

# Nightwatch News

August, 2024

## Running like a kid

By Deacon Frank DiGirolamo, Executive Director



We heard her before we saw her. Shouts of delight like a child who spotted the ice cream truck rounding the corner.

Then we saw her running toward us, smiling wide, and continuing to verbally announce her arrival.

**"Ellie" had noticed that we were doing some outreach, and she desperately wanted a rose. Just a reminder that she is loved.** And then she took off, just as quickly as she had arrived.

Our brief encounter highlights what happens in the many thousands of interactions we have

every year. Folks wanting to receive a simple reminder of love. Many come to Nightwatch each day, at least figuratively "delighting" in our evening hot meal. For others, it's a shelter bed for the night. Over time, more can be added, deeper connections with our case manager or street ministers, or permanent housing. More than roses, these are new doorways to healed relationships and more secure ways of living.

It all starts with showing up, allowing ourselves to be seen. Enjoying the fleeting but precious sights and sounds of our brothers and sisters, running toward life's little reminders that they are loved.

"We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19 NIV ●

## A big, friendly welcome

By Rev. Rick Reynolds,  
Street Minister

"Thor" is only a puppy, but probably weighs about 150 pounds. Tuesday night I saw him, happily sitting on someone's lap at our feeding program in a garage on First Hill.

My friend "Roger" was sitting nearby at a table. He was so happy to see me, he jumped up to give me a hug, with all the enthusiasm of Thor. I've learned to brace myself so little old me won't go flying. **The emphatic embrace spoke of trust and love on both sides.** I introduced Roger to my wife who was visiting the meal to see the set up. Who would have thought that a garage could be such a welcoming place? Roger hugged my wife too. There was loving affection all the way around.

There's an old bumper sticker that says, "Lord, let me be the person my dog thinks I am." Now Roger is no dog. He is an important part of our Tuesday dinner community. **But I very much want to be a loving and welcoming person to all our friends on the street.** I am thankful for the continuing ability to be of service – receiving as fully as I give. Your prayers and support make it possible. ●



Serving the night  
community in the  
name of Christ



**Please join us**  
**Thursday, October 17**  
6:30-7:30 pm  
Doors open at 5:30  
for coffee & conversation  
[seattlenightwatch.org/lighting](http://seattlenightwatch.org/lighting)

**Volunteer  
Orientation**  
**Friday, August 16**  
**5:30 pm**

Come on in, take a look  
around, and hear about all of  
our volunteer opportunities.  
Then stick around and serve  
dinner with us!

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# Memorials & Tributes

## Memorials

Bill Branom	Mary Ellen Ingersoll	Paul Robbert
Mary Branom	Jim & Jan Sullivan	Lorraine Lofton
Charley Bush	James Iverson	Dick Shipe
Ginny Larkins	Marilyn Iverson	Gary & Theresa Shipe
Jay & Gail Winberg	Dean & Hattie Kimble	Rob Staley
Chris	Kathy & Jared Greiner	Shelley Staley
Jackie Hoyt	Ron Kimble	Ross & Annette Tabor
Craig Davis	Carl & Heather Craven	Dian Snypp
Bruce Davis	Howard Lee	Glenn & Shirley Weed
Clyde Dietz	Lisa Kajimura	Carolyn Neitsch
Maria & Greg Van Horn	Michael & Meg Kunugiyama	George & Carolyn Rippee
Robert Domzalski	Gary & Joan McDonagh	Leo Werlech
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Al & Maxine Lobb	Ray & Jackie Marsh
Pat Domzalski	John & Jody Fenlason	Theresa Werlech
Tony Domzalski	Mark McNeil	Joan Werner
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Robb Petersen	Frank & Susan Amato
Pat Domzalski	Elmer Molzahn	Gary White
Rich Flajole	Sherianne Caldwell	Lisa Connolley
Maria & Greg Van Horn	Bud Palmberg	Eugene White
Keith & Kay Forbes	Chrisi & Michael Dotson	Leonard & Vernus Woodgate
George & Carolyn Rippee	Robert & Nellie Porter	George & Carolyn Rippee
Kenny Freece	Bob Porter	Mary Wooldridge
Dave & Robin Roe	Mike Potts	Holly Boone & Pat Braus
Vicki Garrett	Catharine Fletcher	
Maria & Greg Van Horn	Jim & Frances Reynolds	
Chris Graff	Vern & Marilyn Lolley	
Norma Jean Hanson		

## A stable home

### By Marlene Poland, Housing Coordinator

The seniors who make our Housing their home come from many places, and I am so thankful to get to know all of them. Recently, one of our seniors passed away, after living here at Nightwatch for five years. I have been thinking about my memories of him, and the relationships he held with other residents.

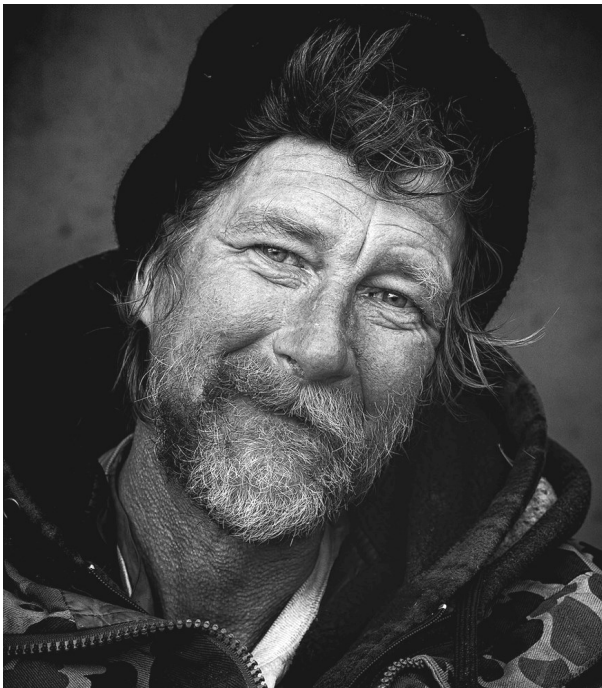
**Thomas had spent eight years living on the streets before becoming a part of our Senior Housing program. I**

spoke to him almost daily. I personally cook several meals for the seniors each week, and he especially loved my meatloaf. I think he would have asked me to make it every day! He would also join other seniors and eat a meal at our Dispatch Center from time to time. He had an interesting hobby; he loved to collect rocks. He would bring me rocks that he polished as a gift. One is displayed right now in my office, part of a shadow box.

One of my favorite memories of him is a conversation we had about socks. He liked to wear two different socks, all the time; it was one of the ways he expressed himself. He commented, “Why do we have to wear matching socks?” I surprised him by wearing mismatched socks myself, the very next day.

**Towards the end of his life, he reestablished his relationship with his daughter.** The stability we provided made this a reality, and I am so thankful for the time the two of them had together. My memories of each and every senior are precious.

Your support helps reconnect families. Thank you. ●



## Tributes

Stephanie Chiu  
Francesca del Rosario  
John Hull  
Carol Luthra  
Patty  
Anonymous  
Ann Sakaguchi  
Grace Uomoto  
Andy Sells  
Joy Lauderbaugh  
Gayle & Mike Sells  
Joy Lauderbaugh  
Denny Shaw  
Carol Sue Janes  
Warm Beach Senior Community  
Aaron & Sue Feik  
Theway Webright  
James Yorkston

## Shopping List

Please help by collecting these items for us to distribute to our homeless friends and tenants (travel sizes are preferred):

- Cookies and pastries
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Lotion
- Soap & body wash
- Deodorant
- Men’s new athletic socks
- 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](mailto:info@seattlenightwatch.org)

## Amazon Wish List:

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



### Shelter Dispatch Center & Senior Apartments

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Seattle, WA 98111

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