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St. Francis House News



*"BE HAPPY IN THE MOMENT, THAT'S ENOUGH.
EACH MOMENT IS ALL WE NEED, NOT MORE."
~ MOTHER TERESA*

The Impact of a Moment

Volunteering at St. Francis House is a collection of small interactions with our clients where we strive to meet them where they are at that moment. We know the impact these moments have on us, but we recently learned about how one of our clients felt about his visit. Darryl came to the intake desk in late August, saying that he had come in a month before and wanted to thank the volunteer who had helped him. He shared that his wife had passed away the day before his previous visit and a man was exceptionally kind when helping him look for a suit for her funeral. There were none available in his size, so he was given some Goodwill gift cards, and our volunteer generously gave him some extra cash to help cover any additional costs. Darryl was emotional as he showed our intake volunteer some pictures of his wife and a copy of the program from her service. When asked how we could help, Darryl said all he really wanted was to speak with the man who had shown him such kindness. The two were put in contact and arranged to have coffee and spend time together. This story

shows the beauty and power of connection and kindness, and we are grateful to our team of volunteers and to Darryl for sharing his story.

Volunteer Appreciation Event - 3:00 PM Friday, October 4

Please join us to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with Mass at 3pm on the mezzanine, followed by a reception in the hospitality area. We will acknowledge our "Volunteer of the Year" as well as other festivities. We hope you will join us to commemorate the life of St. Francis of Assisi and the work we do in his honor. Please kindly RSVP with an email response by September 27th. Laura@stfrancishouseseattle.org

“Now Today”

A poem by Deborah Nash, St. Francis House Client

As 2022 fades into 2023 I thought
About where I was at this moment
In time exactly 1 yr ago today...
Hungry, Damp, Unkept, Shivering
So Hard and eating cold food
Out of the can. It was so cold
17/18 degrees I was sure it had come to
Steal my Soul all others had
Abandoned and Turned Their Backs
Now Today
I can shake it off my shoulders
And shelve it in mind.
Now Today
I have a Place to make & call my own!
But Now Today
I will Not Forget About Yesterday! All The Way.
Now Today
I look Forward to all my Tomorrows

Fall Giving Campaign

Watch for our Annual Appeal campaign coming in November. We ask that you please consider becoming a St. Francis House Sustainer with a monthly recurring donation at stfrancishouseseattle.org. Giving as little as \$20 per month goes a long way!

Current Item Donation Wish List:

- Men's jeans (all sizes)
- Men's coats (all sizes)
- Men's shoes (all sizes)
- Diapers (size 5 - 6) and baby wipes

- Housewares: cookware, dishes, blankets
- Sandwiches

St. Francis House in the News

The Seattle Times recently published a story about the impact that our youth volunteers have on our clients and community. [Local teens give back through volunteering at St. Francis House | The Seattle Times](#)

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