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Dear Nightwatch friends,

As the year comes to a close, we reflect on a year of ministering. So many graced encounters! So much work. How to rest and recover? The holidays still demand daily ministry.

An encounter from late last December comes to mind. It helps us find hope and light during the journey.

“Linda” is newly experiencing homelessness. She’s staying in a group tent just off of N. Aurora Avenue. She casually mentions that she is also newly pregnant and hasn’t eaten all day. She is thrilled to receive the hot meal from us.

Wait... Pregnant? Living here? We have to help! We frantically start digging deep to find resources to offer in this late-night fleeting moment. We wish we had more shelter space to offer! But then, something bigger happens...



She smiles. Thankful for our efforts – but calmly gives us the broader picture: She is aware of social services available for her, and she has a case manager. She’ll get to that stuff soon.

For now, she is simply so **thankful just to be here for her child**. Not long ago, she had been considering ending her life. News of her pregnancy gave her an immediate purpose. She is needed. **“This baby is saving me.”**

And, with a chuckle, “If this baby is anything like I was, I’m in for a lot of ‘fun,’ hahaha.”

An unexpected pregnancy. An uncertain future. No room in the Inn. Knowledge that she has a role to play. To love this child forever. A child who is saving her life. Seems like Christmas.

Thanks to you, this past year we had more than 10,000 encounters on the streets with our friends like Linda. We provided more than 55,000 hot meals, 24,000 shelter bed nights, and almost 9,000 resident days in our senior housing. We also added case management services, for the first time in our history!

New life is fragile. It frequently shows up in the midst of our daily struggles. We see these as modern day “manger scenes” that give us our purpose for the year ahead.

Operation Nightwatch continues to reach out and meet people in the margins. Your volunteering and generous financial support make our presence a reality.

Please consider Operation Nightwatch in your year-end giving.

Thank you.

We wish you a season filled with blessings.

Deacon Frank DiGirolamo  
Executive Director

Merry Christmas!  
from all of us  
@ Nightwatch!

Your 2023 donations must be received online by midnight, or postmarked, by December 31, 2023. Nightwatch can also receive retirement distributions or stock transfers. Contact us at 206-323-4359 ext. 2 or [info@seattlenightwatch.org](mailto:info@seattlenightwatch.org) for more information.

Our usual newsletter will continue next month.

### **Memorials**

Arthur & Kay Abe Mike Abe	Chris Graff Norma Jean Hanson	Frances Reynolds June Burr
Bill Branom Mary Branom	Mary Ellen Ingersoll Jim & Jan Sullivan	Jan & Gary Erford Aaron & Sue Feik
Chauncey Burke Susan Burke	Bill Joyce Robert & Roberta Brown	Barbara & Jim Johnson Lucki & Sandy Latimer
Charley Bush Betsy Darrah	Dean & Hattie Kimble Kathy & Jared Greiner	Craig & Sheila Omoto Shelley Staley
Ginny Larkins Shirley Wilson	Ron Kimble Carl & Heather Craven	Pearl Robinson Maria Robinson
Gail & Jay Winberg	Lisa Lebenzon Tony Volchok	Mary Santi Steve Santi
Doug Candland Bob Porter	Al & Maxine Lobb John & Jody Fenlason	Jerry Shigaki Mary Hoy
Norm Chase Charles Knowlton	Ray & Marian Malonson Jennifer Ibach	Dick Shipe Gary & Theresa Shipe
Grandpa Davies Anthony Chang	& Peter Lundquist Bob & Velma McDonald	Jane Shipe Stephen Shipe
Craig Davis Bruce Davis	Mel & Cherie McDonald Sean McMurtry	& Marta Pasztor Clinton & LuElla Snow
Robert Domzalski Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Jean Marshall Catherine Nelson	Lisa & Jim Lady Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Pat Domzalski	Mark McNeil Elizabeth Hansen	Cindy Monsen Glenn & Shirley Weed
Tony Domzalski Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Robb Petersen Elmer Molzahn	Carolyn Neitsch George & Carolyn Rippee
Pat Domzalski	Sherianne Caldwell Luis Montalvan	Gary White Lisa Connolley
Susan & Leslie Dozsa Les Dozsa	& his service dog, Tuesday Leslie Engelmeier	Eugene White Leonard & Vernus Woodgate
Burton Dyson Kathy & Bob Roseth	Judy Ostrow Joan Burton	George & Carolyn Rippee Mary Wooldridge
Laura-Jean Enge Craig Enge	Bud Palmberg Chrisi & Michael Dotson	Holly Boone & Pat Braus Leo Werlech
Bud & Trudy Forbes Bill & Chari Apperson	Robert & Nellie Porter Bob Porter	Ray & Jackie Marsh Zachary Zappone
Keith & Kay Forbes Linda & Mike Martin	Mike Potts Catharine Fletcher	Bob Zappone & Maggi Sutthoff
George & Carolyn Rippee		
Kim Forman Bill & Jody Lemke		

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### **Tributes**

Paul Benz Marilyn Iverson	Kelly Hoang Yinhsuan Pan	Victoria Palmen Geri & Harvey Nelson
Patricia Broulette Akane Yamaguchi	Julie Lauderbaugh's birthday Joy Lauderbaugh	Ann Sakaguchi Marnie O'Sullivan
Dutch Brown Bill Yeend	Willm Martens-Habbena's birthday	& John Schlosser Denny Shaw
John Engstrom Joanna Kuehn	Joy Lauderbaugh Man Lung Li	Carol Sue Janes Trever Zoppi
Nathan Hautala Toni & Robert Hautala	Jessica Yeung Philip Lorente	Leah Krekel-Zoppi
	Buffalo Mazzetti	

***Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year***