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Funds Distribution Report

Recipient Organization:

Operation Nightwatch

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Organization's General Goals:

Operation Nightwatch reduces the impact of poverty and homelessness, in keeping with Jesus' teaching to love our neighbors.

Date of Award:

2018 Q2

Level:

\$2,501 to \$5,000

Specific Use for This Award:

This award was used for administrative and program expenses. For more information, please read the attached report from Operation Nightwatch.

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SUPPORT
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November 14, 2018

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Dear Marilyn and Tulalip Tribes,

Thank you again for your generous support of Operation Nightwatch and our work with homeless people in Seattle.

In early September we received [REDACTED] for Shelter and Support Services. We have put this to work, and thought we would share some of the outcomes with you.

The Tulalip Tribes funds were applied to our shelter costs in the week of Sunday, October 14, through Friday, October 19, 2018.

During these nights, we fed 754 homeless people. Our meal program is staffed entirely by volunteers from the community. They either use food that has been donated to us, or they purchase and donate the food they would like to serve. Nightwatch practices food safety and requires Food Handler Permits by someone on each food team every night.

The homeless adults who eat with us are either returnees from the previous night, or have been sent to us by social workers, police department, Harborview Hospital, detox, or one of two different shelter programs. The sad state of homelessness in Seattle requires that we restrict access to our program in this way, otherwise we become overwhelmed with the needs and our Center becomes unsafe.



Over the course of those six nights, Nightwatch assisted 198 different individuals to get sheltered. This includes 165 men and 33 women. The men were primarily dispatched to shelters funded by Operation

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Nightwatch donors like yourselves. These are overnight accommodations, with bunkbeds, mattresses and blankets, access to bathrooms and in some cases, showers.

The value of shelter has been well documented by public entities. The local Committee to End Homelessness in King County, rebranded as All Home, called shelter a pathway to housing, essential for keeping homeless people engaged with services, and a critical component of a civil community. We agree, and would add one more: "Without shelter, people die." A local group called "Women in Black" has been standing vigil for those who have lost their lives on the streets of Seattle. Just this week, they reported that there have been 107 who have died already in 2018, more than all of last year. And there are many cold, wet nights to come, as we head into winter.

The annual overnight count of homeless folks in Seattle/King County found 12,112 people without a home in one night in January, 2018. Of these, 6,320 people were without even basic shelter – sleeping in vehicles, tents, parks and alleys. These are our neighbors, our brothers and sisters. We should be shocked and ashamed about this sad situation. Thank you for helping to bring relief to some of these, through your support.

In 2017, Operation Nightwatch served 2,083 different individuals through the year for food and shelter. This is in addition to the seniors living in our Senior Housing Program, and homeless people contacted through our Street Ministry.

Thank you for your care for the wider community and for including Operation Nightwatch in your circle of friends throughout the region.

Blessings on all you do. May you be filled with joy and peace.

Sincerely,



Rev. Rick Reynolds
Executive Director

God Bless - and
come visit sometime
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