



Funds Distribution Report

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Operation Nightwatch

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Organization's General Goals:
Operation Nightwatch is dedicated to loving neighbors who are poor and homeless by providing food, shelter, and support to reduce the impact of poverty. They aim to foster community, reduce isolation, and offer hope to those living on the streets.

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| Date of Award: | Level: |
| 2023 Q3 | \$500 to \$2,500 |

For more information, please read the attached report from Operation Nightwatch.

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Operation Nightwatch 2023 – 24 Report

Programmatic goals and objectives met in the past year

- Senior Housing: In this program we were able to increase the numbers of volunteers, and had more choices for outings since the pandemic, including grocery shopping and fishing during the summer months. Our turn-over rate remains low, program-wide.
- Emergency/temporary shelter space for women: We were able to launch our women's shelter, named Donna Jean's Place for our founder's widow, in March. Today, we are working on capital improvements to a larger space to double our shelter's capacity – we hope to serve 100 unduplicated women in a year.
- Medical assistance and wound care: We have piloted this program on a small scale, for those who face homelessness, in partnership with public health nurses, local doctors and other organizations. We have been approved by the Washington Healthcare Access Alliance, so providers are covered by insurance. To date, our Medical Director has been out on the streets with our Street Outreach team.

Statistics

In 2024, we served 43,983 meals in our Dispatch Center, through September. It appears that we will surpass our 2023 Dispatch number, 57,560, by the end of the year. Looking at our combined unduplicated numbers, all of our programs served 584 senior citizens last year. 11% of these senior citizen clients were women, and 89% men. This breakdown held true with our larger population of clients, roughly 89% of clients were men with 11% women. We will see how these numbers change with the opening of our women's shelter, which happened in March 2024.

Below is feedback from one of our most recent residents at Senior Housing. His story was shared in one of our Newsletters by our Housing Coordinator, Marlene Poland.

One of our new tenants, "James", comes to us by way of our Julia's Place men's shelter. He spent the past three years living there and recently felt ready to move into one of our dorm style apartments when an opening came up.

James experienced homelessness for nearly twenty years, prior to finding Julia's Place. He told one of our staff that he had been to nearly every shelter in the city. During his time at Julia's Place shelter, he worked a regular job, and he continues to work there today. We are thankful that he is now part of our community. He's had a chance to meet neighbors in nearby units, and now sleeps soundly at night. It always takes new residents some time to get used to the rhythms of the building and feel secure. He goes grocery shopping and even looks out for others, asking what spices are needed to cook, before heading out to the store. He is very thoughtful, and we can see him learning to enjoy this newfound independence. He now has ownership of his space.

According to James, "Nightwatch is the best kept secret in Seattle." He says that he was broken but is now on the mend. It is so good to see him in a safe place, forming new friendships, and getting used to a new way of living. He thanks us for these gifts, and I pass his thanks onto you.

