

Nightwatch News

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Faithful friends

By Deacon Frank DiGirolamo, Executive Director



When I was learning to walk, my mom lovingly called me “Cautious Charlie.” I liked to see that my “faithful friends” (chairs and ottomans) were lined up, to either keep me from falling down or to help me get back up.

As I settle into my new role, and look through the eyes of our clients, **I am grateful for you, “faithful friends!”** You are devoted donors, committed volunteers, supportive community members, our very talented staff, and our wise board members.

You make it possible for Operation Nightwatch to be there night and day —a faithful friend to those most in need.

Our clients tell us that our simple presence keeps them from falling, and helps them get back up if they do: **Hot food** by friendly volunteers; **shelter** beds, **housing** for seniors, **street ministers** showing up throughout the city, and **hope...** always Hope.

Story after story inspires and humbles. Goodness finds its way to where it is most needed. Thank you for considering Nightwatch in your giving this month.

I look forward to getting to know you, as I “learn to walk” in my new role. Contact me at: frank@seattlenightwatch.org. Happy to give a talk for your organization!

Lord, thank you for propping us up along the way. ●



NIGHTWATCH

Serving the night community in the name of Christ

In this together

By Michael Cox, Street Minister

Street ministry always feels like a work-in-progress. For example, the bathroom ceiling fans at my house. I have the fans, just haven’t been able to install them. So, half the job is done, but there is so much left to do.

This week, a woman sitting alone at a picnic bench in Pioneer Square thanked me for socks and handwarmers. We talked about the chilly weather, and how my clerical collar helped me look less like a cop. She didn’t want to pray but shared some uplifting words of encouragement. **“We are in this together.”**



Recently, we met a man in Ballard who told us how Nightwatch had saved his life. “I was only homeless for three weeks. I was able to work during the day and get fed and into shelter at night with you guys. Nightwatch really works!”

Nightwatch builds, repairs, and restores trust in the middle of extreme brokenness. It is truly miraculous. “But even when I am afraid, I keep on trusting you. I praise your promises! I trust you and am not afraid. No one can harm me (Psalm 56:3-4 CEV).”

Thank you for supporting street ministry at Operation Nightwatch. ●

Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Bill Branom	Al & Maxine Lobb	Don Spears
Mary Branom	John & Jody Fenlason	Jeanne Wiganosky
Charley Bush	Jodi Mangold	Clio Thomas
Ginny Larkins	Alicia Azurin	Henry Jordan
Craig Davis	Bud McDole	Jim & Jan Sullivan
Bruce Davis	June Burr	Susan Van Pelt
Robert Domzalski	Elmer Molzahn	Judi Selset
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Sherianne Caldwell	Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Pat Domzalski	Scott Morrow	Tony Volchok
Tony Domzalski	David & Donna Goodlett	& Cindy Monsen
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Gunnar &	Bill Ward
Pat Domzalski	Mildred Nordstrom	Melissa & Dwight Battle
Chris Graff	Bert Nordstrom	Glenn & Shirley Weed
Norma Jean Hanson	Bud Palmberg	George & Carolyn Rippee
Gus Hartman	Anonymous	Cynthia & Jim Weaver
Robert & Roberta Brown	Chrisi & Michael Dotson	Leo Werlech
Effie & Mal Higgins	Mike Potts	Theresa Werlech
Linda Martin	Catharine Fletcher	Gary White
Mary Ellen Ingersoll	Nikki Powers	Lisa Connolley
Jim & Jan Sullivan	Judi Selset	Eugene White
Jim Ketcham	Jim Reynolds	Mary Wooldridge
Anonymous	Judi Selset	Holly Boone & Pat Braus
Dean & Hattie Kimble	Dick Shipe	
Kathy Greiner	Gary & Theresa Shipe	
Ron Kimble	Jane Shipe	
Carl & Heather Craven	Stephen Shipe	
	& Marta Pasztor	

Tributes

David Bloom’s 80th birthday
Alice Woldt
Patti Broulette
Akane Yamaguchi
Man Lung Li
Shutyee Yeung
Phillip Lorente
Buffalo Mazzetti
The Majander Family
Kirstin Ward
Denny Shaw
Carol Sue Janes
To those who deserve so much better
Brenda Krauth
Zach Zappone
Bob Zappone
& Maggi Suthoff

Truly see By Tonette Winston, Shelter Dispatch Center Manager

Whenever your faith is waning, and life is overwhelming, talk to a child - better yet, a preteen.

I recently spoke with middle school students at TOPS K-8 public school in Seattle. I was filled with so much awe and respect by the simple but well-thought-out questions, ideas, and solutions provided by the students.

When asked about the most common thing I hear from our homeless clients, I responded **“They feel as if no one truly sees them past their present circumstances.”**

We talked about what the students could do: Simple things, like “Acknowledge those who are struggling. A smile goes along way. Give grace to all you encounter.”

This time with students reminded me that listening is a great gift, and not having all the answers is okay, as long as we remain committed to working toward solutions that benefit everyone in the community.

I am encouraged to think that those young folks went home and shared their new insights with their families. I am forever hopeful for the future of the community I serve with Operation Nightwatch.

We can make a positive impact daily because of your help.

Lord, give us the grace to become like children. ●



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.)
- Protein & chewy granola bars
- Cookies and pastries
- Apples, oranges, bananas
- Shampoo (travel size)
- Conditioner (travel size)
- First aid cream (individual pks)
- Razors
- Lotion
- Deodorant
- Sewing kits (travel size)
- New white t-shirts (men’s)

More info, or to schedule a drop-off: info@seattlenightwatch.org

Amazon Wish List:


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

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