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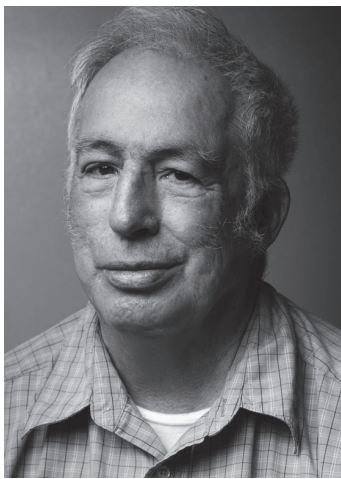
Christmas, 2020

Dear Nightwatch friends,

Last night there was a crowd of men and women at 14th and Main. They came to us seeking food, shelter, socks, blankets.

But they were also here for other reasons. At Nightwatch they are seen. They are recognized and remembered. At Nightwatch, they are valued as members of the human community, children of a loving God.

These are our brothers and sisters. They may be broken or have unique difficulties, but the ties that bind us together in the human family transcend their problems. At Nightwatch, we have learned this: **Beautiful things happen when we love each other.**



Like many, Gary came to Nightwatch through another homeless program. We were unsure about him. He had a lifetime of chaos and struggles. He was a Vietnam vet who faced dark times.

But someone at Nightwatch saw a glimmer of light in Gary – a faint persistent glow of hopefulness.

He stayed sober and became a solid part of the Nightwatch senior community. He served others, sharing food with fellow residents, and cleaning up the neighborhood. He even sponsored an orphan in India. Every day, Gary did good for other people.

We showed love to Gary, but he repaid it, over and over again, to the very end. He passed away on November 30.

“The light shines in the darkness

And the darkness has not overcome it.” John 1:5

This is the Christmas message. That glow of hopefulness does not come from the promise of a vaccine. It does not depend on an election result. Hopefulness is not burning suddenly brighter because of a change in the stock market.

That hopefulness is kindled by a baby, born in a makeshift shelter. That Child calls us to love each other, to love the stranger, the alien, the marginalized. We are even called to love to our enemies, and those who terrorize us. His love is the light that shines, that cannot be overcome by anything. Darkness cannot overcome that light.

Will you join Nightwatch in loving homeless people this December? We are relying on you to help us get through this miserable winter in a miserable year and live out our hopefulness.

Beautiful things happen when we love each other.

Thank you and God bless.

Rick Reynolds
Executive Director

Your 2020 donations must be received online by midnight, or postmarked, by December 31, 2020. Nightwatch can also receive retirement distributions or stock transfers. Contact us at 206-323-4359 for more information.

Our usual newsletter will continue next month.

Serving the Night Community in the Name of Christ

Memorials

David Aasen James & Judith Rowson	Dean & Hattie Kimble Katherine Smith	Mary Speltz George Keefe
Bill Branom Mary Branom	Vic Lattin Bob Porter	Lynn Vollert
Chauncey Burke Susan Burke	Al & Maxine Lobb John & Jody Fenlason	Lyle Staley Marge Anderson
Charley Bush Ginny Larkins	Norm & Melinda Lobb	Joe & Peggy Henry Shelley Staley
Paul Rollins	Daisy Neves The Neves Family	Clio Thomas Carol Bragg
Dorothy Clement Norm & Melinda Lobb	Karen Norberg Ratigan George & Carolyn Rippee	Brian & Pat Hogan Norm & Melinda Lobb
Alfred Cordova Alan Cordova	Bud Palmberg Anonymous	Rick & Lorri Reynolds Robert "Mugs" Tracy
Christine Cunningham Horner George & Carolyn Rippee	Mike Potts Catharine Fletcher	Eileen Anderson Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Craig Davis Bruce Davis	Mary Powell Elizabeth Powell	Tony Volchok & Cindy Monsen
John Detwyler Bob Porter	Jim Quist George & Carolyn Rippee	Austin Warriner Norm & Melinda Lobb
Robert Domzalski Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Paul Sakaguchi Sr. Paul & Stacie Sakaguchi	Glenn & Shirley Weed Cynthia & Jim Weaver
Tony Domzalski Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Dick Shipe Christine Elson	Gary White Lisa Connolley
Pat Domzalski	LuElla Snow Lisa & Jim Lady	Joe & Caryl Culumber Coleen & Jason Marta
Keith & Kay Forbes Linda Martin	Greg Speltz Molly & Blair Evans	Ann Sakaguchi Howard Winslow
Ruth Ford Sandra Schneider	Patty Farmer Jack & Sheila Giesler	Nancy Winslow Kendra Winslow
Chris Graff Norma Jean Hanson	Elizabeth Hansen George Keefe	Nancy Winslow Elmer Wittman
Hal Hansen Elizabeth Hansen	Betty Lucas Kathleen McCardle	Mary Wittman Mary Wooldridge
Jon Ihde Michael & Sue Gibb	Dennis McGlone John Preston	Holly Boone & Pat Braus Uncle Eddie
Mary Ellen Ingersoll Jim & Jan Sullivan	Anna Strahan Lynn Vollert	& Aunt Francis Zwerling Frederick Honey

Tributes

Rod & Kathy Brown Peggy Roulet	Victoria Palmen Harvey & Geri Nelson
Scott & Mary Carlsen's annual sock drive Ed & Cindy Moriarty	Mark Peltier John Saul
Ardyce Cranston's 89th birthday Celeste & Gary Cranston	Zachary Robinson Dana & Pamella Harmon
Kate & Chapin Krafft Andrea Smith	Social workers at Harborview Medical Center Anonymous
Doug MacKay Mike & Pat Boomhower	Maurice & Barbara Syme Jim & Fern Smith
Miriam & Dawn Rachel & Larry Prigg	Luke Uniack Laura Zeman

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year