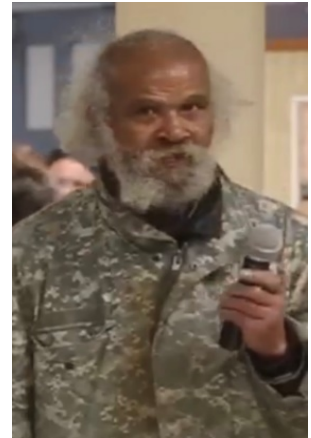


**URGENT Appeal**  
June 6, 2020

Shalom Supporter



***Meet Ray  
Finley***

Dear Shalom Supporter,

If you should meet Ray, he will tell you his name is “NOI,” (the name he uses on the street). NOI stands for “NO-ONE-IMPORTANT,” though he’s very important to Shalom! Ray had been sleeping under a nearby bridge when he came, by accident, to Shalom nearly 9 years ago. He soon learned that Shalom had free meals and catered to those who face the hardest of living conditions—cold & wet weather, no public restrooms, no bed, little or no income, and the challenges continue. Ray decided to stay and help out, as long as everyone understood that he answered *only* to his “boss.” Today, Ray has housing, thanks to *Shalom*, and continues to be our most loyal and trusted servant; still working for his “boss” volunteering countless hours. His is amazing effort; he arrives daily on the 6:20AM bus and has not missed a day at *Shalom* since the beginning.

We have good news—*Shalom* has expanded! We now provide an additional 7<sup>th</sup> weekly meal on Thursday evenings! All our meals are served through a convenient walk-up window. For many, this is their only meal for that day, and many are thankful that someone cares to provide this important lifeline while *Shalom* follows CDC guidelines, keeping everyone safe from this awful coronavirus.

Shalom Ministries’ ability to continue its operation depends on the generosity of people who recognize that “making a difference” requires support to pay the extra cost of supplies and staffing required by the COVID-19 outbreak. While continuing to provide nutritious food to our most vulnerable citizens, we invite you to partner with us in supporting *Shalom* with a substantial gift to keep the lifeline intact. Please send your check to PO Box 4684, Spokane, WA 99220. You may also donate through our Facebook page or online at [www.shalommeal.org](http://www.shalommeal.org).

Have a blessed Summer, and stay safe!

Deidre Jacobson, Shalom Board of Directors

Tim Swartout, Executive Director

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to “Shalom Ministries.”*

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