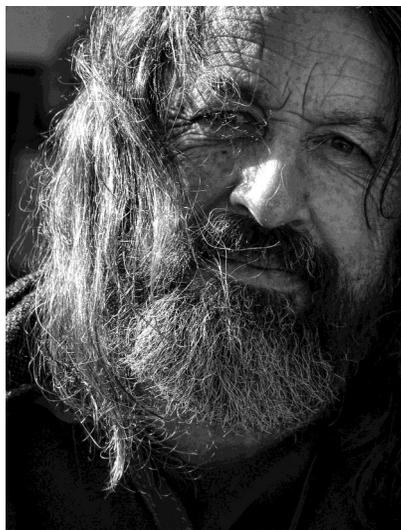


# Nightwatch News

March, 2021

## Just a van

By Rev. Rick Reynolds, Executive Director



The Nightwatch van died. It wasn't the first or the only Nightwatch van to die. This one was given to us by King County Metro. It carried its last homeless guy to shelter a few weeks ago, and finally a tow-truck came and hauled it away.

I was thinking about all the goodness that van made possible. It was used to pick up food from Northwest Harvest and Food Lifeline. Every night it hauled homeless people to shelter. We were able to share blankets with our friends at the women's shelter. I remember a fishing boat that donated a bunch of mattresses that were the wrong size for their purposes, but perfect for us.

I'm pretty sure that we took our seniors out for a fishing trip to Greenlake in that van, or one like it. And of course, we delivered socks and pizzas to homeless people surviving outside on a regular basis.

A giant outpouring of white steam announced its demise. Our worker parked the van about a block from the shelter, on a residential street. And there it sat.

After a few weeks, a tow-truck driver showed up. "Nightwatch, eh? What's that about?" he asked.

"We help homeless people. Food, shelter, housing, street ministry."

This got the approval of the driver. "I was homeless once. Now I have my own business." He went on to tell his story of homelessness, survival and recovery.

It was a beautiful moment. Even in death, the van was helping someone. Farewell, friend!

*Lord, we are grateful for the tools you have given us to bless the community; grant us wisdom in all the gifts you have given. ●*

## How do you spell relief?

By Marlene Poland,  
Housing Coordinator, and staff

How do you spell relief? N-I-G-H-T-W-A-T-C-H.  
It is what we do.

There's the relief of the hungry person, who gets a meal for the night. The relief of the person able to sleep inside on a cold night. The relief of the senior tenant who is getting their COVID vaccine.

Here's what one of our formerly-homeless tenants told me. "I came to Nightwatch, and now I have a roof over my head, food in my stomach, and people that love me."

That is relief. It is what we do. We bring relief. And we can't do it without your help. Please help us get the word out. How do you spell relief? NIGHTWATCH!

Thank you for caring. ●



# NIGHTWATCH

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

# Memorials & Tributes

## Memorials

Francoise Arbuckle  
Bob Porter  
Bill Branom  
Mary Branom  
Chuck Beavers  
Marge Beavers  
Charley Bush  
Tony & Marcia Banks  
Marie Davidson  
Lola Davidson  
Craig Davis  
Bruce Davis  
Robert Domzalski  
Mark & Lisa Domzalski  
Tony Domzalski  
Mark & Lisa Domzalski  
Pat Domzalski  
Dick Erickson  
Paulette Kidder  
Keith & Kay Forbes  
George & Carolyn Rippee  
Kim Forman  
Jerry Shigaki  
Chris Graff  
Norma Jean Hanson  
Ruby Henry  
Kathy Higbee  
Effie & Mal Higgins  
Linda Martin  
Kimi Hirata  
Chris & Steve Murphy

MaryEllen Ingersoll  
Jim & Jan Sullivan  
Mary James Noonan  
Bob Porter  
Ricky Johnson  
Ariana Burr  
Dean & Hattie Kimble  
Katherine Smith  
Art Kitzman  
Chuck & Sylvia Zittel  
Al & Maxine Lobb  
John & Jody Fenlason  
Norm & Melinda Lobb  
Daisy Neves  
The Neves Family  
Mary James Noonan  
Bob Porter  
Bud Palmberg  
Chrisi & Michael Dotson  
Elden Pemberton  
Paul Pemberton  
Mike Potts  
Catharine Fletcher  
Dick Shipe  
Jane Shipe  
Greg Speltz  
Lynn Vollert  
Greg & Mary Speltz  
Robb Petersen  
Lyle Staley  
John Weems

Jon Stanton Schold  
Anthony Chang  
Brian Stuhrman  
Maria & Greg Van Horn  
Clio Thomas  
Chari & Bill Apperson  
Jean & Sherwin Flewelling  
Henry Jordan  
Jim & Jan Sullivan  
Veryl Toms  
Randall & Linda Toms  
Robert "Mugs" Tracy  
Eileen Anderson  
Zollie & Sylvia Volchok  
Tony Volchok  
& Cindy Monsen  
Austin Warriner  
Rhoda Peel  
Glenn & Shirley Weed  
Curtis & Carolyn Neitsch  
George & Carolyn Rippee  
Cynthia & Jim Weaver  
Gary White  
Eugene White  
Leonard Woodgate  
George & Carolyn Rippee  
Mary Wooldridge  
Holly Boone & Pat Braus

## Tributes

Patricia Broulette  
Akane Yamaguchi  
Ross Cusic  
Meredith Cusic  
Man Lung Li  
Shutyee Yeung  
Phillip Lorente  
Buffalo Mazzetti  
Abbey & Mark McMahon  
Jennifer Grant  
Olivia Nelson  
Harvey & Geri Nelson  
Steve Peck  
Elaine Johnson  
Denny Shaw  
Carol Sue Janes  
Shelley Staley  
John Weems

## Community gumbo

**By Ann Sakaguchi,  
Deputy Director**

Marlene, our Housing Coordinator, prepares meals three times a week for our senior apartment residents. She's figured out what they like to eat and does what she can to keep everyone well fed. She is a skilled, excellent cook.

With COVID restrictions, meal times are no longer family-style communal gatherings in the kitchen. Now, Marlene cooks, packages up the food, and the tenants take a tray to their rooms to eat. Yes, there is food to eat, but the fellowship has gone missing.

Roy is one of our senior tenants. He's kind and sweet and mostly keeps to himself; doesn't ask for much. Last week, he appeared at Marlene's office door (he can't go inside because of COVID restrictions again) with a bunch of stuff in his hands.

"Marlene, could you please help me cook this?" he asked. Roy had watched a cooking show and wanted to make gumbo. He had written down all the ingredients, and with his meager income, had purchased everything to make it. It sounded good to him. And he wanted to share it with his neighbors.

Marlene put him to work, cutting up the sausage and de-boning the chicken. She did her thing with the rest. It was really good!

Roy was pleased with this cooking project. Marlene was happy to help him with it. But the best part was telling everyone "This gumbo is from Roy. He made it." Thanks and smiles were abundant.

Some gumbo brought back a little community last week. A bit of badly needed joy. ●



## Shopping List

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

- Bottled water (16 oz.)
- Juice (single-sized)
- Protein bars
- Chewy granola bars
- Cereal bars
- Fruit snacks
- Fruit cups
- Trail/nut mix (individual pack)
- Beef jerky sticks
- Wrapped candy
- Cookies and pastries (individually bagged)
- Whole individual fruit (apples, oranges, bananas)
- Gloves
- Handwarmers
- Warm hats—beanie style

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

## Amazon Wish List:

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

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