

Nightwatch News

June, 2018

Valley of dry bones

By Rev. Rick Reynolds



Since 2012, the number of unsheltered people in Seattle has doubled, and along with it, the number of deaths of homeless people has also doubled.

We've been talking, arguing, waving our arms about this topic for years, and much more intensely the past few months. The main argument seems to be about money: how to get it, how to spend it.

Meanwhile in April, 2018, the average one-bedroom apartment in Seattle costs \$1,987 per month.

I pondered these facts while helping move an "organized" homeless camp from one church property to another this weekend. Thirty residents, four big truck-loads. It rained later that night. I hope their tents were set up in time. The water and power will get turned on later this week.

The following day, I read from Ezekiel 37; a valley of dry bones comes to life. That's our community right now. Hopefulness comes, in the middle of despair and crisis. Hear our cry, O Lord.

God grant compassion and hopefulness to this community. Help us to get our neighbors inside and safe. ●

Don't sweat the small stuff

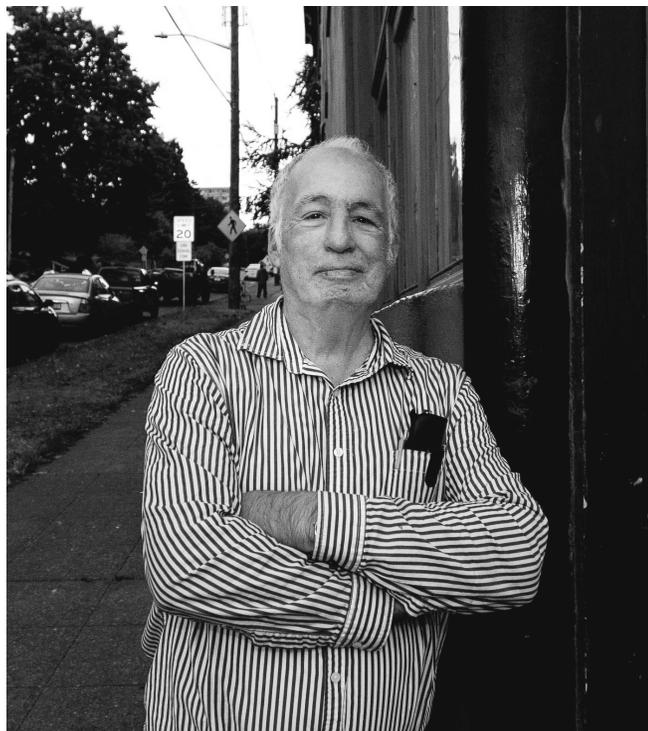
By Marlene Poland,
Housing Coordinator,
and staff

When I first started at Nightwatch, I would come to work thinking about all the things I needed to get done. But it would never happen. There would be seniors lined up to talk with me about various crises in their lives. Others needed to chat. Bonds of friendship have formed.

I have come to realize how precious life is. We've had two tenants pass away, and another sweet man is in a nursing facility. One of the guys we lost last year was a friend of my daddy here in Seattle. So I had to relive those sad times all over again.

After thinking about it, I realized that those "interruptions" of tenants needing to talk, aren't really interruptions. **Those moments are critical to the care we practice daily at Nightwatch.** And I realized that I have more to learn.

Your gift will save a life. Please help today! ●



NIGHTWATCH

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community in the
name of Christ**

Done with paper newsletters?

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Sign up at:
<http://eepurl.com/x5Epv>

Or email:
coleen@seattlenightwatch.org
(include your first & last name)

Volunteer Open House

Find your favorite
volunteer job!

Thursday, June 7, 2018

7:30–8:00 pm

RSVP or questions:
info@seattlenightwatch.org

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

Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Jeff Bohall
Leda and Nate Buller
Bill Branom
Mary Branom
Charley Bush
Ginny Larkins
Marie Davidson
Lola Davidson
Craig Davis
Bruce Davis
Robert Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Tony Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Dolly Gerber Elkins
George & Carolyn Rippee
Michael Fendrich
Marla Hoffman

Bud Forbes
Daisy Beach
Jean & Sherwin Flewelling
Jim & Fern Smith
Christopher Allen Grimm
Michael Jay Taylor
Mal Higgins
Linda Martin
Daniel Kriedt
Kelly Black & Louis Durand
Al & Maxine Lobb
John & Jody Fenlason
Norm & Melinda Lobb
Harley & Mercedes Lolley
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Gary & Theresa Shipe
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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
Leonard Woodgate
George & Carolyn Rippee
Mary Wooldridge
Holly Boone

Tributes

Mark McLaughlin
Anonymous
Mary Oaksmith Nichols
Cammy Hendrix
Bert Nordstrom
Don & Lenora Spears
Mike Potts
Catharine Fletcher
Lalania Reynolds' birthday
Jim & Frances Reynolds
Sono Sakaguchi
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We're growing

By Ann Sakaguchi

How does Nightwatch keep on going, in the face of growing homelessness, increasing needs and rising costs all around? The answer is: the people. That's you and others like you that support us with your prayers, with your financial donations and the gifts of your time.

Nightwatch is a frugal outfit; we take good stewardship very seriously. We try to spend money wisely and honor the trust you've shown us with your giving.

We count on hundreds of volunteers to help us carry out our work each month. Without them, we would simply not function. Volunteers are the backbone of the service we provide to the people we serve.

After much deliberation and careful evaluation, we've added a Volunteer Coordinator at Nightwatch. We want to enhance service to our homeless guests and senior apartment residents by providing dedicated support for our volunteers.

Please meet Tonette Winston. Tonette has been working in our Dispatch Center as a Night Supervisor for almost 3 years, so many volunteers already know her. In her new role as Volunteer Coordinator, she will be recruiting, scheduling, training and all around supporting the volunteers that come to Nightwatch.

Tonette has many years of experience working with homeless and poor people; she is passionate about helping those who are in need and she knows our guests well. She is a great "people person;" everyone who meets her comes away with a smile.

Thanks for your support that allows us to add to the team. Join us in welcoming Tonette. Hope you get to meet her soon.

For more information on volunteering at Nightwatch, visit our website:
www.seattlenightwatch.org/volunteer ●



Pictured: Tonette Winston

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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