

Nightwatch News

September, 2022

What's best for Ken?

By Deacon Frank DiGirolamo, Executive Director



"Ken" and I are visiting outside of our building. We remember each other, if only vaguely, from a brief meeting 10 years ago. He was living on the streets back then. Today, he's one of our newest residents. **He's a gentle soul, and talks about how Operation Nightwatch has given him the first sense of peace he has had in decades.**

Our staff spends lots of time thinking about Ken, and how we can serve others in his situation. This makes us think about growth, and new ways of doing things. We're always looking to bring peace and stability to more folks.

We're exploring an exciting opportunity right now, with the help of our Board of Directors. Neighboring landowners have approached us to gauge our desire in acquiring their property. The possibility is for us to own 5 contiguous lots. A rarity in Seattle. It could be a great benefit for future development. We have expressed interest and have started to reach out to potential development partners and service agencies.

Our mission is to reduce the impact of homelessness in keeping with Jesus' teaching to love our neighbors. We do that through food, shelter, housing and hope, 365 days a year. Each year, that need is growing.

We invite you to imagine the future with us, for Ken and others like him. ●

A place to call home

By Marlene Poland,
Housing Coordinator

What would it be like to have worked all your life, retire, and then become homeless?

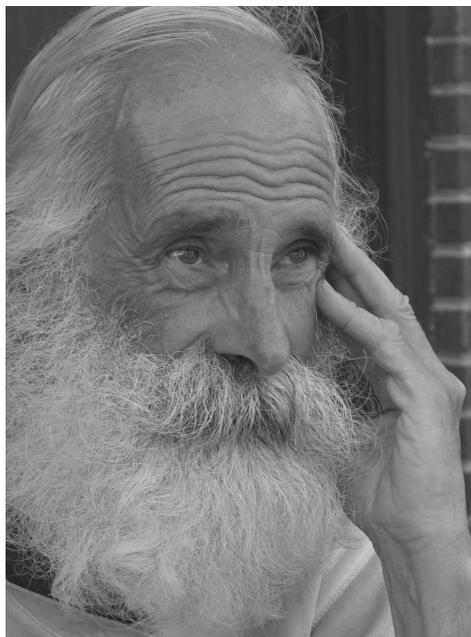
It's common to imagine retirement as a peaceful time, but a growing number of seniors are experiencing homelessness. The rate is projected to triple within the decade.* Locally, our seniors tell us that folks walk by them on the street, and don't seem to give them a second thought.

Here at Nightwatch, our senior residents are our first thought every day. Those who live here have held many roles in their lives: accountants, journalists, and even a carnival worker! We give them the basics: friendship, community, a roof over their head. **Here, they find hope.** We love them till they learn to love themselves again.

Just recently, we welcomed "Danny." In his words, "the streets were not kind." Now, he overflows with gratitude and appreciation for his accommodations. It is a privilege to be the happy messenger of Nightwatch's good news for him.

It takes people like you - our donors, volunteers, and supporters - to accomplish all we do here for our seniors. Together, we offer them a place where the words "senior" and "homeless" are separated. **A place they can call home.** ●

*"Emerging Crisis of Aged Homelessness," University of Pennsylvania, 2019



Serving the night
community in the
name of Christ

**Nightwatch Works
For a moment,
a meal,
and more**

The headline is true,
but we jumped
the gun!
There will be no live
event this year as we
previously announced.
Instead, we will
conduct a
special campaign
in November.

Stay tuned for
more details to come!

Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Bill Branom	Al & Maxine Lobb	Stan Steenrod
Mary Branom	John & Jody Fenlason	Georgia Kurtz
Charley Bush	Elmer Molzahn	Clio Thomas
Ginny Larkins	Sherianne Caldwell	Henry Jordan
Paul Rollins	Bud Palmberg	Fred Thomas
Dorothy Chee	Anonymous	Jeanne Wiganosky
Steve & Chris Murphy	Chrisi & Michael Dotson	Veryl Toms
Craig Davis	Jo Pine	Randall & Linda Toms
Bruce Davis	Paul Pemberton	Susan Van Pelt
Patricia Dennis	Robert & Nellie Porter	Judi Selset
Robert & Roberta Brown	Bob Porter	Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Robert Domzalski	Mike Potts	Tony Volchok
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Catharine Fletcher	& Cindy Monsen
Pat Domzalski	Nikki Powers	Glenn & Shirley Weed
Tony Domzalski	Judi Selset	Carolyn Neitsch
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Jim Reynolds	Cynthia & Jim Weaver
Pat Domzalski	Judi Selset	Don Werlech
Marie Erickson	Dick Shipe	Theresa Werlech
Judy Hurley	Gary & Theresa Shipe	Gary White
Chris Graff	Jane Shipe	Lisa Connolley
Norma Jean Hanson	Stephen Shipe	Eugene White
Dean & Hattie Kimble	& Marta Pasztor	Mary Wooldridge
Kathy Greiner	Greg & Mary Speltz	Holly Boone & Pat Braus
Ron Kimble	Lynn Vollert	
Carl & Heather Craven		

Tributes

Patricia Broulette
Akane Yamaguchi
Man Lung Li
Shutyee Yeung
Rick Reynolds
Anonymous
LaVonne & David DuBois
Beth & Skip Forbes
Dick & Carol Grieves
Doug Hart & Carole Powell
Linda & Mike Martin
Ann Sakaguchi
Susan Hori
Karol Stevens' birthday
Joy Lauderbaugh
Denny Shaw
Carol Sue Janes

Healing starts with kindness

By Rev. Michael Cox, Street Minister

I have known "Hailey" for three years. Once a week, we stop by her tent with socks, snacks, water, and cheeseburgers. She is friendly, intensely private, and doesn't say much.

Ever since her boyfriend was arrested, Hailey has been depressed and anxious. "When will he get out? What will happen to us? What will happen to me?" Last month her friend who sleeps in a tent nearby was murdered. **To be homeless is to be surrounded by fear, violence, and trauma twenty-four hours a day.**

Hailey sobs as she shares how mean people are to her and her homeless friends. "There is a guy that comes around with his kids and throws fish heads at us. We are out here because we're hurting not because we want to be. People assume I am a criminal because I am homeless." We hug and pray.

I tell Hailey that Jesus broke the law with love and kindness. That God chooses people over rules and requirements. Hailey continues to cry as we pray for the restoration of dignity and humanity. For peace to overcome the chaos of being abused and being blamed for it. **Healing starts with kindness.**

"God's Spirit makes us loving, happy, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, and self-controlled. There is no law against behaving in any of these ways."

- Galatians 5:22-23 ●



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.)
- Protein & chewy granola bars
- Cookies and pastries
- Apples, oranges, bananas
- Shampoo (travel size)
- Conditioner (travel size)
- First aid cream (individual pks)
- Razors
- Lotion
- Deodorant
- Sewing kits (travel size)
- New white t-shirts (men's)

More info, or to schedule a drop-off: info@seattlenightwatch.org

Amazon Wish List:

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

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