

Nightwatch News

May, 2023

Life, as the sun sets...

By Deacon Frank DiGirolamo, Executive Director



On a recent visit to our evening meal and shelter dispatch center, things were springing to life, as the sun was setting.

Sophia and David, first-time volunteers, were cooking chicken burritos for our 150 expected guests. I met Lavar and Tim, a couple of our new on-call support staff. Great guys! Danny gave me a quick update on his grandkids, and then did a friendly “security walk” around the block to check on our neighbors. Bridgett, our new Case

Manager, was on the scene and ready to help clients take next steps. Steve came outside to talk with a young man, “Jimmy” who just got out of jail, and had some questions about shelter and rehab facilities. As I departed, they were sitting on a nearby bench, talking about life.

Marica, our Volunteer Coordinator, was welcoming eight new volunteers with a great orientation. One of them was from a local Rotary group, and wanted to learn everything so that he could help in the future.

Our Nightwatch community is amazing in how they love, serve, and welcome others to join in.

All this is possible because of your prayers, volunteering, and financial help.

Lord, thanks for loving us each day. ●

Divine timing

By Ben Curtis,
Director of Street Ministry

There are times in Street Ministry when things line up so nicely, it’s hard to deny some form of divine intervention at work.

Such is the case the night we met ‘Donnie’ at a bus stop. He was having a difficult time, being faced with housing insecurity. The place he was staying at wasn’t going to be available much longer, so the stress was mounting for him. To make matters worse, he was dealing with some unprocessed grief and trauma.

We sat and listened to him, gave him some food and encouragement, and made an appointment to follow up the next day. Despite the chaos of it all, Donnie appeared to be a good fit for our Senior Housing program. He was of age, had a steady job, and seemed like he would enjoy our senior community. We met the following day at a neighborhood coffee spot and got his application filled out.

There were some twists and turns in getting him in, but praise be to God, Donnie has been safely inside for the last several months.

The ‘right place at the right time’ can most certainly be a neat notion, but Donnie’s situation feels bigger than that simple sentiment.

Lord, thank you for your miraculous timing. ●



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name of Christ

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Volunteer Orientation

Thursday, May 25

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

Luci Boyle
Joan Burton
Bill Branom
Mary Branom
Charley Bush
Ginny Larkins
Gail & Jay Winberg
Craig Davis
Bruce Davis
Robert Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Tony Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Chris Graff
Norma Jean Hanson
Mary Ellen Ingersoll
Jim & Jan Sullivan
Asha Kent
Carol Hepburn
Dean & Hattie Kimble
Kathy & Jeff Greiner

Ron Kimble
Carl & Heather Craven
Al & Maxine Lobb
John & Jody Fenlason
Craig MacGowan
Pat & Ron Cygan
Joanne Graham Mera
Karen & John Thielke
Elmer Molzahn
Sherianne Caldwell
Evangelina Munoz
Brian Gallagher
& Eliza Jang
Joanna Ngai
Anthony Chang
Herman Lee
Bud Palmberg
Chrisi & Michael Dotson
Ken & Carol Lottis
Robert & Nellie Porter
Bob Porter
Mike Potts
Catharine Fletcher

Dick Shipe
Gary & Theresa Shipe
Jane Shipe
Greg & Mary Speltz
Robert & Roberta Brown
Kate Speltz & Rich Gamble
Lynn Vollert
Timothy Lyle Staley
Shelley Staley
Jack Stump
Yeede Loh
Clio Thomas
Mike & Sandy Birdsall
Henry Jordan
Jim & Jan Sullivan
Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Tony Volchok
& Cindy Monsen
Gary White
Lisa Connolley
Eugene White
Mary Wooldridge
Holly Boone & Pat Braus

Tributes

Linda & Terry Biggs
Joy Lauderbaugh
Anna Brooks
Mary & Michael Brooks
The DiPietro Family
Kim Bundy
Nathan Hautala
Toni & Robert Hautala
Tim & Janet Jorve
Marilyn Iverson
Rick Reynolds
Jane Ann Bradbury
Dick & Carol Grieves
Linda & Mike Martin
Doug Hart & Carole Powell
Terry Proctor
Lynn & Nancy Walker
Denny Shaw
Carol Sue Janes
Victoria
Harvey & Geri Nelson

Step by step By Tonette Winston Director of Housing & Shelter Services

Once again, by the grace of God and our generous community, life continues to improve for our clients.

Our Nightwatch-run shelter is now open from 7pm-7am. That's two more hours off the street every night! Madrona Grace Church has graciously adopted our guys, not only recognizing the importance of shelter but also providing food and snacks.

Our new case manager, Bridgett, is off to a great start. From conversations and intake interviews, our guys' immediate needs are being addressed; getting identification, connecting to health services, and applying for available benefits. We also have two clients currently in our shelter who have been accepted into permanent senior housing at Nightwatch!

When "Gary" viewed the available room, he stood in the middle and looked around, then turned and said, "I am home... at least for the next 15 years". He was comfortable, safe, and blessed at our shelter, but an apartment, a home, is what he has longed for.

Says Bridgett, "We cannot impose our views of what their lives should look like. We need to support people through their journey and be there when they are ready to take the next step."

Your support helps our clients take the next step on their life journey. Thank you. ●



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
- 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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