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Dear Nightwatch friends,

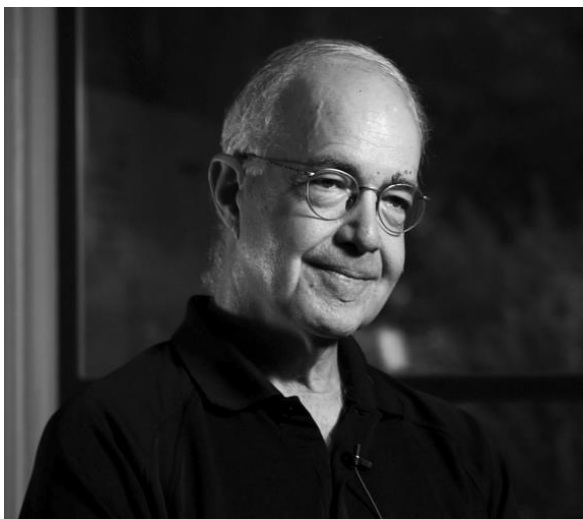
This quote just leapt off the page at me:

“Love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing. . . active love is labor and fortitude. . .”

(Fyodor Dostoyevsky, The Brothers Karamazov)

There is a temptation to glamorize the work of Nightwatch – caring for homeless people late at night, providing food and shelter, homes for seniors, and outreach to the street.

But in reality, our day-to-day care is not glamorous. It is tedious. It is hard work. There are elements of frustration. There are moments of caution and danger. It requires fortitude – by staff and volunteers alike. But there are also moments of sublime joy.



This joy is evident in Jim’s voice, as he speaks about his new life among us. He is one of our senior residents. After sleeping in his car for years, he was able to move into his own apartment at Operation Nightwatch. Here he has his own bed, a humbly furnished room. A home.

Here is what he said:

“I got to spend Christmas, with four walls and a door.” You can hear his voice catch as he says this. “What amazed me – I didn’t expect – was just the generosity and the caring that you run into constantly. . .”

To see more, watch our 3 minute video here: <https://www.seattlenightwatch.org/firstlight/>

I am thankful for the work of Nightwatch, for the staff, volunteers, and friends like you who contribute. ***Lord, let this harsh and dreadful active love continue.***

Can we count on you?

Rick Reynolds
Executive Director

Your 2019 donations must be received online by midnight, or postmarked, by December 31, 2019. Nightwatch can also receive retirement distributions or stock transfers. Contact us at 206-323-4359 for more information.

Our usual newsletter will continue next month.

Memorials

Bill Branom
 Mary Branom
Charley Bush
 Ginny Larkins
 Paul Rollins
Jose Caballero
 Thomas Tribble
Chris
 Norma Jean Hanson
Dorothy Clement
 Norm & Melinda Lobb
Marie Davidson
 Lola Davidson
Craig Davis
 Bruce Davis
Robert Domzalski
 Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Tony Domzalski
 Mark & Lisa Domzalski
 Pat Domzalski
Kim Forman
 Bill & Jody Lemke
Delbert "Del" French
 Georgia Kurtz
Tabitha Thomas Gadzuk
 Brian & Pat Hogan
Chris Graff
 Norma Jean Hanson
Mal & Effie Higgins
 Linda Martin
Mary Ellen Ingersoll
 Jim & Jan Sullivan
John and John
 Nancy Boutwell
Art Liddle
 Sheila Liddle
Al & Maxine Lobb
 John & Jody Fenlason
 Norm & Melinda Lobb
Dwight Matsuda
 Patti & Lance Matsuda
Alice McCracken
 Carol Ridenhour

Roman Miller
 Marlyn Hoffman
 Nancy Troxel
Rosemary Miller
 Aaron & Sue Feik
Daisy Neves
 The Neves Family
Ken Nishina
 Larry and Amy Sato
Bud Palmberg
 Michael & Chrisi Dotson
Mike Potts
 Catharine Fletcher
Norm Riggins
 Maureen Wells-Henderson
Fred & Katie Schwarzhans
 Marshall Fenstermaker
Katie Schwarzhans
 Carol Bragg
Dick Shipe
 Gary & Theresa Shipe
 Jane Shipe
LuElla Snow
 Lisa & Jim Lady
Mary Speltz
 Jack & Sheila Giesler
Sandy Tonseth
 George & Carolyn Rippee
Robert "Mugs" Tracy
 Eileen Anderson
Joffre Tremblay
 Aaron & Sue Feik
Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
 Tony Volchok & Cindy Monsen
Glenn & Shirley Weed
 Carolyn & Curtis Neitsch
Leonard Woodgate
 George & Carolyn Rippee
John Woods
 Les & Carol Nelson
Mary Wooldridge
 Holly Boone

Tributes

Carmen Catunao
 Adrienne Anderl
Frank & Ardyce Cranston
 Jim & Frances Reynolds
God's children
 Don Ricks
Queen Elizabeth
 Quentin Crocheron
Julie Lauderbaugh & Willm Martens-Habbena
 Joy Lauderbaugh
All Military Veterans
 Roy Harrington
Greg Speltz
 Robert Petersen
Trevor Zoppi
 Leah Krekel-Zoppi