

Nightwatch News

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Meet our new Volunteer Coordinator

By Deacon Frank DiGirolamo, Executive Director



Volunteers are very often the face of Operation Nightwatch. Every day, many of our more than 700 annual volunteers are found cooking and serving, ministering on the streets with compassion, driving shuttles, taking on various chores. We are grateful!

To help us continue to grow, we are thrilled to welcome our first-ever full-time Volunteer Coordinator, Marica Hipolito. Marica inherits this expanded role from a series of many great part-time coordinators.

Born and raised in South Seattle, Marica graduated from the UW with a degree in art, intending to become a high school art teacher. She also had a great appreciation for how food brings people together. She taught briefly and transitioned to restaurant management. She loved both jobs, and realized her true passion was simply people. She wanted her next job to be dynamic and a place where she could form a lot of meaningful relationships; perhaps applying her love of art, teaching, and food. She found it!

Her favorite experiences so far? Walking with our Street Ministry team, and meeting many volunteers. **She loves cooking with you, seeing what everyone is preparing, and hopes to meet all the volunteer groups in the near future.** You can contact Marica at: Marica@seattlenightwatch.org.

Lord, thank you for the help that you send. ●

20 more beds!

By Tonette Winston,
Shelter Dispatch Center Manager

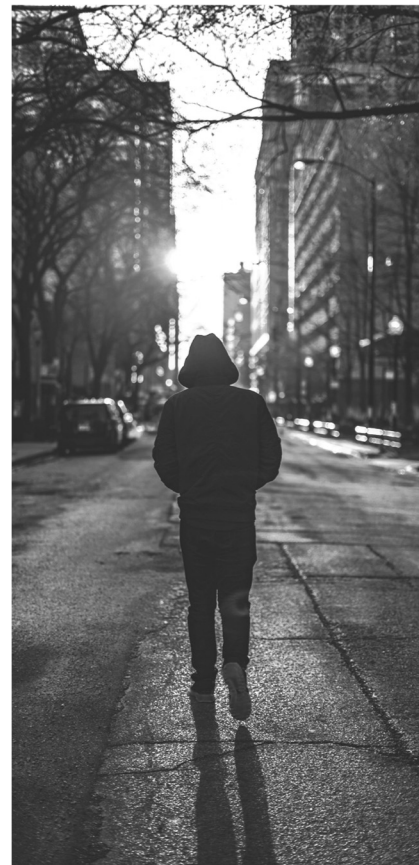
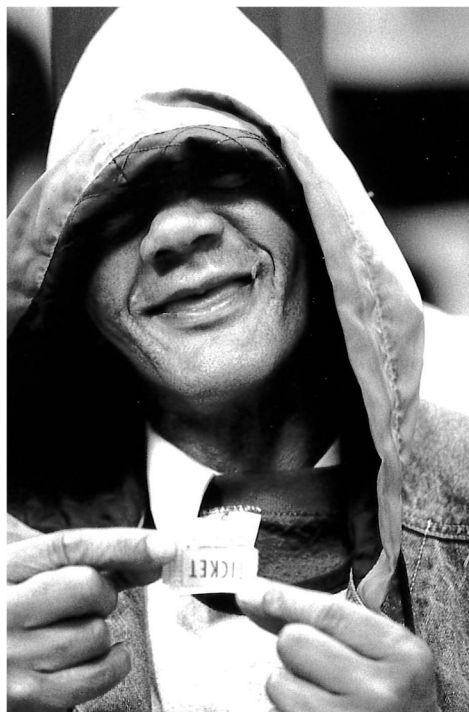
Life just got a little better for our clients. We have increased our nightly capacity by 20 beds! We are slowly building our way back from the huge loss of beds during Covid.

The increase happened last month, and our clients are very happy. 20 fewer folks will walk off into the night, because now they have a place to go. The new beds are available for earlier check-in (more sleep!), access to showers nightly, as well as a hot breakfast each morning.

It might seem like a small thing, but a meal and a night of safe rest is a game-changer to someone without a home. Your support makes it possible for us to pay for these beds, enabling folks to stabilize and get their lives back on track.

This is care in the moment. A safety net. This is Nightwatch. We are honored to help folks find shelter, if only for the night. We are thankful for you, and the shelters and churches who open their doors and hearts.

Lord, thank you for the shelter of your loving care for us. Help us to pass it along. ●



NIGHTWATCH

**Serving the night
community in the
name of Christ**

Nightwatch Works

*because
of you*

Join our campaign!
Provide the moments,
meals, and more that keep
our homeless friends
safe & hopeful.
November 1-15

[www.seattlenightwatch.org/
nightwatchworks](http://www.seattlenightwatch.org/nightwatchworks)

SOCK IT TO HOMELESSNESS

Sock Drive-Up Drop-Off

Sunday, December 11
12:30–2:00 pm

Start collecting socks now!

More details:
seattlenightwatch.org/sock-it

Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Bill Branom	Kenny Joe McMullen	Clio Thomas
Mary Branom	Roderick Brogan	Henry Jordan
Charley Bush	Elmer Molzahn	Jim & Jan Sullivan
Ginny Larkins	Sherianne Caldwell	Veryl Toms
Lorraine Lofton	Bud Palmberg	Randall & Linda Toms
John George Chatalas	Chrisi & Michael Dotson	Susan Van Pelt
Elizabeth Chevalier	Robert & Nellie Porter	Judi Selset
Craig Davis	Bob Porter	Cody Vogel
Bruce Davis	Mike Potts	Anthony Chang
Robert Domzalski	Catharine Fletcher	Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Nikki Powers	Tony Volchok
Pat Domzalski	Judi Selset	& Cindy Monsen
Tony Domzalski	Donald Reilly	Glenn & Shirley Weed
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Carol Hepburn	Carolyn Neitsch
Pat Domzalski	Jim Reynolds	Cynthia & Jim Weaver
Chris Graff	Judi Selset	Gary White
Norma Jean Hanson	Sono Sakaguchi	Lisa Connolley
Mary Ellen Ingersoll	Steve & Chris Murphy	Eugene White
Jim & Jan Sullivan	Sandy Schoenhals	Leonard & Vernus Woodgate
Barbara Ellen Johnson	Roger Schoenhals	George & Carolyn Rippee
James Johnson	Dick Shipe	Mary Wooldridge
Dean & Hattie Kimble	Gary & Theresa Shipe	Holly Boone & Pat Braus
Kathy Greiner	Jane Shipe	
Ron Kimble	Stephen Shipe	
Carl & Heather Craven	& Marta Pasztor	
Al & Maxine Lobb	Clint & LuElla Snow	
John & Jody Fenlason	Lisa and Jim Lady	

Tributes

Nathan Hautala
Toni & Robert Hautala
Phillip Lorente
Buffalo Mazzetti
Daryl Mondor
Mary & Michael Brooks
Muriel's 94th birthday
Bob & Dixie Doyle
Genie Ostipal's birthday
Joy Lauderbaugh
Rick Reynolds
Dick & Carol Grieves
Linda & Mike Martin
Doug Hart & Carole Powell
Terry Proctor
Alice Woldt
Ann Sakaguchi
Susan Hori
Amy Sells' birthday
Joy Lauderbaugh
Denny Shaw
Carol Sue Janes
Victor
Roderick Brogan

Sanctuary on the street

By Ben Curtis, Street Minister

We go to the same places every week, hoping to meet the same people – to try and develop relationships with them.

So, it's always kind of funny when we find someone we know, but not in the same neighborhood we normally see them.

This was the case with Jerry recently. He was coming out of a store in a different part of town than usual. He told me that he was staying in a new place nearby. 'It's good to see you,' he said. 'I always know it's going to be a positive interaction, which is not the case with everyone I talk to out here.'

Nightwatch Street Ministers and volunteers offer a time of respite, even if only for a moment, in the chaotic world of the streets. When people talk with us, they know they can trust us. They can put their guard down, knowing that we are not going to steal their stuff. They know they can talk and have someone who will listen, someone who will offer them an encouraging word, and usually a fresh pair of socks.

Life out on the street is tough, but we are out there helping to ease the stress of our friends who live it every night.

Lord, thank you for seeking us. Help us to see you in those we meet. ●



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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