

Nightwatch News

November, 2024

A great day, together

By Deacon Frank DiGirolamo, Executive Director



Our friend, "Brianna," described her day as she approached the dinner. With a smile on her face, she said "My day has been just great!"

I asked her to tell me about it, and for the next 10 minutes or so, she told me tale after tale about so much suffering. Her friends, her sisters, herself. After a little while, I just had to ask about the apparent contradiction...

When I acknowledged her stories, and expressed my surprise that she had called the day "great," she paused, pondered and said, "I guess it was that we were all together. There's nothing worse than being alone in your suffering." She still called the day

great, and she gave us all much to reflect on.

Amen. We were not made to be alone. Nightwatch is a gathering place, a community. Whether on the streets, at our Dispatch Center for a hot meal, in one of our shelters or in our senior housing. Lots of opportunities to be together and to ease our suffering. Community is the antidote to loneliness.

Your support keeps our community strong, please consider giving today.

May your day be great. ●



NIGHTWATCH

Serving the night
community in the
name of Christ

Missing

By Rev. Rick Reynolds,
Street Minister,
Executive Director Emeritus

"Can you find my daughter? She's living in a park on Capitol Hill, and I'm worried about her."

I knew the place, and reluctantly drove past the small neighborhood park without any luck. **Finding someone in a big city is usually impossible, but desperate families are missing their loved ones.** They will call around to shelters who are prohibited from telling them anything, for safety reasons. It can get frustrating for everyone.

Sometimes the homeless person doesn't want to be found. "Cliff" was left a substantial amount of money by a parent, and the executor of the estate wanted him to have it. Our street team passed the information along, but Cliff wasn't interested.

"Doug" wanted us to let his sister know he was in the hospital with terminal cancer. But he didn't know her last name or where she lived.

So many people have lost a family member to the street. **May God grant wisdom and strength to the missing ones and their families.** ●



SOCK IT TO HOMELESSNESS

Sock Drive Open House

Sunday, November 24
12:30–2:00 pm

Collect new, men's athletic
socks and bring them in.

Hope to see you there!

More details:

seattlenightwatch.org/sock-it



Volunteer Orientation

**Friday, November 8
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!

RSVP:

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Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Alexx
Ben & Flo Curtis
All our lost neighbors on the street
Hannah Mae Cox
Bill Branom
Mary Branom
Charley Bush
Betsy Darrah
Ginny Larkins
Gail & Jay Winberg
Butch
Barbara Muller
Joan Celix
Robert & Roberta Brown
Mary Ann Cravotta
Brian & Margaret Freese
Craig Davis
Bruce Davis
Robert Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Tony Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Thomas Donahue
June Donahue
Joyce Freese
Brian & Margaret Freese
Steve Gaucher
Matthew Gregory
Chris Graff
Norma Jean Hanson

Billy Charles Hamill
Peter Johnson
Mal & Effie Higgins
Linda & Mike Martin
Steven James Hogan
June Donahue
David Hosgkinson
Molly Bosch
Ronald Janiszewski
Mary & Michael Brooks
Dean & Hattie Kimble
Kathy & Jared Greiner
Ron Kimble
Carl & Heather Craven
Ed King
Debbie Lawrence
Al & Maxine Lobb
John & Jody Fenlason
Harley & Mercedes Lolley
Vern & Marilyn Lolley
Davonne Loup
Carl Westphal
Ann Melander
David Melander
Elmer Molzahn
Sherianne Caldwell
Emma Murray
Maria & Greg Van Horn
Bud Palmberg
Gregory Andonian
Anonymous
Linda & Mike Martin
Glen & Doris Schultz

Richard Pantley
Dana & Monica Pantley
Steve Penny
Theresa Werlech
Robert & Nellie Porter
Bob Porter
Mike Potts
Catharine Fletcher
Joe Read
Anonymous
Dick Shipe
Gary & Theresa Shipe
John Snypp
Dian Snypp
Hareng Dam Sok
Molly Bosch
Tekle
Ben & Flo Curtis
Took
Stefano Gaudiano
& Kathleen Koeneman
Marilyn Ward
Mike & Sandy Birdsall
John & Jody Fenlason
Matthew Gregory
Charon Washington
Elizabeth Gordon
Gary White
Lisa Connolley
Eugene White
Mary Wooldridge
Holly Boone & Pat Braus

Tributes

Molly Bosch
Bridget Bosch
Aerial Kent
Jim Broulette
Allen Hendren
Tracey Chi
Stephanie & Asher Chiu
Leslie Claret
Ian & Lauren Ebright
Elri de Koker
Dawie de Koker
Erby Dontwranu-Havtu
James Yorkston
Mary Jo Eck
Harvey & Geri Nelson
Dave Elliott
Allen Hendren
Nathan Hautala
Robert & Toni Hautala
Vicky Jacoby
Marika Vandersmith
Dave Jennings
Allen Hendren
Jack Morris
Carol Donahue
Bob Powell's birthday
Joy Lauderbaugh
Ann Sakaguchi
Julianne Kumasaka
Paul & Tina Miller
Dave Seidel
Allen Hendren
Denny Shaw
Carol Sue Janes
WBSC
Aaron & Sue Feik

Hungry

By Tonette Winston, Director of Housing & Shelter Services

Today, our clientele face new hardships. Food insecurity is heavy on their minds, whether they are housed, in shelter, or sleeping in makeshift accommodations outside.

One of our guests, "Dan," recently shared with me that although he is now housed, he cannot afford food, and the food banks are running low on options. **"I can't pay rent and buy enough food to make my meals each day.** Some mealtimes, I go without food." He relies on Nightwatch, knowing at least once a day he can have a nutritious hot meal and have access to personal hygiene items - like soap, deodorant and socks - that he otherwise cannot afford.

Many of us are adjusting to the economic shift and the price of food items, but we can still walk into the store and get what we need. Take a moment to think about what would happen if you couldn't afford these basic necessities. What would you do?

We don't have all of the answers, but **your support allows us to provide food and basic hygiene needs for our neighbors.** You make it possible for Nightwatch to do our part, supporting a community that's struggling. ●



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Event Sponsors: Encounter Church, Epiphany Parish, Richard Ferry, Lucky Seven Foundation, and M. Jean Fisher Fund

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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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