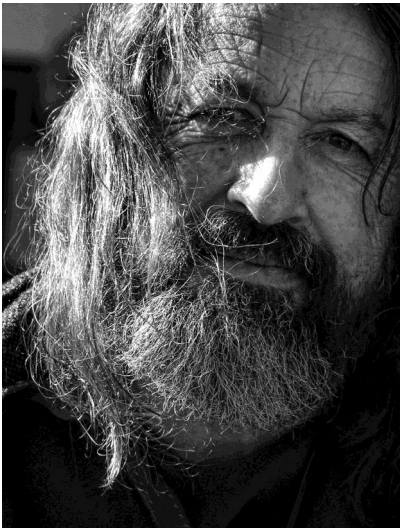


Nightwatch News

March, 2021

Just a van

By Rev. Rick Reynolds, Executive Director



The Nightwatch van died. It wasn't the first or the only Nightwatch van to die. This one was given to us by King County Metro. It carried its last homeless guy to shelter a few weeks ago, and finally a tow-truck came and hauled it away.

I was thinking about all the goodness that van made possible. It was used to pick up food from Northwest Harvest and Food Lifeline. Every night it hauled homeless people to shelter. We were able to share blankets with our friends at the women's shelter. I remember a fishing boat that donated a bunch of mattresses that were the wrong size for their purposes, but perfect for us.

I'm pretty sure that we took our seniors out for a fishing trip to Greenlake in that van, or one like it. And of course, we delivered socks and pizzas to homeless people surviving outside on a regular basis.

A giant outpouring of white steam announced its demise. Our worker parked the van about a block from the shelter, on a residential street. And there it sat.

After a few weeks, a tow-truck driver showed up. "Nightwatch, eh? What's that about?" he asked.

"We help homeless people. Food, shelter, housing, street ministry."

This got the approval of the driver. "I was homeless once. Now I have my own business." He went on to tell his story of homelessness, survival and recovery.

It was a beautiful moment. Even in death, the van was helping someone. Farewell, friend!

Lord, we are grateful for the tools you have given us to bless the community; grant us wisdom in all the gifts you have given. ●

How do you spell relief?

By Marlene Poland,
Housing Coordinator, and staff

How do you spell relief? N-I-G-H-T-W-A-T-C-H.
It is what we do.

There's the relief of the hungry person, who gets a meal for the night. The relief of the person able to sleep inside on a cold night. The relief of the senior tenant who is getting their COVID vaccine.

Here's what one of our formerly-homeless tenants told me. "I came to Nightwatch, and now I have a roof over my head, food in my stomach, and people that love me."

That is relief. It is what we do. We bring relief. And we can't do it without your help. Please help us get the word out. How do you spell relief? NIGHTWATCH!

Thank you for caring. ●



NIGHTWATCH

Serving the night
community in the
name of Christ

Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Francoise Arbuckle
Bob Porter
Bill Branom
Mary Branom
Chuck Beavers
Marge Beavers
Charley Bush
Tony & Marcia Banks
Marie Davidson
Lola Davidson
Craig Davis
Bruce Davis
Robert Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Tony Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Dick Erickson
Paulette Kidder
Keith & Kay Forbes
George & Carolyn Rippee
Kim Forman
Jerry Shigaki
Chris Graff
Norma Jean Hanson
Ruby Henry
Kathy Higbee
Effie & Mal Higgins
Linda Martin
Kimi Hirata
Chris & Steve Murphy

MaryEllen Ingersoll
Jim & Jan Sullivan
Mary James Noonan
Bob Porter
Ricky Johnson
Ariana Burr
Dean & Hattie Kimble
Katherine Smith
Art Kitzman
Chuck & Sylvia Zittel
Al & Maxine Lobb
John & Jody Fenlason
Norm & Melinda Lobb
Daisy Neves
The Neves Family
Mary James Noonan
Bob Porter
Bud Palmberg
Chrisi & Michael Dotson
Elden Pemberton
Paul Pemberton
Mike Potts
Catharine Fletcher
Dick Shipe
Jane Shipe
Greg Speltz
Lynn Vollert
Greg & Mary Speltz
Robb Petersen
Lyle Staley
John Weems

Jon Stanton Schold
Anthony Chang
Brian Stuhrman
Maria & Greg Van Horn
Clio Thomas
Chari & Bill Apperson
Jean & Sherwin Flewelling
Henry Jordan
Jim & Jan Sullivan
Veryl Toms
Randall & Linda Toms
Robert "Mugs" Tracy
Eileen Anderson
Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Tony Volchok
& Cindy Monsen
Austin Warriner
Rhoda Peel
Glenn & Shirley Weed
Curtis & Carolyn Neitsch
George & Carolyn Rippee
Cynthia & Jim Weaver
Gary White
Eugene White
Leonard Woodgate
George & Carolyn Rippee
Mary Wooldridge
Holly Boone & Pat Braus

Tributes

Patricia Broulette
Akane Yamaguchi
Ross Cusic
Meredith Cusic
Man Lung Li
Shutyee Yeung
Phillip Lorente
Buffalo Mazzetti
Abbey & Mark McMahon
Jennifer Grant
Olivia Nelson
Harvey & Geri Nelson
Steve Peck
Elaine Johnson
Denny Shaw
Carol Sue Janes
Shelley Staley
John Weems

Community gumbo

**By Ann Sakaguchi,
Deputy Director**

Marlene, our Housing Coordinator, prepares meals three times a week for our senior apartment residents. She's figured out what they like to eat and does what she can to keep everyone well fed. She is a skilled, excellent cook.

With COVID restrictions, meal times are no longer family-style communal gatherings in the kitchen. Now, Marlene cooks, packages up the food, and the tenants take a tray to their rooms to eat. Yes, there is food to eat, but the fellowship has gone missing.

Roy is one of our senior tenants. He's kind and sweet and mostly keeps to himself; doesn't ask for much. Last week, he appeared at Marlene's office door (he can't go inside because of COVID restrictions again) with a bunch of stuff in his hands.

"Marlene, could you please help me cook this?" he asked. Roy had watched a cooking show and wanted to make gumbo. He had written down all the ingredients, and with his meager income, had purchased everything to make it. It sounded good to him. And he wanted to share it with his neighbors.

Marlene put him to work, cutting up the sausage and de-boning the chicken. She did her thing with the rest. It was really good!

Roy was pleased with this cooking project. Marlene was happy to help him with it. But the best part was telling everyone "This gumbo is from Roy. He made it." Thanks and smiles were abundant.

Some gumbo brought back a little community last week. A bit of badly needed joy. ●



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!
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