

{ Who are the people you see every day? }

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People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.



Meet Steve Blackwell.

AGE: "I'm 45."
BIRTHPLACE: "Torrance."
MARITAL STATUS: "In a relationship with my girlfriend, Martha."
FAMILY: "I have two brothers and three sisters."
MILITARY SERVICE: "No."
WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "Five years ago."
WHY DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "It's easier to get side jobs and handouts."
EDUCATION: "I made it through tenth grade at Narbonne High School in Lomita."
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "I always liked to jog in junior high school."
AWARDS OR MEDALS: "No."
RELIGION: "Catholic."
DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS? "Yes – Ruben and my girlfriend, Martha."
WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "On the streets close to the Burger King off the 101 Freeway."
WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD? "A maintenance worker, with sweeping and cleanup duties."
FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY: "The beach. I try to get there when I can."
FAVORITE SPORT: "Football and baseball. I really like basketball, but prefer to play rather than watch."
FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Elizabeth Montgomery from *Bewitched*."
FAVORITE MOVIE: "*Star Wars* and *Star Trek*."
FAVORITE TV SHOW: "*Star Trek*."
FAVORITE CANDY: "Hard candy."
FAVORITE FOOD: "Pizza."
FAVORITE MUSIC: "Hard rock – Ozzy Osbourne."
WHAT'S THE LAST BOOK YOU READ? "I can't read or write."
ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Have a good life. I don't talk much, but I would say hello."
LAST THING EATEN: "A hamburger."
WHO OR WHAT ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST HELP TO YOU? "The police."
IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "Just to have a good life with my girlfriend."
IF YOU HAD \$1 MILLION, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT? "Spend it on a good time. Or maybe I should save half."
IF YOU WERE THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO HELP THE HOMELESS? "More jobs for the homeless, and stop drug abuse."
WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIVE YEARS? "I want to have something for me, some money and a job."
WHAT DO YOU CARRY AROUND WITH YOU? "A jacket, extra pants, a little can of food, and toilet paper."
MOST PRIZED POSSESSION: "My girlfriend and beer."

The Club gave Steve 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 Feb. 18 at Broadway and Third Street downtown and was conducted by Club staffer Angel Gomez.

Photos by Angel Gomez

How to Help

You can make a difference.

Donate items to "People We See," and the Club will deliver them to an upcoming subject. Great items include socks, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, toilet paper, hand wipes, shaving cream and razors. Just drop them off at the Club Store (120 W. 2nd Street, downtown Los Angeles), and we'll take it from there.

We want to thank Lorena De La Torre for providing socks.



{ In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins, Director of Member Services Angel Gomez and New Project Coordinator Noelle Kauffman, 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. }