

Nightwatch News

February, 2021

I prayed for light

By Rev. Rick Reynolds, Executive Director



Last month I prayed this prayer in the newsletter:

Lord, give us light, and fill us with gratitude for your relentless mercy and care.

Well, I was pressed into service to drive the van to the shelter. I got there, and there was no shelter worker. My short trip turned into an all-nighter, staffing the shelter.

Bernie offered to help me take out the garbage at 10 pm. As we walked back into the church, he flashed the brightest LED flashlight I've ever seen. That flashlight was lighting up the entire

neighborhood. He was so excited by this. "Evan got his church to donate a flashlight for everyone in the shelter."

The delight in Bernie's eyes as he showed me his flashlight was very moving. He was like a kid at Christmas. "I want to be like that," I thought to myself. So happy with the little things. Gratitude is such a remedy for self-pity and resentment.

Thank you to each of you for easing the burden of homeless men and women. Even the cup of cold water will not be forgotten.

Lord, grant us joy in the humble things. Thank you for all you give to us daily. ●



Serving the night community in the name of Christ

Simple gifts

By Tonette Winston

Shelter Dispatch Center Manager

Ugh. Another rainy day, and I'm unloading Nightwatch supplies, with rainwater dripping down my neck. A homeless guy offers to help. I look him over. He's carrying three garbage bags, and a wet blanket. Drops of rain are falling from his backpack. "I've got it, thanks!" I tell him, and then offer him a dry blanket, waterproof jacket, and some new socks.

He continues to offer help, but because of COVID I can't let him into the building. He pulls a negative COVID test from his pack and thanks Nightwatch for offering testing on-site.

"That recent test result can get you into shelter, if you want it," I told him. "Interested?" He instantly said "YES!" and thanked me repeatedly for caring. I explained the shelter rules and asked if he thought it would work for him. Tears welled up in his eyes.

He helped me load things onto the cart outside, and pushed it to the door. "Thank you for letting me give back the only way I am able."

When I came back to work at 9:00 pm, he was there, ready to go to shelter for the first time. He gave me back the dry blanket. "Somebody is going to need this more than me."

Homeless people have gifts to share with the world. They are rarely given the opportunity to share those gifts. Your generous support makes it happen. ●



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)
- Beef jerky sticks
- Wrapped candy
- Cookies and pastries (individually bagged)
- Whole individual fruit (apples, oranges, bananas)
- Gloves
- Handwarmers
- Warm hats—beanie style

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

Amazon Wish List:

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

Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

David Aasen	Patty Gross	Daisy Neves	Shirley & Bruce Sutherland
Kay Franklin & Tom Mohle	Gary & Jan Erford	The Neves Family	Bill Sutherland
James & Judith Rowson	Pete Gudger	Karen Norberg	Matthew Swanson
Arthur & Kay Abe	Cheryl Gudger	George & Carolyn Rippee	Cathy Dodd
Mike Abe	Hal Hansen	Bud Palmberg	Clio Thomas
Dorothy Balch	Elizabeth Hansen	Anonymous	Chari & Bill Apperson
Candi Tepke	Effie & Mal Higgins	Judy & Jim Jansen	Mike & Sandy Birdsall
Ricky Belcher	Linda Martin	Mike Potts	Cathy Braun
Ariana Burr	Kimi Hirata	Catharine Fletcher	Dean & Susan Christianson
Heather Bizina	Ron & Sharon Hirata	Mary Powell	Roslyn & Vinnie Duffy
Aaron & Sue Feik	Harry Horman	Don & Cathy Ellis	Gary & Jan Erford
Bill Branom	Nancy Horman	Jim Quist	John & Jody Fenlason
Mary Branom	John Ihde	George & Carolyn Rippee	Carin Mack
Neil & Mary Braun	Renee & Larry Dittman	Elva Reid	George & Carolyn Rippee
Cathy Braun	Mary Ellen Ingersoll	Neil & Angel Bryant	Jim & Jan Sullivan
Harold Bruun	Jim & Jan Sullivan	Evelyn & Bob Reutimann	Ike Timm
Ruth Chavers	Gertrude Isaac	Evergreen Covenant Church	June Burr
Charley Bush	Jerry & Berta Merrill	Norm & Bonnie Riggins	Aaron & Sue Feik
Sue & John Cary	Dean & Hattie Kimble	Dave & Robin Roe	Sandy Tonseth
Ginny Larkins	Katherine Smith	Sharon Romero	Gary & Jan Erford
Glenn Carter	Richard Lamb	Aaron & Sue Feik	Robert “Mugs” Tracy
Aaron & Sue Feik	Luke Larson	Jack Root	Eileen Anderson
Andy Chavers	Tony Lee	Leonard Root	Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Ruth Chavers	Alice Woldt	Katie Schwarzhans	Tony Volchok & Cindy Monsen
Roy & Merna Corson	Suzanne Lescantz	Gary & Jan Erford	Austin & Dorothy Warriner
John & Ivy Conklin	Suzanne Lee	Margaret Schwarzhans	Cathy Braun
Craig Davis	Tony ‘Tone Tone’ Leung	Gary & Jan Erford	Rhoda Peel
Bruce Davis	Anthony Chang	Morris Shapiro	Dick Weakley
Harry Dingwall	Mi Jia Ling	Sheryl Shapiro	Aaron & Sue Feik
Mercer Island Kiwanis Club	Angie Weng	Dick Shipe	Glenn & Shirley Weed
Robert Domzalski	Al & Maxine Lobb	Mike & Sandy Birdsall	Curtis & Carolyn Neitsch
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	John & Jody Fenlason	Christine Elson	Cynthia & Jim Weaver
Tony Domzalski	Norm & Melinda Lobb	Stephen Shipe	Gary White
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Margaret Mack	& Marta Pasztor	Caryl & Joe Culumber
Pat Domzalski	Steve & Marion Mack	Greg & Mary Speltz	Robin & Justin Desilet
Burt Dyson	Patricia Mazure	Martha Cohen Roe	Coleen & Jason Marta
Kathy & Bob Roseth	Mary Mazure Smersh	Elizabeth Hansen	Mary Nichols
John Scott Farquhar	Kathleen Mazure	Sandy Sanford	Ann Sakaguchi
Aaron & Sue Feik	Jim Mazure	& Paul Sampson	Eugene White
Virginia Fordice	Patrick Mazure	Rita Selin	Mary Wooldridge
Kris & Bob Fordice	Pat Miles	Kate Speltz & Rich Gamble	Holly Boone & Pat Braus
Tabitha Gadzuk	Aaron & Sue Feik	Marilyn & Gus Wall	Eddie & Francis Zwerling
Gary & Jan Erford	Brenda Lee Morrisette	Lyle Staley	Frederick Honey
Chris Graff	Aaron & Sue Feik	Marge Anderson	
Norma Jean Hanson	Wes Nelson	Joe & Peggy Henry	
	Aaron & Sue Feik	Virgil & Charlotte Huntsinger	

Tributes

Evan Anderson	George Griffith	Maddy, Miles, Lily, Jen, Jason,	Sono Sakaguchi
Lois Lingren	Carol & Les Nelson	& Louise	Ats Kiuchi
Jeff Asmus	Harborview Medical Center staff	Jeanie Bustard	Tom Seslar
Natalie Jaeger	David & Janet Hicks	Madrona Grace Presbyterian	Drew Baillie
Bishop Blanchet H.S. Drama	Stephanie Hart	Sue Rush	The Speltz Family
Vincent Healy	Kenna & Eric Hart	James Mazure	MJ Kiser
Rod & Kathy Brown	Jeff Hergert	Mary Mazure Smersh	Alex Sum, Human Rights Society
Peggy Roulet	Tyler Sobczak	Kathleen Mazure	Anita Chang
Betty Buzitis	David Herrick	Jim Mazure	Maurice & Barbara Syme
Cynthia Vanhegan	Linda & Steve Brown	Patrick Mazure	Fern & Jim Smith
Roy C.	Scott Higbee	Don, Ginger, & Andrew	Team Aloha
Cav Caviness	Kirk & Marsha Kallander	MacDonald	Alan & Joyce Yamagiwa
Linda Chowdry	Chaz Hoppe	Jeff Brumley	David Thompson
James Chowdry	Jan & Gary Erford	Sue Miller	Janice Thompson
Jennifer Swanson	Jonathan Keay	Charity Aitken	Volunteers
Ted Couillard	Dave & Sue Keay	The Raggis	Kris Cummings
Naheed Nizam	Jean Kim	Isabel Bilotte	Margrit Lindal
Frank DiGirolamo	Judith Schwab	Jane Ross Matsuda	Ken & Carol Williams
Shelley DiGirolamo	Landis Lingren	Muriel Taylor	Ken & Carol Williams
Jessica Elliott	Lois Lingren	Zachary Robinson	Tom & Denee Foti
Elizabeth Kristoferson	Doug Mackay	Dana & Pamela Harmon	Klaus & Marcia Zech
The Goodletts	Pat & Mike Boomhower	Peg Roulet	Michele & Fred Paulsell
William Akers		Karen & Paul Sydnese	Scott & Hilda Zimmerman



Because of your outpouring of generosity in December and January, we ran out of newsletter space!


Ann Sakaguchi’s column will return next month.

Shelter Dispatch Center & Senior Apartments
302 14th Ave. S
Seattle, WA 98144

Contact us:
PO Box 21181
Seattle, WA 98111

206-323-4359 Administration
206-860-4296 Senior Housing
206-329-2099 Shelter Dispatch

Info@seattlenightwatch.org
www.seattlenightwatch.org

 Follow us on Facebook!