

{ Who are the people you see every day? }

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People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.



Meet Crawford Blue.



AGE: "I'm 51."
BIRTHPLACE: "I was born and raised in Los Angeles but later moved to Detroit to get into the automotive business."
MARITAL STATUS: "I have been married for two years. She is back in Detroit living in a mission."
FAMILY: "I have six brothers and four sisters, but two of them died."
MILITARY SERVICE: "No."
WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "Eight months ago."
WHY DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "I ended up here on vacation, and I didn't have enough money to get home."
EDUCATION: "I went to Jefferson High School."
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "Going to Trade-Tech Community College in Los Angeles."
AWARDS OR MEDALS: "I have a trophy for winning first place in a pool tournament."
RELIGION: "Catholic."
FRIENDS: "I do not have many friends."
WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "I live in the missions. I am in a transition program."
WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD? "A long time ago, I was in the automotive finish business. I did that for 16 years. I was really good at fixing dents and body work."
FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY: "I like downtown."
FAVORITE SPORT: "Basketball."
FAVORITE ACTOR: "Clint Eastwood."
FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Halle Berry."
FAVORITE MOVIE: "For a Few Dollars More with Clint Eastwood."
FAVORITE TV SHOW: "The View."
FAVORITE CANDY: "Soft Lemonbeads."
FAVORITE FOOD: "Hot dogs, regular style, with just mustard and pickles."
FAVORITE MUSIC: "Rap. My favorite artist is Method Man."
WHAT'S THE LAST BOOK YOU READ? "An anger management orientation book."
ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Be nice to others."
LAST THING EATEN: "A tuna sandwich."
WHO OR WHAT ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST HELP TO YOU? "The St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church."
IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "A job."
IF YOU HAD \$1 MILLION, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT? "I would go into business."
IF YOU WERE THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO HELP THE HOMELESS? "Help others find a place to live, especially the elders."
WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIVE YEARS? "Going back to the missions in Detroit to see if I can find my wife."
WHAT DO YOU CARRY AROUND WITH YOU? "My cigarettes and lighters. I collect cardboard and sell little stuff I find or buy wholesale to make an extra buck for some food."
MOST PRIZED POSSESSION: "My chains – one is my wife's, one is mine."



The Club gave Crawford 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 April 22 at Main and Third Street downtown and was conducted by Club staffer Noelle Kauffman.

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 all of you for donations. Keep 'em coming!



{ 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. }