

{ Who are the people you see every day? }

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People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.



Meet Donald Mancil

AGE: "I'm 50."
BIRTHPLACE: Chicago.
MARITAL STATUS: "I'm engaged."
FAMILY: "I have three sisters and one brother."
PARENTS MARRIED OR DIVORCED? "They have passed away."
EDUCATION: "I went to Calumet [Illinois] High School."
MILITARY SERVICE: "No."
WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "Right here, in downtown LA."
WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "One year ago."
WHY DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "I was living in San Diego working construction until there was just no more work. I tried to stretch my money but eventually I ran out and just couldn't make it. So, I got on a Greyhound [bus] and headed to Los Angeles. When I got here I was totally broke — you combine that with an alcohol problem and very quickly I ended up sleeping and living on the streets."
PLAYED SPORTS IN HIGH SCHOOL? "Yes, football."
RELIGION: "Nope."
FAVORITE ACTOR: "Denzel."
FAVORITE MOVIE: "Transformers, or anything with Will Smith."
FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Man, I haven't watched in so long I don't even know what's on."
FAVORITE CANDY: "Now and Later."
FAVORITE FOOD: "Jumbo Jack."
FAVORITE MUSIC: "Stevie Wonder, James Brown."
LAST JOB: "Construction helper in San Diego."
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "I loved being on my own, and I remember working on my own, shoveling snow for money. It was great."
LAST THING EATEN: "A bag of chips."
WHO ARE YOUR FRIENDS? "Not too many."
MOST HELPFUL ORGANIZATION: "Midnight Mission and Volunteers of America."
MAKE A WISH: "To get my own place, a roof over my head."
WHAT HE WOULD DO WITH \$1 MILLION: "Invest it in a restaurant."
ITEM ALWAYS WITH YOU: "My backpack, which has my hygiene stuff in it."
MOST PRIZED POSSESSION: "My soap, shampoo and other things that I need to keep clean."
ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Stay in school. If I could do it again I would stay away from alcohol and would have continued with school. It just doesn't cut it having only a high school diploma."

The Club gave Donald a Bucket and a Blanket (see below), a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, shampoo, hand wipes, some food, \$20 and bottled water.
 The interview took place Feb. 20 at Spring Street across from City Hall.
 Photos by Angel Gomez and John Hawkins.

Buckets and Blankets!

Join us as we help those who live on the streets with Buckets and Blankets. Donate to the cause as the Club distributes food, toiletries and blankets to those in need (blankets cost \$7 each).



Buckets and Blankets is produced in cooperation with the **Club Angels** program and **Creative Solutions** — Fred Fowlks and Sue Manzo, LAFD.

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{ 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. }