

Nightwatch News

October, 2017

Hospitality

By Rev. Rick Reynolds



I was sitting in a room full of pizza-eating homeless people at a shelter late one night. One of the guests was expounding about how great it was to have a roof over his head, instead of curling up in a blanket, under I-5.

He suddenly got very serious.

“Are you okay?” he asked me. “Because if you need help, we could get you in here.”

I was touched by his concern for me. **He was so blessed to be warm and safe, and he wanted that same thing for me.**

His concern is the heart of hospitality.

We’ve been blessed with safety, warmth, and comfort. At Nightwatch, we want to continue loving our neighbors, extending care for the most vulnerable.

The past eight months have been rocky, but new opportunities lie ahead. By this time next month we should have good news about our shelter space. Your prayers, financial support, and commitment have helped us meet the challenges of extending warmth and safety each night for our homeless guests so far. Please help as you are able.

Lord, keep us from being overwhelmed by the needs we face, confident that you have the resources to keep all of us safe. ●

Back home

By Liz Fenn

Shelter Dispatch Manager

Danny wanted to go back home, to get back to a simpler life, before all the bad stuff happened. Seattle streets are scary. He couldn’t shake his demons. He wondered if it was possible. Could he could go back? Too many things he had done and too many words he had said. He felt defeated and depleted of all self-worth. But, he wanted to see his mother again.

I talked with his mom. She was so happy Danny got in touch with her. It had been years since they’d seen or heard from him. She wondered what he looked like now – if his hair was long. A job was waiting for Danny at her husband’s work place. She hoped he would take it. She thanked me for helping him get home. I heard relief in her voice, trepidation, and tremendous gratitude.

Danny called me the morning he was to leave. He lost his ticket and asked me to talk with Greyhound. They emailed him a replacement ticket. Danny thanked me again and told me how grateful he is to Nightwatch. Finally, he was going home.

Lord, thank you that Danny is home. Keep him – and us – safe.

Nightwatch donors make our Bus Ticket Home program one of the simplest and most satisfying ways to solve homelessness for an individual. ●



NIGHTWATCH

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

SOCK IT TO HOMELESSNESS

Open House

Come by, drop off some socks, take a tour, and help Nightwatch celebrate our 50th Anniversary!

Sunday, November 12

Noon–3 pm

302 14th Ave S, Seattle, 98144
info@seattlenightwatch.org

Volunteer Open House

Find your favorite
volunteer job!

Thursday, Oct 5, 2017

7:30–8:00 pm

RSVP or questions:
info@seattlenightwatch.org

Find out more:
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Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Bill Branom
Mary Branom
Harald Bruun
Ruth Chavers
Charley Bush
Paul Rollins
Shirley Wilson
Andy Chavers
Ruth Chavers
Alfred Cordova
Alan Cordova
Don Curtis
Mary Curtis
Craig Davis
Bruce Davis
Tony Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Bill Duprey
Joy Lauderbaugh
Phillipa Evans Lopez
Irma Evans
Marlene Forester
Bud & Trudy Forbes

Pete Gudger
Cheryl Gudger
Ed Imes Jr.
George & Carolyn Rippee
Mary Ellen Ingersoll
Jim & Jan Sullivan
James Iverson
Marilyn Iverson
Ron Kimble
Carl & Heather Craven
Al & Maxine Lobb
John & Jody Fenlason
George Matsuda
Annette Carrier
Karen Smirl
Virginia Stevenson
Albert & Velma Miller
Vern & Marilyn Lolley
Dorothy Rosenberger
Janet Buck
Aaron & Sue Feik
Dick Shipe
Gary & Theresa Shipe
Stephen Shipe
& Marta Pasztor

Louise Solemslie
Allen Solemslie
Marion Strunk
Heinz & Carol Roye
Don Tekawa
Wes & Julie Yee
Jack Sullivan
Margaret Donnelly
Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Tony Volchok
& Cindy Monsen
Glenn & Shirley Weed
Andy & Ramona McBeth
Jim & Cynthia Weaver
Gilbert Weiss
John Weiss
& Corry Venema-Weiss
Mary Wooldridge
Holly Boone
Garland Yarberry
David & Jacqueline Williams

Tributes

Kendrick & Laura Barnes' wedding
Katlin Dickinson-Laurence
Corey & Mia Hays
Cheryle Jackson
Lisa Legault
Jessica Neighbors
Rick & Lorri Reynolds
Autumn Smith
Grace Washer
Dean & Diane Cooper
Anonymous
Mike Potts
Catharine Fletcher
Joyce Siu
Andy & Janette James
Judy Ziegler
Jan Monti

Gifts

By Ben Curtis Outreach Minister

On a recent evening under the Viaduct, the street outreach team ran into a guy we hadn't seen for several months. We huddled around his half-open tent flap, next to scraps of cardboard and a broken chair. As cars passed by, we struggled to hear what he was saying.

I pieced together he had moved to another town for a while, lived out of an RV for a stint, and was now back downtown staying in a tent, near where we had first met him.

What came through crystal clear was his gratitude for our socks, prayers, and our words of encouragement which helped him through the previous winter. I let him know that's why we were there. This wasn't good enough. He wanted to do something for us.

He leaned over and rustled through some things in his tent. "Here you go." I looked down at the object in his hand for a moment, in hesitation. He was giving us a fairly new, and apparently functioning, bathroom scale.

It was, by far, the oddest gift someone had ever offered to us on the street. I thought to myself, "What are we going to do with this?" But, I snapped to, took it out of his hand and thanked him. Here was this man, all of his earthly possessions surrounding him in a canvas tent, and he was offering us a gift. Who was I to deem it unworthy?

I'll never forget that moment, next to the noisy roadway where my friends and I gathered, giving gifts to one another like we were at a Christmas party. ●



Ann Sakaguchi is on vacation. Her column will resume next month.

Shopping List

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

- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Shave cream
- Dental floss
- Lip Balm
- Hand sanitizers
- Multi-vitamins
- Cough drops
- Pain relievers
- Kleenex packs
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Bulk drink mix

For more information about these items please contact:
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Amazon Wish List:

<http://tinyurl.com/zjo64fd>

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