

Nightwatch News

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Rick Van Winkle

By Rick Reynolds, Executive Director



After 10 weeks with The Virus, I am back. I feel like Rip Van Winkle, complete with a pony tail.

Rip woke up after 20 years and found that the 13 colonies were now a country.

I came back and found out that the shelters had to spread out, and reduce the numbers. We don't have enough space to get our homeless guys inside at night. Imagine being homeless in a pandemic.

We're working to find shelter locations for 10 guys with one worker. And we might need several of these, with space enough to safely spread out. If

you have a location, let us know.

Meanwhile, we are moving ahead with new windows for the Nightwatch building, to complete the work started two years ago.

There is a lot going on. Trying to ease into this job is a challenge. It's like taking a sip from a fire hose. But I'm getting stronger daily. I have never experienced such loving support from so many people during my whole ordeal. And now I feel giddy.

Thank you, volunteers, for hanging in there. Thank you, donors, for keeping things going with generous gifts. Thank you, staff and board, for covering for me. And thank you to our Nightwatch senior tenants who literally shed tears of joy to see me on my return to work. What a gift you all are!

Lord, thank you for being with us in our time of adversity. Grant us wisdom for the days ahead, and give us the strength we need day-to-day, to do your will. ●

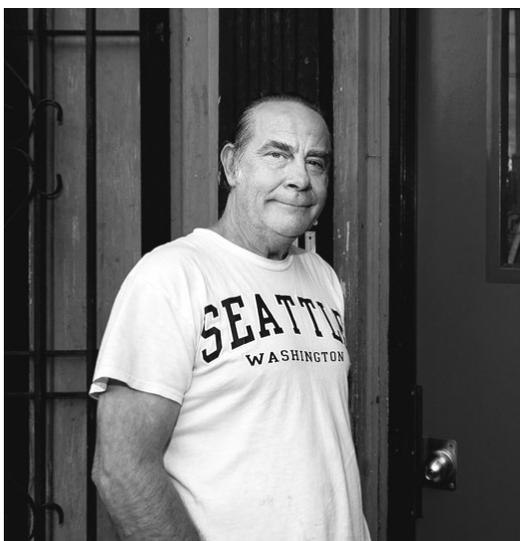
Our crisis

By Marlene Poland,
Housing Coordinator, and staff

The entire 3rd floor of Nightwatch senior housing was "hot." COVID-19 touched every resident on the top floor. Some tenants were sent away to quarantine by public health workers. It felt like a kidnapping. Two tenants died in April, and we are still mourning for them. But what about the many others who recovered? How do they feel now?

They are grateful. And more thoughtful than usual. Rourke returned to the building and told me "God is not required to give me another day." This is true for all of us. The Nightwatch senior tenants are glad to be in their own units, but also very glad to have people around them who care for them. I call them every day to make sure they're safe and doing well. Together, we will all get through this.

Every day is a gift. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Please help spread the word about Operation Nightwatch. ●



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Serving the night
community in the
name of Christ

The pandemic is
hitting our homeless
community really hard.
Please give.



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Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Bill Branom
Mary Branom
Richard Brenneman
Ruth Brenneman
Charley Bush
Anonymous
Ginny Larkins
Gail & Jay Winberg
Dorothy Clement
Norm & Melinda Lobb
Robert Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Tony Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Marie Erickson
Judy Hurley
Chris Graff
Norma Jean Hanson
Patty Forbes Gross
John & Jody Fenlason
Andrea Schlanger
Mal & Effie Higgins
Linda Martin

Jon Ihde
LaVonna Ihde
Mary Ellen Ingersoll
Jim & Jan Sullivan
Al & Maxine Lobb
John & Jody Fenlason
Norm & Melinda Lobb
Roman Miller
Jon & Nancy Troxel
Tom Murray Jr.
Maria & Greg VanHorn
Daisy Neves
The Neves Family
Mike Potts
Catharine Fletcher
Dick Shipe
Gary & Theresa Shipe
Stephen Shipe
& Marta Pasztor
Mary Speltz
Maureen Little
Robb Petersen
Greg Speltz

Rob Staley
Lyle & Shelley Staley
Robert "Mugs" Tracy
Eileen Anderson
Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Tony Volchok
& Cindy Monsen
Shirley & Glenn Weed
Carolyn & Curtis Neitsch
Jim & Cynthia Weaver
Leo Werlech
Ray & Jackie Marsh
Cyndi Woodgate
George & Carolyn Rippee
Mary Wooldridge
Holly Boone & Pat Braus
Tanafriti Geri Wright
Jean Darsie

Tributes

July Birthdays
Larry & Amy Sato
Frank Lawler
Dana Armstrong
Nightwatch staff & volunteers
Gloria Geisendorfer
Maria Spottswood
Fran & Frank Abbott

Thank you to all who gave in my honor during my illness.

- Pastor Rick

Shopping List

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

- Bottled water (8 oz. - 16 oz.)
- Juice (single-sized)
- Protein bars
- Chewy granola bars
- Cereal bars
- Fruit snacks
- Fruit cups
- Trail/nut mix (individual pack)
- Cheese-n-cracker snacks (individually wrapped)
- Beef jerky sticks
- Wrapped candy
- Cookies and pastries (individually bagged)
- Whole individual fruit (apples, oranges, bananas)
- Large jars of jelly and jam

For more information about these items please contact:
info@seattlenightwatch.org

Amazon Wish List:

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

Have you met Haley?

By Ann Sakaguchi,
Deputy Director

We say it a lot. Nightwatch could not go on without volunteers. That's not to say we don't need supporters who give donations to us. We need both: financial support and support in the form of people-power.

We met Haley Birdoes when she volunteered here as a senior at the UW. We knew right away that she was a "keeper." She got along well with everyone, especially our homeless guests. She wasn't afraid to jump into whatever we asked her to do. She's smart; she's personable, she's a hard worker, she is passionate about helping people.

When our Volunteer Coordinator position became open, Haley was a great fit for the job.

In pre-pandemic days, over 300 volunteers came through our doors each month. This would be a big job for a Volunteer Coordinator; many, many conversations, scheduling details, orientations, training, for all the various volunteer opportunities in all of our programs. Haley has embraced every challenge put before her and smoothly kept our volunteers engaged.

We all know that life now is different. It is for Haley too. As Volunteer Coordinator, she first had to adapt to Phase 1 norms (few volunteers). Now, in Phase 2 we have more volunteers with us but working differently; her hands have been full.

She is very much a behind the scenes worker; the kind of person who quietly holds us together. You should meet her. And we do have safe opportunities for volunteers in the age of COVID-19. For information call our office, or email Haley@seattlenightwatch.org.

Thank you volunteers, and those who give. You get homeless people inside and fed! ●



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