

{ *Who are the people you see every day?* }

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People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.

Meet Charles Phillips.



AGE: "I'm 54."
BIRTHPLACE: "I was born in Los Angeles, but I grew up in Milwaukee."
MARITAL STATUS: "I am single."
FAMILY: "I have seven sisters and two brothers."
MILITARY: "Never been in."
WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "In 2000. I moved here because my mother passed away."
EDUCATION: "I went to Rufus King High school in Milwaukee."
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "My grandmother."
RELIGION: "I am Christian but I do not go to church." (He pointed to the cross on his neck chain.)
DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS? "I have no friends."
WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "At 14th Place and Broadway."
WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD? "Back in Milwaukee, I worked in a tannery shop and at an extrusion company making straws. When I moved to LA, I worked at the Midnight Mission, making \$200 a month."
FAVORITE SPORT: "I play ping pong. And I also like baseball and football."
FAVORITE MOVIE: "*The Magnificent Seven*."
FAVORITE ACTOR: "I like a lot of actors."
FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Marilyn Monroe, Debbie Reynolds, Doris Day, and also Ella Fitzgerald."
FAVORITE MUSIC: "When you walked up, I was listening to Kool and the Gang."
FAVORITE CANDY: "Candy money— they are red like cherries. And I love chocolate-covered raisins."
FAVORITE FOOD: "I love meatloaf, chicken a la king, liver, meatballs and mock chicken legs."
WHAT'S THE LAST BOOK YOU READ? "Perry Mason."
ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Do your *thang*. Keep it real. Life's worth living."
IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "I would wish for a million dollars."
IF YOU HAD \$1 MILLION, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT? "I would head straight to Vegas and play the slot machines."
IF YOU WERE THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO HELP THE HOMELESS? "I would walk around the streets and talk to people. I would spend money on housing."



The Club gave Charles shaving cream, a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, shampoo, hand wipes, some food, \$20 and some bottled water.

The interview took place Sept. 8 at Fourth and Spring Streets downtown.

Photos by Angel Gomez



{ In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins and Director of Member Services Angel Gomez introduce you to people you see every day, but you might not know who they are. }
 The Club reminds you that we all have names and stories to tell.