

Nightwatch News

September, 2024

A new women's shelter

By Deacon Frank DiGirolamo, Executive Director



We will soon be expanding our new emergency shelter for women. It will move to a larger facility in a loving and engaged church community, and we'll build out more amenities. We will offer services like case management and free medical care. **The goal? Help folks stabilize, heal and then consider their next steps.**

The effort started on a frigid night last February. "Angela" had walked across town to find us, looking for shelter. "There's nothing out there." Her words awakened us, and our board of directors took action, releasing some reserve funds to start a part-time

shelter. A local church offered space. Additional support soon came from a local foundation. Now we're at full capacity, open five nights per week. "Callie" speaks for many, telling us, **"Nightwatch is the cleanest, friendliest shelter we've stayed at!"** She is happy to learn that we plan to increase to seven nights this fall.

We're calling the new shelter "Donna Jean's Place," named in honor of the widow of our founding street minister, Rev. Bud Palmberg. Recently, we had a meeting with others helping us make this a reality. Donna Jean was there herself! She blessed the effort with her endorsement. Wishing God's peace to all who enter.

Interested in supporting? **Donations and prayers are welcome.** Questions? Please contact us at info@seattlenightwatch.org. ●

The brain

By Rev. Rick Reynolds,
Street Minister

I am not a brain scientist. But I have observed many brains in the 40 years I've met people on our streets.

My friend "Mark" was in and out of Western State Hospital his entire adult life. I may have been his only friend outside. **He was erratic, terrifying at times, crying one moment, unbridled joy the next.** He was absolutely unable to care for himself. Yet he could recite baseball statistics like nobody else.

"Marvin" stands outside a branch library, fully believing that he is responsible for guarding it.

"Clinton" had a persistent delusion he was being choked by the father of French actress Audrey Tautou. No amount of persuasion could convince him this was not so.

"John" introduced himself to me as the Messiah nearly 20 years ago. Now he's convinced he has secret service protection.

All these relationships require patience, tolerance, and respect. This is not easy. May God grant each one of us the wisdom and strength to love difficult people. ●



NIGHTWATCH

Lighting the Path

Fundraising Dinner

Please join us!
Thursday, October 17
6:30-7:30 pm
Doors open at 5:30
for coffee & conversation
seattlenightwatch.org/lighting



Volunteer Orientation

Friday, September 13
5:30 pm

Come on in, take a look around, and hear about all of our volunteer opportunities. Then stick around and serve dinner with us!

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Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Bill Branom
Mary Branom
Monica Brown
Robert & Roberta Brown
Charley Bush
Ginny Larkins
Dean Christianson
Dean & Susan Christianson
Roy Corson
John & Ivy Conklin
Marilyn Covey
Brad Covey & Family
Craig Davis
Bruce Davis
Robert Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Tony Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Bud & Trudy Forbes
Chari & Bill Apperson
Keith & Kay Forbes
Linda & Mike Martin
Chris Graff
Norma Jean Hanson
Mary Ellen Ingersoll
Jim & Jan Sullivan
Dean & Hattie Kimble
Kathy & Jared Greiner

Ron Kimble
Carl & Heather Craven
L.
Ann Parker
Al & Maxine Lobb
John & Jody Fenlason
Harley & Mercedes Lolley
Vernon & Marilyn Lolley
Douglas McCullough
Joy Lauderbaugh
Mark McNeil
Robb Petersen
Ann Melander
David Melander
Albert & Velma Miller
Vern & Marilyn Lolley
Elmer Molzahn
Sherianne Caldwell
Bud Palmberg
Anonymous
John Pauley
Karen & Jim Pauley
Robert & Nellie Porter
Bob Porter
Mike Potts
Catharine Fletcher
Jenny Scandariato
Anthony Chang

Dick Shipe
Gary & Theresa Shipe
Stephen Shipe
& Marta Pasztor
Mary & Greg Speltz
Martha Cohen Roe
Tim Staley
Shelley Staley
John Swanson
Rick & Lorri Reynolds
Clio Thomas
Chari & Bill Apperson
Glenn & Shirley Weed
Cynthia & Jim Weaver
Gary White
Lisa Connolley
Eugene White
Mary Wooldridge
Holly Boone & Pat Braus

Tributes

Patricia Broulette
Akane Yamaguchi
David Kiehle
Harvey & Geri Nelson
Man Lung Li
Jessica Yeung
Philip Lorente
Buffalo Mazzetti
Denny Shaw
Carol Sue Janes
Warm Beach Senior Community
Aaron & Sue Feik

Introspection

**By Tonette Winston,
Director of Housing & Shelter Services**

So much happens so quickly in this world that you begin to accept you are not the master of your destiny.

Our clients, and all people living without homes, must deal with constant change and many have accepted they are truly not in charge of their own fate. **As staff, we try daily to reinforce that hope is not lost and convince our guests to embrace the possibilities.** Yet, I often feel self-doubt seeping into my own thoughts.

It was in this frame of mind that I attended a meeting yesterday. To my delight, the space was full of hope and like-minded people, looking to make a difference. I left feeling affirmed in my life's work, remembering that we are teaching and supporting, and putting others before ourselves. **I was reminded to focus on gratitude, instead of focusing on what is missing.** Of course, there are days when I walk away wishing that I could have done more. Still, the truth is when one client thanks me for walking through their journey with them, I feel I have done what I set out to do.

Thank you for the many ways you support Operation Nightwatch. **The work we do every day could not happen without your generous hearts. ●**



Shopping List

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

- Cookies and pastries
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Lotion
- Soap & body wash
- Deodorant
- Men's new athletic socks
- Wash cloths & towels
- Twin sheet sets, new or clean
- Twin blankets, new or clean

For more information, or to schedule a donation drop-off: info@seattlenightwatch.org

Amazon Wish List:

Ship donations to our door!
<https://bit.ly/ONWlist>



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