

Nightwatch News

April, 2023

Forever health

By Deacon Frank DiGirolamo, Executive Director



We're on N. Aurora Avenue, on our weekly outreach to those in the sex trade.

Her street name is "Halo." It's our first time meeting. She walks up to us and asks if we can all pray together. She doesn't wait for an answer. She just starts...

She leads a beautiful, effortless prayer for us all, simply asking for "forever health."

I've been reflecting on that ever since. Not just health, but something that will last beyond the moment. Sustainable peace. How many of us are looking for that! This is the perfect prayer, especially given the chaotic nature of the sex trade.

Halo's prayer is done, along with a brief chat about life. She and her friend begin to leave. She pauses, turns to us with a smile, "I may be doing this right now... but I know of God's great love for me... thanks for being here today."

Thanks, Halo. A blessing to meet you.

Thanks to your support of Operation Nightwatch, our street ministers show up in places of human suffering, recognizing God's presence everywhere. ●



NIGHTWATCH

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

We got him home!

By Rev. Paul Benz, Street Minister

"Hey Paul, it's Pat. I just wanted to call and let you know I'm here with my mom and we made it home. Thank you for all you did for me."

A man from one of our state's Native tribes, not much younger than me, Pat showed me his 'Day at A Time' recovery book. He had received it at a rehabilitation center he'd been released from three days earlier.

Before seeing Pat off at the Bainbridge ferry terminal, we said a prayer of thanksgiving and protection to the Creator.

It didn't take much to get him home. \$10 for a ferry ticket, a couple bucks for a Sierra Mist at the vending machine, sandwiches packed by our volunteers, and some warm gloves.

What it really took was just enough time and attention to be available and listen amidst a rowdy crowd of Seahawks and 49ers fans who were preoccupied with football.

Your support of Nightwatch made it possible for me to be there that night for nearly forty people living on the streets, including Pat. He was able to get home, knowing that people do care; and to feel that love and dignity God intends for us all. Thank you. ●



GiveBIG 2023

May 2nd & 3rd
Early giving starts April 18

Your support provides food, shelter, housing, and hope to people in need, All gifts will be matched up to \$10,000!



<https://bit.ly/GiveNW>

**Volunteer
Orientation**
Wednesday, March 22
7:30 pm

Come on in, take a look around, and hear about all of our volunteer opportunities. We'd love to meet you and get you connected!

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Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Bill Branom
Mary Branom
Charley Bush
Edward & Nancy Emerson
Ginny Larkins
Barbara Contento
Maria & Greg Van Horn
Missy Costanzo
George & Carolyn Rippee
Craig Davis
Bruce Davis
Patricia Dennis
Robert & Roberta Brown
Robert Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Tony Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Elizabeth, Charles, Michael & Olga
Marla Hoffman
John Givins
Anonymous
Chris Graff
Norma Jean Hanson
Micheala Hoppe
The Davidson Family
Mary Ellen Ingersoll
Jim & Jan Sullivan

Dean & Hattie Kimble
Kathy Greiner
Ron Kimble
Carl & Heather Craven
Bernadette Laqueur
Joan Burton
Al & Maxine Lobb
John & Jody Fenlason
Harley & Mercedes Lolley
Vern & Marilyn Lolley
Donald Mayo
Chriselda & Christopher Calderon
Elmer Molzahn
Sherianne Caldwell
Bud Palmberg
Anonymous
Chrisi & Michael Dotson
Jan Snyder
Denny Pittman
George & Carolyn Rippee
Robert & Nellie Porter
Bob Porter
Mike Potts
Catharine Fletcher
Rod Romney
Seattle First Baptist Church
Leonard Root
June Burr

Dick Shipe
Gary & Theresa Shipe
Greg & Mary Speltz
Kate Speltz & Rich Gamble
Lyle Staley
Shelley Staley
Clio Thomas
Henry Jordan
Jim & Jan Sullivan
Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Tony Volchok
& Cindy Monsen
Glenn & Shirley Weed
Carolyn Neitsch
Carla Weiser
Maria & Greg Van Horn
Leo Werlech
Theresa Werlech
Gary White
Lisa Connolley
Eugene White
Mary Wooldridge
Holly Boone & Pat Braus

Tributes

The DiPietro Family
Kim Bundy
The man outside the market
Allison Yoder
Rick Reynolds
Bob Cathey & Pat Benson
Dick & Carol Grieves
Doug Hart & Carole Powell
Margrit Lindal
Linda & Mike Martin
Art & Ruby Meyer
Fran & Glenn Ryder
Denny Shaw
Carol Sue Janes
Maureen Walker
Harvey & Geri Nelson

Debunking myths

By Shelley Dooley,
Managing Director

Debunking two myths about homelessness:

Myth: "Homeless people are lazy and can just get a job."

I have worked closely with adults who struggle with homelessness for the last 30 years. I haven't met one who fits this myth. I have met many who suffer from unresolved trauma, mental illness and/or substance use disorder, and poverty. These struggles often get in the way of getting and keeping a job.

When I'm stressed or dealing with a physical ailment I'm able to take time off. My sick leave saves me from financial crisis.

Myth: "Homeless people don't want to live inside."

The solution is not simple. Out of frustration, people say they'll just stay outside. However, if they were offered a home that met their needs, they would take it.

When I was looking for a place to live, I had the privilege of creating my "must have" list. I moved to the place that met most of my "must haves." It's about options. Running our own shelter helps us to listen to our clients' needs, hopes, and dreams. Our new case manager will help us grow deeper in understanding.

Your support and prayers enable Nightwatch to debunk myths by entering relationship.

Myths disappear when we see the "other" as dignified and loved by God. ●



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
- Fruit
- To-go soup containers
- Shampoo & conditioner
- First aid cream
- Razors
- Lotion
- Gloves
- Beanie style hats
- Men's new athletic socks
- Twin size sheet sets
- Clean, durable blankets
- Blank birthday cards for our tenants. Store-bought or handmade are welcome!

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

Amazon Wish List:

Ship donations to our door!
<https://bit.ly/ONWlist>



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