

{ *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.