



**Fall 2017**

## Summer Meals Bring Smiles to Local Children

At the Cascade Woods apartment complex, children play soccer in the sport court after eating a ham & cheese sandwich, orange wedges and broccoli, courtesy of our Summer Meals program. This is just one example of the 21 sites that brought smiles and meals to local children this summer.

Kids need good nutrition all year long, so we are grateful to the hundreds of volunteers who prepare, pack and deliver these nutritious meals during the seven-week program, as well as to those who give their time handing out lunches at our meal sites. We are particularly thankful to the managers of the seven apartment complexes whose collaboration allows us to bring the meals directly to children most at risk of hunger.



While we most often talk about the importance of nutrition, our Summer Meals Program has the added benefit of relieving stress—both mental and financial—on local families. On average, the household price of food goes up \$300 per child in the summer.

*“Families have so much on their plates these days. Rent and food prices continue to increase and wages have not kept up with the price of living,”* says Katie Dwailebee, our Hunger Response Assistant Director. *“When you are struggling to put food on the table, having to provide an extra meal each day can drive your budget right over the edge. By decreasing some financial strain, parents don’t have to stretch their funds so thin and can instead purchase nutritious food for the meals they are able to provide at home.”*

We’d like to give a huge thank you to Stacy Struck, this year’s Summer Meals Food Service Coordinator, for keeping our volunteers organized and enthusiastic, as well as for her hard work and dedication to feeding children in Clark County.



## Stories of Success at Share’s Day Center

Our Day Center continues to provide the needed support for clients to achieve success, building on 2016 in which we served 968 people:

**300 people** used lockers for storing personal items;

**258 people** received help accessing benefits such as food stamps, disability or social security;

**186 people** received help looking for jobs; and

**17 people** received long-distance travel assistance to live with family members in other cities.

Here are just a few stories, beginning with a letter from Bryan.

*To the staff of Share’s Day Center: In regard to the helpfulness and the resources here, I’ve managed to save money, get to my appointments regularly and have help in the winter (Continued on page 2)*





## Day Center Cont.

*season from ice storms and snow. I am on the Vancouver Housing Authority's priority list for housing and have counseling at Columbia River Mental Health. With bus passes, phone services and help from staff, I'm thankful for all the Day Center's services and so much closer to my regular balanced life. – Bryan*



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**Sara and Steve** came into the Day Center after learning that we provide gas vouchers. They were from out of town, sleeping in their car and did not know where to go for employment assistance. Our staff connected them with Shawn, an employment specialist from Goodwill Job Connections, who knew just where to send them. Sara came in the next week with tears in her eyes, grateful for the help she and Steve had received at the Day Center.

*“We are so thankful that you took the time to find out what we wanted and assisted us with our requests. We don't know what our lives would have looked like without you.”* Both Sara and Steve found employment at a livable wage and are on track to save enough next month to afford their own place.

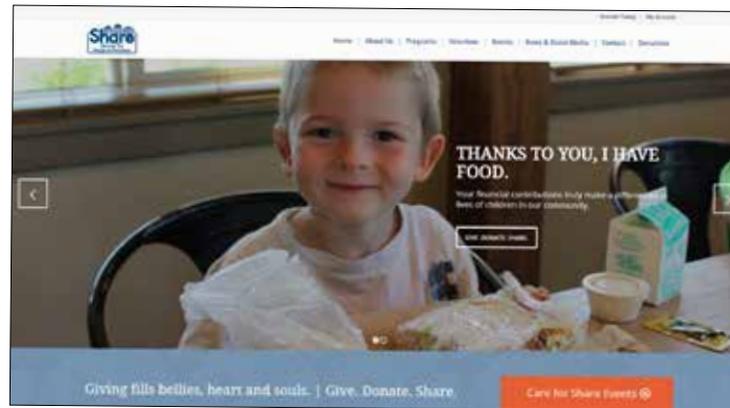
**Tyshaun** was a regular visitor of the Day Center, coming in almost every day to use the computer and have a place to go during the day. He was very quiet, not engaging much with anyone. Once staff befriended him, he let his guard down and told us his situation. He had come to Vancouver with a partner, but after an argument was left to fend for himself. While working to connect him with resources, Tyshaun finally got up the courage to inform staff that he has a stable place to live and most likely a job waiting for him back in his hometown of Enid, Oklahoma.

Staff spoke with his cousin, who confirmed that Tyshaun was welcome to stay with her until he saved up enough money to move out on his own. With a plan in place, staff arranged for Tyshaun to receive a Greyhound bus ticket to Oklahoma. Tyshaun shared, *“I am so thankful to be off of the streets and back with family where I have a support system.”*

## Fresh New Face for [sharevancouver.org](http://sharevancouver.org)

We are delighted to announce the launch our new website!

We are confident you will find the new look and feel visually pleasing, easy to navigate, and mobile responsive, so that you can stay on top of the latest news—including upcoming Care for Share events, donation drives and volunteer opportunities—as well as how Share continues to lead the way with collaborative partnership, innovative programs and the support of our community to help those in need.



## How Can I Help Share?

Share's outstanding community has cultivated a culture of philanthropy that extends well beyond the standard methods of giving. We are always grateful for support through the "usual" avenues—financial donations, event attendance and resource donation. Share thrives on these types of support, but did you know...?

### Workplace Giving

Numerous employers, particularly government and large corporations, offer matched charitable giving programs. An employee may authorize a donation to be withheld from their paycheck and the employer matches the gift with a check to the non-profit of your choice—an opportunity to double your gift to Share.

Share also belongs to the Pacific Northwest Consolidated Federal Campaign, a matching program for governmental employees. Share's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) reference is #33850.

Below is a small list of companies with Employee Charitable Giving programs:

AAA | Boeing | Kaiser Permanente  
Apple Computer | Chase Bank  
Home Depot | NIKE | AT&T | Intel  
Chevron | Pepsi Co. | Bank of America  
Gap. Inc. | JC Penney | Starbucks

When in doubt, just ask your employer!



Every dollar counts and \$15 a month over the course of one year can provide nutritious meals to 144 individuals through our Hot Meals Program. This is a great way to make a long-term investment in your community without breaking your bank. You can make an automatic recurring donation at [sharevancouver.org](http://sharevancouver.org). Sign up with a minimum pledge of \$15 per month and receive a free 'Monthly Shareholder' t-shirt!



The We Share Major Gift Society helps to establish reliable, annual funding to bolster and sustain Share's ability to provide the programs and services that positively impact the lives of the hungry and the homeless. Your donations received from January 1 to December 31 will be tallied; those who qualify by making accumulative donations of \$500 or more will be recognized at one of eight levels. Benefits (facility tours, dinners, wine events, etc.) will be provided in the following year to those who qualify.

**Sign up at [sharevancouver.org](http://sharevancouver.org)!**

# Sharing Lives



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**Sunday, October 15 at 4:00 p.m.**

**New location: Red Lion Hotel on the River—Jantzen Beach**

\$70 Adults, \$40 Kids (12 & Under), \$700 Table of 10 | [Tickets at: sharevancouver.org](http://Tickets at: sharevancouver.org)

Enjoy our 'Mary Poppins' theme while sampling soup prepared by local chefs—and you get to vote for the Soup-er Chef Award! Plus, guests will take home an artisan soup bowl.

### Participating Chefs Include:



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MARKET

**Rick Browne, Ph.B.**

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CATERING

**WAREHOUSE '23**  
a restaurant • event space

Program includes the presentation of the 2017 Emily Marshall Volunteer of the Year.

**New this year:** Bring a donation of new underwear and/or socks (all sizes for men, women & children) to be entered into our door prize drawing!

Thank you to this year's 'Spoonful of Sugar,' 'Practically Perfect,' 'Chim-chim-cherie,' 'Let's Go Fly a Kite,' 'Bert's One Man Band' and 'Pinstripes & Petticoats' sponsors:

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# Sharing Lives

## Share Your Feedback for a Chance to Win a \$25 Amazon Gift Card!

Share is conducting our annual donor survey, to learn more about who you are, why you give and how we can communicate with you in the most effective manner. Visit [sharevancouver.org](http://sharevancouver.org) to participate today.

And, if you'd like to enter your name and email address, you'll be entered to win one of four \$25 Amazon gift cards. Those not wishing to participate in the drawing will remain anonymous. None of the data from any submissions will be shared with any other organization.

We truly appreciate your time, honesty and dedication to Share and our mission to serve our community!



*Thanks* for all you do—Join us:

Share Volunteer Ice Cream Social  
Thursday, September 21 | 4-6 p.m.  
Share Fromhold Service Center



RSVP [devcoor@sharevancouver.org](mailto:devcoor@sharevancouver.org) | 360-952-8229

## Annual Drive to Meet a Basic Need

Two needs that are ever present, throughout each year, are the need for new underwear and socks—thus we host our annual 'Seats & Feets' Underwear & Sock Drive.



Throughout the month of October, we are asking for new underwear (all sizes) and athletic-style socks for men, women and children.

Socks and underwear can be donated at any Share shelter or the Share Fromhold Service Center (Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

Don't have time to shop? Make a donation online at [sharevancouver.org](http://sharevancouver.org) and direct your contribution to our 'Seats & Feets' drive.



Presents



**Saturday, April 21, 2018**  
at Warehouse '23

Embrace the theme & *don a mask or dress in carnevale style!*

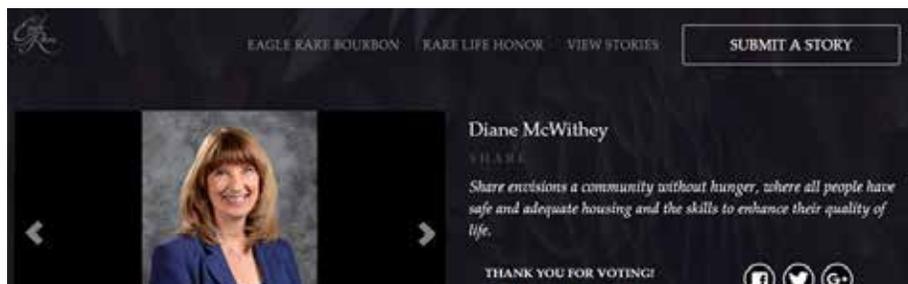
Sponsorship opportunities available from 'Palazzo Ducale' Supporting Sponsor at \$7,500 to 'Gondalier Serenade' Table Sponsor at \$1,500.

Contact Kim Hash at (360) 952-8227 or [devdir@sharevancouver.org](mailto:devdir@sharevancouver.org)

## Vote for Diane McWithey for 2018 Rare Life Award

“If it were not for Diane McWithey, Share might not exist today.” And this truth is the reason we ask our community to [vote for Diane McWithey](#) as an outstanding leader in the national 2018 Rare Life Award offered by Eagle Rare Bourbon.

You can vote for Diane once a day at [eaglerarelife.com/content/diane-mcwithey](http://eaglerarelife.com/content/diane-mcwithey). If she receives the most votes by Dec. 5 in the leadership category, Share will receive \$5,000.



There is also a grand prize of \$50,000 and the recipient is selected by a panel of judges.

We are extremely fortunate to have an incredible leader like Diane at the helm of Share. Staff and board are inspired by her strength and passion, and all that she has accomplished. Please ‘share’ our Facebook posts and encourage your friends to vote for Diane every day!



Save the Date: Tuesday, November 14

11:30 to 1:00 p.m., Share Fromhold Service Center

Visit [sharevancouver.org](http://sharevancouver.org) for event details!

## Length of Stay Eliminated to Benefit Families in Housing Search

Share has implemented a major change at our emergency family shelters: we have eliminated the 90 length of stay, for the benefit of our clients in their search for affordable housing. Below is a brief recounting of how this change came about:

Originally, the length of stay in Share’s emergency shelters was directed by funding. Over time, funding for our shelters has dramatically changed with cuts at both the state and federal levels and a specific length of stay is no longer required. In fact, by September of each year, grant funding for our shelters is depleted; Share relies on the generosity of community donations to literally keep shelter doors open.

Compounding the funding issue was our local affordable housing crisis; we found that our length of stay of 90 days was no longer a reasonable amount of time in which a family could find safe, affordable housing.

To alleviate this problem, we began transferring families between our two family shelters; for example, a family who entered at Share Orchards Inn and exhausted their 90 day could then transfer to Share Homestead. But this created a hardship for families, as kids could spend significantly longer times on the school bus, as they needed to attend the school in which they were originally enrolled.

We reached out to stakeholders and

reached a consensus: Share would eliminate our length of stay policy at our family shelters, provided residents are housing-search engaged. This change is supported by the National Alliance to End Homelessness, who has produced a series of webinars encouraging shelters across the country to change to eliminate length of stay policies and implement what is called low-barrier access; this system places a minimum number of expectations, or barriers, on residents to allow more people access to services.

Amy Reynolds, Deputy Director, shared that “our ‘best practice’ learning from other communities has been a tremendous help in supporting our staff through this transition.”

## Book a Trip & 'Care for Share'

For more opportunities,  
visit [sharevancouver.org](http://sharevancouver.org)



**Looking to get away?** Book a room through Winspire, mention 'Share House,' and 30% of your booking will benefit Share!

Includes domestic & international locations, but inventory is extremely limited, so book your room ASAP. Trip must be taken before Dec. 30, 2017.



View properties at:  
[winspireme.com/giveback](http://winspireme.com/giveback)



## You voted your heart and Share won!

Thanks to your support, we will receive a \$10,000 grant from Homestreet Bank. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who took the time to vote.

*Thank you!*

## Share Your Holiday Cheer!

Each year at the holidays, Share hosts a Holiday Cheer program for both our clients and our community.

Many generous donors adopt families in our housing programs, clients in the shelters can "shop" in our warehouse for gifts and needed items for their families and Share hosts holiday parties for adults and families in need in our community.

Donations of new clothes, household items and toys make it possible for us to provide resources to those in need all through the year, but especially during the holidays. Frequently we find that it is difficult to collect larger sizes of both children's and adult's clothing.



Christmas in Clark County is made cheerful by the extraordinary donations we receive from community members like you.

Interested in adopting a family or hosting a Giving Tree? Contact **Becky Graff**, at 360-952-8229 [officemgr@sharevancouver.org](mailto:officemgr@sharevancouver.org).

We would be happy to pair you with a family that touches your heart, or provide tags of needed items that you can distribute to your colleagues, clients or customers.



We need volunteers to help at our holiday parties for the following shifts:

**Holiday Party for Single Adults:**  
December 19: 10-2:30

**Holiday Party for Families:**  
December 21: 8-12:30 & 12-5  
New this year, the family party is not open to the general public, but will instead include guests who have been referred from local school districts

**All volunteers must attend one holiday party training.** Dates and times for the trainings are below:

December 4: 10 a.m. or 6 p.m.  
December 15: 2 p.m.  
December 16: 2 p.m.

To sign up, please contact **Dellan Redjou** at 360-952-8228 or [volunteers@sharevancouver.org](mailto:volunteers@sharevancouver.org)



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[give-more-24.org/designee/share](http://give-more-24.org/designee/share)

**GIVE MORE! 24**

## Donate on September 21: [give-more-24.org/designee/share](http://give-more-24.org/designee/share)



Support our vital programs that serve men, women and children facing hunger and homelessness—and ask friends, family, neighbors and co-workers on social media to join you. #GiveMore24

We encourage you to learn about other worthy non-profit organizations at [give-more-24.org](http://give-more-24.org). Thank you to the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington for hosting this tremendous day of community giving!

## We're hosting our 1st annual Share Stack Smackdown!

Local businesses will design and build a structure completely out of non-perishable food items—and the community 'votes' with dollars for the winner!

Pictures of each structure will be posted at [sharevancouver.org](http://sharevancouver.org) by September 19 with voting held on September 21 from 12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.

Legal details: Minimum vote of \$10 is required. *Votes (donations) must be made on the Share link ([give-more-24.org/designee/share](http://give-more-24.org/designee/share)), and not the multi-donation link; donors will enter the business name of their favorite structure in the note field. Winner announced on Friday, September 22.*

