

Nightwatch News

November, 2022

Are you real?

By Deacon Frank DiGirolamo, Executive Director



“Are you real?” She asks quietly, in hopeful hesitation.

We had just met “Shirley” in the encampment, and visited for a while. We simply listened to what she wanted to talk about, and affirmed her great worth.

Our interaction was pleasantly surprising to her. **She tells us that it’s been days since anyone acknowledged her in any way.** Lonely and in despair, in the midst of a crowded encampment. Longing to be seen. Longing to be found. Longing for relationship.

“Are you really standing here talking to me?” she continues, “...or am I seeing things?”

We allow Shirley to dictate how she can be assured that we are there for her. **At her request, a hug from each of us makes it official.**

Because of your support, Nightwatch is real. Nightwatch is really standing there, talking with folks who long to be seen and found.

Our fall fundraising campaign is this month, November 1-15. The theme comes from our clients. “Nightwatch works.” It works because of you. Your volunteering, and your generous financial support. We hope to raise \$150k or more, to keep us “really there.”

Lord, thank you for being there. For “standing at the door and knocking.” (Rev. 3:20) ●

A gift for one another

By Marlene Poland,
Housing Coordinator

There are many blessings in having 24 formerly-homeless senior citizens living in community.

While they may not have had to think about another person’s needs in a very long time, they now benefit from mutually respecting each other. Where they perhaps struggled in loneliness, they now have friends on whom they can depend.

As resident Michael says, “It’s a real God-send to be here. **We look out for each other.** While we may have our differences, we respect one another.”

Michael and other residents often come to us from years on the streets, where they learned the “dance steps” of daily survival. That choreography helped them to survive, and now they can be a gift for one another.

When it’s been a tough day, and it can be tempting to dwell on what they don’t have, they remind each other what they DO have. A safe place, each other, and God’s love.

Our senior housing is possible thanks to your financial support.

Lord, thank you for your faithfulness and great love. ●



NIGHTWATCH

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

Nightwatch Works

*because
of you*

Your gift of \$200 and more
is matched up to \$85,000!
Give today!



<https://bit.ly/nwwrks>

SOCK IT TO HOMELESSNESS

Sock Drive-Up Drop-Off

Sunday, December 11
12:30–2:00 pm

Start collecting new, men’s
athletic socks now!

More details:

seattlenightwatch.org/sock-it

Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Terry Ball	Dean & Hattie Kimble	John Stevens
Ann Sakaguchi	Kathy Greiner	Joy Lauderbaugh
Bill Branom	Ron Kimble	Clio Thomas
Mary Branom	Carl & Heather Craven	Henry Jordan
Charley Bush	Al & Maxine Lobb	Jim & Jan Sullivan
Ginny Larkins	John & Jody Fenlason	Susan Van Pelt
John Chatalas	Margaret Mack	Judi Selset
David Erdman	Steve & Marion Mack	Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Craig Davis	Elmer Molzahn	Tony Volchok
Bruce Davis	Sherianne Caldwell	& Cindy Monsen
Patricia Dennis	Bud Palmberg	Glenn & Shirley Weed
Robert & Roberta Brown	Anonymous	Carolyn Neitsch
Robert Domzalski	Chrisi & Michael Dotson	Cynthia & Jim Weaver
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Robert & Nellie Porter	Gary White
Pat Domzalski	Bob Porter	Lisa Connolley
Tony Domzalski	Mike Potts	Eugene White
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Catharine Fletcher	Mary Wooldridge
Pat Domzalski	Nikki Powers	Holly Boone & Pat Braus
Chris Graff	Judi Selset	
Norma Jean Hanson	Loveta Sewell Price	
Kevin Graham-Caso	Andrew Price	
Karen & John Thielke	Jim Reynolds	
Mary Ellen Ingersoll	Judi Selset	
Jim & Jan Sullivan	Dick Shipe	
Barbara Ellen Johnson	Gary & Theresa Shipe	
James Johnson	Jane Shipe	

Holding hope

By Rev. Paul Benz, Street Minister

We met “Tami” under the bike path by the waterfront.

Like so many of Nightwatch’s relationships on the street, our primary offering for Tami is the dignity of conversation without time constraints; human interaction without judgment, fear, or agenda. I gave her my card and listened to her. While I made many calls on her behalf, what I really did was believe in her.

Nightwatch holds hope for people; we also hold their trauma and their tears in the sacred space of trusted companionship. **Tami did get housing, and called me to keep the conversation going.**

Below is her recent voicemail:

“Hi Pastor Paul, this is Tami, I’m just letting you know I’ve been indoors at the [women’s] shelter. I’ll be in permanent housing this week in a studio apartment. I’m outside working down here at the stadiums selling water. I’m doing good.”

You make it possible for us to go out and to hold hope for our neighbors like Tami.

“...I know the plans I have for you... to give you hope and a future.” (Jer. 29:11) ●



Tributes

Rick Reynolds
John & Ivy Conklin
Dick & Carol Grieves
Linda & Mike Martin
Doug Hart & Carole Powell
Denny Shaw
Carol Sue Janes

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
- Individual bags of chips
- 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)
- Gloves
- Beanie style hats
- Men’s new athletic socks
- Twin size sheet sets

For more info, or to schedule a donation drop-off:
info@seattlenightwatch.org

Amazon Wish List:

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

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