

Nightwatch News

October, 2023

Eyes to see

By Deacon Frank DiGirolamo, Executive Director



I recently received an email from “Jay.” He noticed a person making their home for the night on a half-bench at a Metro bus stop. He wasn’t sure exactly how to help, so he reached out to us to ask if we could guide him. Absolutely!

What’s inspiring is that Jay saw and acknowledged the person in need. He didn’t walk by, but paused, reached out for help, and advocated for them.

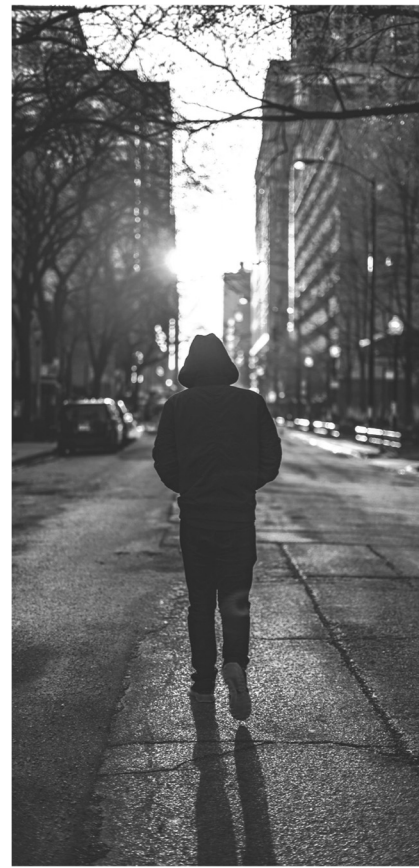
We’re heading into fall. It’s getting cooler and darker and we’re preparing for the long nighttime of winter. Some are more prepared than others. Some are lost, and facing desperation. And this time of year brings more urgency for those living outside.

Thank you for noticing the stranger at the bus stop. The dignity of a greeting. The offer of friendship. An invitation to a hot meal at our nightly gathering. The opportunity for a place to sleep that’s better than a half-bench at a bus stop.

Together, we can make more room at the table and at the “Inn”.

Your support of Operation Nightwatch makes our work possible.

Lord, thank you for your compassion, and giving us eyes to see. ●



NIGHTWATCH

Serving the night community in the name of Christ

Safe inside

By Rev. Paul Benz, Street Minister

I met “Brent” in front of Dick’s in Capitol Hill. He had recently survived a shooting. “I was scared, and ran behind a tree when they pulled out a gun.”

Brent, like so many we meet on the streets, came through the foster care system and was now living outside. **As he shared his story, hope emerged.**

It doesn’t always work out this way, but we were able to connect Brent with his guardian at an Adult Family Home in Missouri. We purchased a Greyhound ticket, took Brent to the station in Seattle, and his guardian picked him up at the other end. **Within one week, Brent was safe inside, under the care of his guardian in permanent, supportive housing for developmentally disabled adults experiencing poverty.**

Receive Brent’s note and prayer of thanksgiving to you, the Nightwatch community:

“Thank You and God Bless You. Thank you for having Pastor Paul be the person to guide me in the right way and helping me get back where I belong. You have been a miracle. God bless you and keep your family safe. Love, Your Dear Friend, Brent”

Folks like Brent can find a safe place because of generous donors like you. Thank you. ●



You are invited!

Together Again



Operation Nightwatch 2023

Together Again

**Thursday, November 2
6:30-7:30 pm**

Doors open for coffee and conversation at 5:30 pm.

Join us in-person once again for our annual fundraiser. This year, it’s dinner!

No charge to attend, but RSVP is required by October 19:

<https://bit.ly/ONWta>



Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Bill Branom	Barbara Ellen Johnson	Mike Potts
Mary Branom	James Johnson	Catharine Fletcher
Helen Brennan	Dean & Hattie Kimble	John Preston
Robb Petersen	Kathy & Jeff Greiner	Barbara Anderson
Charley Bush	Ron Kimble	Dick Shipe
Ginny Larkins	Carl & Heather Craven	Christine Elson
Merna Corson	Mr. Kwon	Gary & Theresa Shipe
John & Ivy Conklin	Anthony Chang	Stephen Shipe
Craig Davis	Al & Maxine Lobb	& Marta Pasztor
Bruce Davis	John & Jody Fenlason	Rob Staley
Robert Domzalski	Sheldon Menery	Shelley Staley
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Anthony Chang	Charles Strobel
Pat Domzalski	Joanne Mera	Sam & Toni Pace
Tony Domzalski	John & Karen Thielke	Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Friendly Mitchell Jr.	Cindy Monsen
Pat Domzalski	Carol Hepburn	Glenn & Shirley Weed
Chris Graff	Elmer Molzahn	Carolyn Neitsch
Norma Jean Hanson	Sherianne Caldwell	Don Werlech
Mal & Effie Higgins	Gretchen Monteith	Theresa Werlech
Linda & Mike Martin	Lee Monteith	Gary White
Lois Hoppe	Dave Nasman	Lisa Connolley
George & Carolyn Rippee	Les & Carol Nelson	Eugene White
Clark Hoyt	Bud Palmberg	Mary Wooldridge
Robert & Roberta Brown	Anonymous	Holly Boone & Pat Braus
Mary Ellen Ingersoll	Robert & Nellie Porter	
Jim & Jan Sullivan	Bob Porter	

Angels among us

By Tonette Winston,
Director of Housing & Shelter Services

“Joe” arrived at Nightwatch last week for the first time and stayed at one of our shelters. He inquired if we could help him get back to his home in Wichita.

At our meeting the next day, he began to cry. Joe had moved to Seattle months ago to live with a family friend, who took his money and refused him entry back into the home.

With nowhere to go, he moved into a motel on Aurora. Eventually, Joe spent all of his rent money and was evicted. He didn't want to use the funds he had saved to return home.

As Joe sat in front of the motel, evicted and belongings scattered, a neighbor referred him to Operation Nightwatch. Years ago, after being released from prison, the neighbor remembered God had sent him to our doors.

I found a flight for Joe and he quietly handed me his debit card. He had managed to save all but \$40.00 for his journey. I immediately teared up because I knew this would take every penny he had. Instead, **Nightwatch paid for his ticket in full, and we exchanged contact information.**

The next day, a United Airlines employee in Denver called to let me know that a gentlemen had been sitting in the airport crying. When she asked how she could help, he gave her my number.

Joe's flight had been late leaving Seattle, so he missed his connecting flight in Denver. This kind woman found him another flight, contacted his daughter, and then called me back to tell me he was safely on the plane.

This story restored my faith. Many people walked past the eighty-year-old man weeping at the airport, but one person stopped to listen.

My faith is renewed by the angels among us. ●



Tributes

Jimb (James) Cameron
Ian & Lauren Ebright
Ben Curtis
Susan Dean
Gloria Geisendorfer
Lee Monteith
Anita Riksheim
Kay Negley
Joy Lauderbaugh
Rick Reynolds
Dick & Carol Grieves
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
- Fruit
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Razors
- Toothbrushes
- Lotion
- Soap & body wash
- Men's new athletic socks
- Beanie hats
- Warm gloves
- Wash cloths
- Towels
- Twin sheet sets, new or clean
- Twin blankets, new or clean

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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