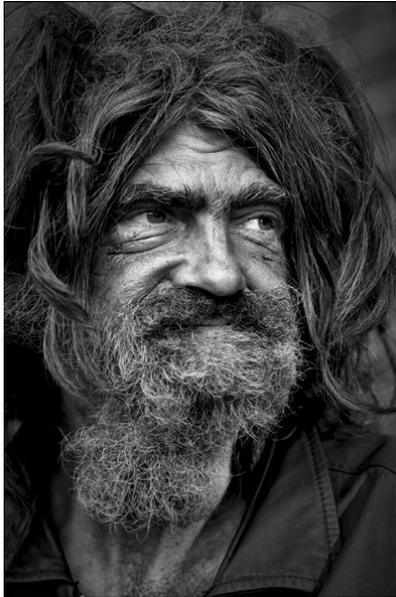


Nightwatch News

April, 2018

Homeless seniors

By Rev. Rick Reynolds



“Floyd” was a developmentally challenged homeless guy in his 70s. He was living outside, eating in various missions. In his younger days he was taken care of by his older sisters. But they died, and Floyd slipped through the cracks, until a volunteer brought him to Nightwatch Senior Housing. That volunteer came weekly to make sure Floyd had food in his fridge, clean clothes and bedding.

It was one of those quiet little miracles that happen at Nightwatch.

The first month Floyd paid his rent, he came into my office, dropped his drawers, and pulled out his money. “Floyd, you don't have to do that anymore. You're safe living here,” I told him. He got a wallet.

We've seen a growing number of seniors at Nightwatch. There were 460 homeless seniors who got food and shelter from us last year. 460. That's almost twice as many as 2016.

We want to do more. Can you help?

Lord, please strengthen our hand in providing care to homeless seniors. ●

See Jesus

By Liz Fenn, Shelter Dispatch Manager

I have a confession to make. Lately, I have been intolerant of people who “push my buttons.” Some call it compassion fatigue. It seems to me more like compassion drain. One co-worker puts it bluntly, “You're letting people chip away at your ‘Give-a-Damn.’” It's true.

I ask God for help. “Give me a reminder to see Jesus in everyone I encounter,” I ask. Not satisfied with a little tap on the shoulder – I need a reminder that figuratively hits me over the head. I want something so big and bold that it will help me to always remember. I wait.

Then God tapped me on the shoulder eight times and reminded me how our night staff – Al, Tina, Noah, Jeff, Liz, Tonette, Jim, and Crystal – show me every night how to find Jesus in everyone they meet. He showed me the patience and calm demeanor our staff maintains in the midst of vulgarity and repeated threats. He showed me the kindness and respect they give to the men and women who come into Nightwatch who are tired, frustrated and hungry. He showed me the compassion and determination they reveal trying to get the most vulnerable people into shelter each night.

Our staff inspires me because, whether they call it that or not, they see Jesus in everyone. Help me, God, to do the same. ●



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Save the Date!

Please remember
Nightwatch on May 9
for GiveBIG.

Volunteer Open House

Find your favorite
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Thursday, April 5, 2018

7:30–8:00 pm

RSVP or questions:
info@seattlenightwatch.org

Find out more:
<http://tinyurl.com/ydaqfjsx>

Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Bill Branom
Mary Branom
Charley Bush
Jay & Gail Winberg
Matthew Byk
John Byk
Joe Curtis
Robert & Roberta Brown
John Darrah
Linda Bush
Rose & Hank Fukano
Judges of King County
Superior Court
Craig Davis
Bruce Davis
Robert Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Tony Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Bud Forbes
John & Jody Fenlason
Rick & Lorri Reynolds
George & Carolyn Rippee

Keith & Kay Forbes
Linda Martin
Pete Gudger
Cheryl Gudger
Mal Higgins
Linda Martin
Mary Ellen Ingersoll
Jim & Jan Sullivan
Helen Koller
Janet Buck
Isamu Kurashige
Christine Murphy
Dick Lamb
Kurt & Perdis Jacobsen
Al & Maxine Lobb
John & Jody Fenlason
Larry & Diana Lulofs
Tim Lulofs
Bill & Ruth Meals
Jennifer Johnson
Gene & Barbara Peck
Rick & Lorri Reynolds
Edith Root
Leonard Root

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Gary & Theresa Shipe
Jane Shipe
Stephen Shipe
& Marta Pasztor
Mary Speltz
Greg Speltz
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

Tributes

Kelly Black's birthday
Joy Hammersla
Jennifer Byk
John Byk
My family
Jan Creason
Mike Potts
Catharine Fletcher
Kathy Todd
Harvey & Geri Nelson

Fragile

By Ann Sakaguchi

I have been completely wrapped up with a family emergency in the past few weeks. Relatives and friends have rallied to see us through this intense and trying time. In the midst of it, a wise friend reminded me "Life is fragile."

I'm guessing that this happens for many of you, too. When the need arises, you have a community of support that would carry you through the crisis. I am deeply grateful for those who are helping my family in these tough days.

But after almost 14 years, Nightwatch is never far from my mind. I wonder about our homeless friends and our senior tenants. Where does their support come from? What happens if/when they are in the boat we're now in? And, as my friend said, "Life is fragile."

For the 130 or so homeless people we serve every night, Nightwatch offers community, if only for a few hours a day. We provide a safe bed inside and a hot meal to help sustain life.

In the Nightwatch apartments, 24 formerly homeless seniors had nowhere else to live. Tonight, they sleep safely in their own rooms instead of out in the cold.

Our Street Ministers, by a simple word or just a pair of socks, encourage hope to people who live on the streets.

The work of Nightwatch would not happen without your financial support. Life is fragile. You are helping Nightwatch sustain life for many, many people.

Please don't forget us. Life is fragile. Help us keep others alive. ●



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:
liz@seattlenightwatch.org

Amazon Wish List:

<http://tinyurl.com/zjo64fd>

Amazon donates to Nightwatch when you shop through Amazon Smile!

Here's the link:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-0964027>

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