

The missing

By Rev. Rick Reynolds, Executive Director



“My daughter is living in a park,” the desperate mom pleaded with me on the phone. “Can you find her?”

Probably not, I think to myself. Several times I drove past the mini-park, the daughter’s last known location. I drove around Capitol Hill looking for someone I never met, knowing it was ridiculous and feeling bad about it.

Then I remembered all the missing people in my life. The childhood friend who disappeared, the kid who left school early, the countless homeless guys who became important to me, then moved to other cities, or other programs. Some died and I didn’t know. Many got it together and haven’t been homeless for decades now. Nightwatch may be a fading and painful memory.

Sometimes the missing are found though, thanks to someone’s good detective work. “I saw John drunk in

Missoula, and he said to tell Pastor Rick hello,” is sometimes how this has played out. Really. “Fred is in Pasco, and he’s doing just fine.” Tell him “Hi” next time you see him.

What keeps people missing? At times, the missing person feels shame in their situation. They may not know that someone cares and is looking for them. And mental health, addiction, and poverty will keep people disorganized and isolated.

I remember the mother who couldn’t find her daughter, and pray that the connection was made somehow; sadly, I did not help very much.

Who are you missing?

Lord, we are confident that no one is missing to you. And so we entrust the missing to your care. Comfort those who mourn the loss of their missing loved one. ●

The best of times

By Marlene Poland, Housing Coordinator, and staff

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. Well, we all know it has been the worst of times for many of us, and yet, in the middle of the crisis, some great things have happened around Nightwatch.

“Stewart” worked in electronics for decades, and managed to retire early. Things were good, but his life unraveled. It was a long slide which left him in a tent for four years.

Then he came to his senses.

Stewart reached out and got help. He found his way to Nightwatch, thanks to one of our employees, and this very day, as I write this, he is getting his keys to his apartment.

It was the worst of times. But it became the best of times, thanks to your support. Please help us create more opportunities for good. ●



NIGHTWATCH

Serving the night community in the name of Christ

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
- Fruit snacks
- Trail/nut mix (individual pack)
- Wrapped candy
- Cookies and pastries (individually bagged)
- Whole individual fruit (apples, oranges, bananas)
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Floss
- Lotion
- Deodorant
- Band aids

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

- Paul Anderson

Pat & Ron Cygan

Chuck Beavers

Marge Beavers

Bill Branom

Mary Branom

Charley Bush

Mike & Barbara Evans

Leon Buzitis

Betty Buzitis

Craig Davis

Bruce Davis

Robert Domzalski

Mark & Lisa Domzalski

Pat Domzalski

Tony Domzalski

Mark & Lisa Domzalski

Pat Domzalski

Laurie Doss

John Cox

Burton Dyson

Kathy & Bob Roseth

Dick Erickson

Peggy McClintock

Chris Graff

Norma Jean Hanson

Sharon Green

Pat & Ron Cygan

Pete Gudger

Cheryl Gudger

Ruth Herbig

Alan & Debbie Herbig

Mal & Effie Higgins

Linda Martin

Elizabeth Hoffman

Marla Hoffman

Mary Ellen Ingersoll

Jim & Jan Sullivan
- Russ Johnston

Vern & Marilyn Lolley

Dean & Hattie Kimble

Katherine Smith

William Lee

Howard Lee

Al & Maxine Lobb

John & Jody Fenlason

Norm & Melinda Lobb

Donald Mayo

Chriselda &

Christopher Calderon

Gladys McMenus Rippee

George & Carolyn Rippee

Albert & Velma Miller

Vern & Marilyn Lolley

Elmer Molzahn

Sherianne Caldwell

Daisy Neves

The Neves Family

Bud Palmberg

Anonymous

Chrisi & Michael Dotson

Mike Potts

Catharine Fletcher

Nikki Powers

Judi Selset

Helen Reeder

Terry Reeder

Norm & Bonnie Riggins

Judy Hurley

Mary Rippee-Bender

George & Carolyn Rippee

Dick Shipe

Jane Shipe

Timothy Staley

Carolyn Kunihiro

Shelley Staley

- Marion Strunk

Heinz & Carol Roye

Hide Tekawa

Steve & Chris Murphy

Larry & Amy Sato

Clio Thomas

Henry Jordan

Jim & Jan Sullivan

Stan & Diane Thomas

Veryl Toms

Randall & Linda Toms

Robert “Mugs” Tracy

Eileen Anderson

Susan Van Pelt

Judi Selset

Zollie & Sylvia Volchok

Tony Volchok

& Cindy Monsen

Tom Walters

Debby Walters

& Dan Patterson

Glenn & Shirley Weed

Cynthia & Jim Weaver

Gary White

Kim Barreto

Eugene White

Claudia Williams

David & Jacqueline Williams

Kenneth Williamson

Alan & Shigeko Williamson

Irene Woodgate-Campiglia

George & Carolyn Rippee

Mary Wooldridge

Holly Boone & Pat Braus

Garland Yarberry

David & Jacqueline Williams

Tributes

- All the volunteers

Ann Sakaguchi

Patricia Broulette

Akane Yamaguchi

Fr. Tony Haycock

Joan Himmes

Wendy Hirotaka

Harvey & Geri Nelson

Ken Hunter

Ken & Carol Williams

Jeremy Olson Agency

Lorie Clements

Man Lung Li

Shutyee Yeung

Fr. Paul Magnano’s birthday

Fran & Frank Abbott

Lee Mattson

Ken & Carol Williams

Abbey McMahon

Jennifer Johnson Grant

Lorraine Molzahn’s 100th birthday

Janet Jonnes

Aiko Nakagawa’s birthday

Jerolyn Yoshihara

Jim & Frances Reynolds

Brian & Julie Reynolds

Jim Reynolds’ 97th birthday

Rick & Lorri Reynolds

Leonard Root

Rick & Lorri Reynolds

Denny Shaw

Carol Sue Janes

Wonderful staff

Yukio & Julianne Kumasaka

Our new ride

By Ann Sakaguchi,
Deputy Director

When our old van died coming back from the shelter, it was a crisis. A vehicle is essential to transport guys to the shelter in Madrona. It’s a commitment we made to the church and neighborhood. We take the guys together, so they don’t straggle in, one-by-one.



We needed to replace our van ASAP.

And so it began; the search for a replacement. It took some time. We found one, for a good price, in good condition. On faith, we bought it.

Our guests are happy. The drivers are happy too. And it’s paid for, thanks to all of you who donated, especially Epiphany Episcopal friends.

Now that we have more freedom, senior tenants are looking forward to outings that they’ve missed because of the pandemic. Here’s a photo of the guys happily posing around the new van. I know they’re thinking about piling in and going fishing!

On another note: Twenty-two of our homeless guys have been staying in a hotel. This will end May 31. We are working to find other places for people to go. Some are eligible for permanent housing; others are not. We don’t know what will happen. Could you please pray with us? If you have room at your church for 10 men and a Nightwatch worker overnight, it would be a God-send.

Thank you for your generosity! Thank you for your faithfulness to God and to us. Thank you for supporting Nightwatch. ●

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