Nightwatch News

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 Mary Branom Charley Bush Ginny Larkins Craig Davis **Bruce Davis** Robert Domzalski Mark & Lisa Domzalski Pat Domzalski Tony Domzalski Mark & Lisa Domzalski Pat Domzalski Chris Graff Norma Jean Hanson Gus Hartman Robert & Roberta Brown Effie & Mal Higgins Linda Martin Mary Ellen Ingersoll Jim & Jan Sullivan Jim Ketcham Anonymous Dean & Hattie Kimble Kathy Greiner Ron Kimble Carl & Heather Craven

Al & Maxine Lobb John & Jody Fenlason Jodi Mangold Alicia Azurin Bud McDole June Burr Elmer Molzahn Sherianne Caldwell Scott Morrow David & Donna Goodlett Gunnar & Mildred Nordstrom Bert Nordstrom Bud Palmberg Anonymous Chrisi & Michael Dotson **Mike Potts Catharine Fletcher** Nikki Powers Judi Selset Jim Reynolds Judi Selset **Dick Shipe** Gary & Theresa Shipe Jane Shipe Stephen Shipe & Marta Pasztor

Don Spears Jeanne Wiganosky Clio Thomas Henry Jordan Jim & Jan Sullivan Susan Van Pelt Judi Selset Zollie & Sylvia Volchok Tony Volchok & Cindy Monsen Bill Ward Melissa & Dwight Battle Glenn & Shirley Weed George & Carolyn Rippee Cynthia & Jim Weaver Leo Werlech Theresa Werlech Gary White Lisa Connollev Eugene White Mary Wooldridge Holly Boone & Pat Braus

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."

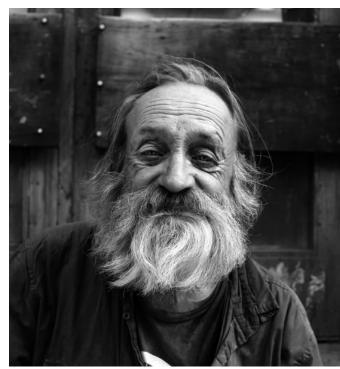
We talked about what the students could do: Simple things, like "Acknowledge those who are struggling. A smile goes along way. Give grace to all you encounter."

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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