly Boone & Pat Braus
Chris Graff	Carol Hepburn	Rose Chin Young
Norma Jean Hanson	Ron	Steve & Chris Murphy
David Hamp	Christine Jones	
Steve & Chris Murphy		

Tributes

All healthcare workers and first responders
George & Carolyn Rippee
All who work towards a better society
Jo Merrick
Dodger greatness
Eric Bernd
Verna Honda
Paul Kuo
Jedidiah
Christine Jones
Man Lung Li
Eric Lam
Greg Speltz’s 97th birthday
Robb Petersen

Hotel rooms?

By Ann Sakaguchi,
Deputy Director

We had an outbreak of COVID-19 among guests at two of our shelters. As a result, all shelter guests, whether they were COVID positive or negative, went into isolation or quarantine. Two of our three shelters closed.

Our partners at Catholic Community Services have secured hotel rooms for our guests who had been at the Friends shelter; a much safer situation than an overnight-only shelter. The Friends shelter will not re-open during the pandemic. These hotel rooms are being funded by King County through December.

This is a major change for Nightwatch; it’s a big deal.

A hotel room to call your own seems like a great improvement over a bunkbed in a place with 20 other guys, right? A private room, with your own bathroom, where you don’t have to leave every morning is good, yes?

One guest, “Hal” resisted going to the hotel. He told us he had been coming to Nightwatch for years; he wanted to keep doing so. Seems like he considers our Dispatch Center a comfortable, predictable place, and that we are his family.

Hearing this broke my heart.

We re-opened Julia’s Place at Madrona Grace Presbyterian Church for overnight shelter last week. Hal now comes to Nightwatch every night, to go there for the night.

So what happens after the end of the year, after funding for the hotels dries up? We don’t know.

And what about all the others that will want to come inside, as the weather changes? We don’t know.

Will you please pray with us? We need to find ways and places and the means and the funds to bring people inside. We know that God will provide; we just don’t know how right now. ●



Shopping List

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

- Bottled water (16 oz.)
- Juice (single-sized)
- Protein bars
- Chewy granola bars
- Cereal bars
- 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)
- Large jars of jelly and jam

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

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