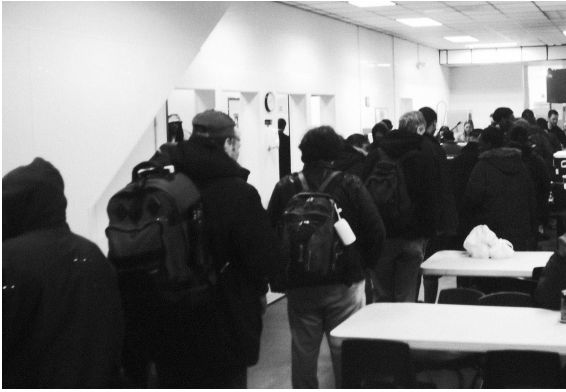


# Nightwatch News

March, 2020

## A toehold of goodness

By Rev. Rick Reynolds



We got a call about 8:30 on a Monday night.

Our shelter for 50 guys in the U District wouldn't be able to open. The drains were plugged. Without drains, there'd be no bathrooms. Without bathrooms, no shelter.

50 guys. They were going to show up at Nightwatch and then have no place to

sleep inside. And it was really cold outside. Mid 30s.

The workers and I started hauling blankets out of storage. We talked about temporary shelter options. We wrung our hands.

And then a second phone call came. It's now 8:50. "The drains are cleared, we are good to go!" May all our problems be fixed in such a timely fashion!

Nightwatch was described by a reporter as a "little toe-hold of goodness;" we keep people fed, sheltered, housed. **We keep hope alive.** It's a very thin line of safety for our homeless friends, and for the whole ministry.

Will you join hands with us in keeping the drains open, the lights on, the volunteers supplied? Let us not delay in doing good!

*Lord, bring blessing and encouragement in the night to us all. May each of us be a toe-hold of your goodness. Hear our cry on behalf of our neighbors outside. ●*

## The Jungle

By Marlene Poland and staff  
Housing Coordinator

The Jungle is a greenbelt on the margins of Beacon Hill in Seattle. It has been a home for homeless people a long time. The City cleared the homeless camps out of the Jungle in 1994, but people keep coming back. Where else can they go?

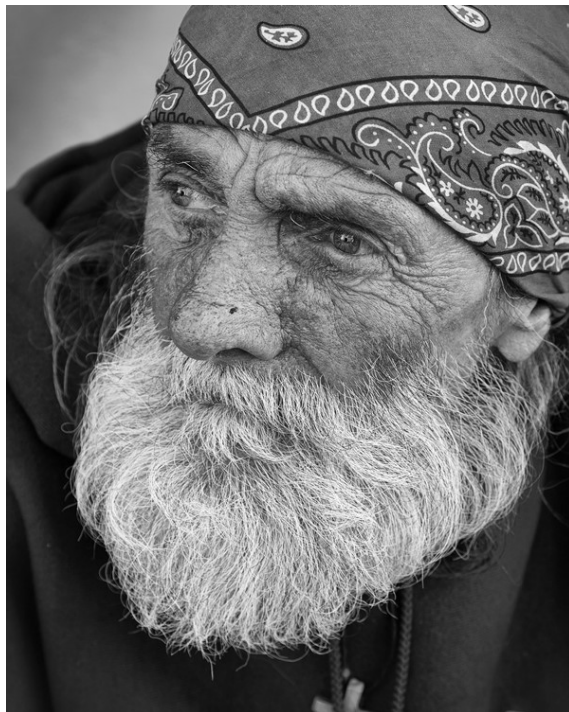
I can't imagine living there.

I was surprised to find out that our newest Nightwatch resident, age 69, moved out of the Jungle just a few months ago.

"Vee" sat in my office, going over the paperwork and hearing about our house rules. I told him "This is the best part of my job," and handed him a set of keys. He started to cry, which got me crying, and then we hugged it out.

Now he's connecting with his daughter, picking up a few things for the apartment, and settling in. Not what you would expect from someone who lived in the Jungle.

Don't let the news stories make you forget that we are talking about human beings, made in God's image. **Your gift meets the immediate needs of people living outside. ●**



# NIGHTWATCH

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

## Volunteer Open House

Come and see us!

**Thursday, March 5, 2020**

**7:30–8:00 pm**

RSVP or questions:  
volunteer@seattlenightwatch.org  
<http://tinyurl.com/ydaqfjsx>

# Memorials & Tributes

## Memorials

Do Balch  
Peter Balch  
Lyle & Shelley Staley  
Candi Tepke  
Bill Branom  
Mary Branom  
Claire Brooks  
Hilda Asher  
Bob Brooks  
Mike Davis  
Barbara Filar  
Ann & Scott Hamilton  
Jack Irby  
Richard Miller  
Barbara Sedlak  
Janet Varon  
Barb Wulff  
Dorothy Clement  
Norm & Melinda Lobb  
Craig Davis  
Bruce Davis  
Betty Dirkes  
Jack & Sheila Giesler  
Robert Domzalski  
Mark & Lisa Domzalski

Tony Domzalski  
Mark & Lisa Domzalski  
Pat Domzalski  
Tabitha Thomas Gadzuk  
Chari & Bill Apperson  
Chris Graff  
Norma Jean Hanson  
Pete Gudger  
Cheryl Gudger  
Mal & Effie Higgins  
Linda Martin  
Mary Ellen Ingersoll  
Jim & Jan Sullivan  
William "Lou" Lauderbaugh  
Joy Lauderbaugh  
Al & Maxine Lobb  
John & Jody Fenlason  
Norm & Melinda Lobb  
Sally Lower  
Mary Maslow  
Lyle & Shelley Staley  
Don Mayo  
Christopher Calderon &  
Chriselda Landon  
Daisy Neves  
The Neves Family

Mike Potts  
Catharine Fletcher  
Harold & Norma Rogers  
Mike Rogers  
Dick Shipe  
Gary & Theresa Shipe  
Stephen Shipe  
& Marta Pasztor  
Mary Speltz  
Greg Speltz  
Veryl Toms  
Randall & Linda Toms  
Robert "Mugs" Tracy  
Eileen Anderson  
Zollie & Sylvia Volchok  
Tony Volchok  
& Cindy Monsen  
Mary Wooldridge  
Holly Boone & Pat Braus  
Chris Wright  
Bob Porter

## Tributes

American Legion Volunteers  
George & Carolyn Rippee  
Ron Hobson  
Christina Malagon  
Man Lung Li  
Shutyee Yeung  
Massey Family  
Kirstin Ward  
Mary Oaksmith Nichols  
Cammy Hendrix  
Queen Elizabeth  
Quentin Crocheron  
Jane Shipe's birthday  
Christine Elson  
Gene Styer  
Patricia Styer

## Same. Different.

By Ann Sakaguchi,  
Deputy Director

We're all the same inside. People who are without homes. People who are poor. People who are wealthy. Me. You. We're all people. You've heard me say this before, right?

I believe this, deeply.

On the other hand, I've learned something else: people are all different.

I believe this deeply, too.

Now, you must think I'm crazy, and you are right. We each have our own bit of "crazy", but we're all different.

Same. Different. How can these beliefs live in harmony in one head and one heart? Herein lies the tension that we live with every day at Nightwatch.

Our homeless friends and our beloved senior tenants: Despite their circumstances, they are the same as you and me inside.

But if you listen to their stories, you will find that each person is unique, with differing ways of looking at life, with opinions and ideas that are their own.

Bobbi was an office worker. She got hurt. She ended up disabled, living in her car. Then she met Ben, came to Nightwatch "just to die." But she rediscovered hope, a reason for living. We are the same and we are different.

**At Nightwatch, when we meet people, we work hard to treat them as we would like to be treated, because we're the same inside.** Our challenge is to spend enough time to hear their stories. This is when we learn about our differences, so that we may better serve and love them. It's what we do.

*Lord, you created us all in your image, yet with great differences. Help us to love each other from the heart. ●*



## 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
- Gloves
- Beanie hats
- Bulk drink mix

For more information about these items please contact:  
[info@seattlenightwatch.org](mailto:info@seattlenightwatch.org)

## Amazon Wish List:

Ship donations to our door!  
<https://amzn.to/2NwV2JG>

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