

In Memory of Mike Gill (Continued)

Mike kept flowing. Politics, public moods, and policies changed, but Mike's mission did not. He continuously, relentlessly championed the homeless. The past emails showed so many aspects of his work. He helped REACH get our winter shelter at Dimitri House's front house started. He attended and helped with a ton of operational meetings there, but also helped with the building preparations (even painting radiators). Immediately following that shelter season, he initiated "Potluck in the Park". This is where he organized people to serve dinners in Washington Square Park to outdoor homeless people. Mike worked tirelessly at Peace Village and always loved to support PCHO efforts. He worked with Brian at House of Mercy to build tiny home shelters. When we sheltered people in the hotels during the COVID-19 pandemic, Mike helped initiate the meal program there. The list of his good works is incredible.

Mike was responsible for so many volunteers, so many meals, and so much learning. Everyone who met Mike learned something from him and it usually revolved around treating people with dignity.

We will miss Mike. Some of Andy's favorite times with Mike were when they would randomly run into each other on some city street. They would just walk and talk. That was the great thing about Mike- you never knew where he would pop up.

He always popped up at the right time to do the right thing. When that thing was done, he would just keep on flowing to the next right thing.

The City and Mike's loved ones will be hosting a memorial party for Mike on June 16th, Father's Day, at Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park. Details will be forthcoming.