



Sharing Lives

Summer 2019



■ Day Center Builds on Success at the Vancouver Navigation Center

The Share Day Center has now been open for six months in its new location at the Vancouver Navigation Center. Services offered are client-centered and based on participants' goals, which increases chances for long-term success. Day Center staff utilize techniques such as trauma informed care, harm reduction, assertive engagement, motivational interviewing and strength-based practice to provide a safe and welcoming environment for all and to help participants meet their goals and improve their lives.

Since last November, 1,303 people accessed the Day Center:

64* people obtained housing, 39* people obtained employment, 1,077 people accessed shower and/or laundry facilities, and 389 people accessed case management or housing navigation



Alarming, Share is increasingly serving a new population at the Day Center: our senior citizens. Many of these men and women live on a fixed income with expenses that continue to rise. These individuals should be enjoying their golden years in the comfort of home but are now facing a shocking reality: homelessness. One such individual was Julie.

When 84-year-old Julie⁺ visited Share's Day Center, she was newly homeless and had run out of options. The owner of the apartment complex in which she lived had sold the property and notified residents that they would have to move. Julie had limited financial resources, faced continuously rising expenses and had no family or support system in the area for assistance. When the day came to vacate her apartment, Julie checked into a motel and stayed as long as she could, maxing out all of her credit cards.

Julie was confronted with the reality of sleeping on the streets when she heard about the Day Center. She met with our Housing Navigator, Mike, who put together a housing search plan for her. Within two days, Mike had arranged a meeting for Julie and a landlord with a room to rent. The meeting was successful, and she was approved to move in. (Continued on page 2)

* Those who obtained housing or employment but weren't working specifically with a Share staff member, may not be included in this number

⁺ Name changed to protect privacy

■ Care for Share Events in July!



During the entire month of July, Grocery Outlet, 5800 NE Fourth Plain Blvd., will be supporting Share's Hunger Response Programs with their 'Give \$5, Get \$5 Independence From Hunger Food Drive.' In store, make a donation of \$5 or more and receive a coupon for \$5 off a future purchase of \$25 or more.

Stop by the store on Tuesdays during the Community Market or on Fridays or Saturdays for wine tasting.



The cruise occurs July 20, 10 a.m., on Main Street in downtown and uptown Vancouver, between 28th St. and 6th St. In addition to the cars, entertainment, giveaways, food and more, attendees will be encouraged



to bring donations of non-perishable food items to benefit Share. Look for the blue barrels to drop off your donation—thanks!



■ Day Center continued ...

Mike also connected Julie to local resources, including a food pantry, to help stretch her dollars and increase her chances of maintaining her new home.

You can help people like Julie. Volunteer opportunities are available to assist clients accessing services at the Day Center, including program support, shower & laundry assistant, front desk assistance, plus assisting during activities and classes for clients.

All volunteers are required to complete a volunteer application, which includes a background check. Visit sharevancouver.org to complete the on-line application or download the application, print, complete and mail it. For more information, contact Jillian Daleiden, Director of Share Outreach, at (360) 773-6116.



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Share Housing Navigators continue to successfully move clients (from Share House, our family shelters and the Day Center) into housing.

For those individuals and families, we like to provide a 'Welcome Home' kit. Help us in this effort by donating cleaning wipes, sponges, paper towels, bleach, dish soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper, mops & brooms, etc.

Drop donated items off at the Share Fromhold Service Center.

Thank you!

■ Summer Meals Begin on June 24

Most children cannot wait for school to be out in June. However, some parents worry about where their children will get breakfast or lunch when school is out for summer. During school, a free breakfast or lunch doesn't come out of the sparse family budget.

That's when Share steps in with our Summer Meals program. With countless, compassionate volunteers, we provide nutritious, free lunches (as well as breakfast at some locations) each summer weekday from June 24 to August 9 to hundreds of children at 20 locations.

"Just as learning does not end when school lets out, neither does a child's need for good nutrition. Share's Summer Meals program provides free meals to all children ages 18 and under so that they can get the nutrition they need to learn, play and grow throughout the summer months when they are out of school," said Becci Read-Ryan, Share's Hunger Response Assistant Director.

This year's program will serve meals at 20 locations, including apartment complexes, local schools, Police Activities League (PAL) camps, Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation camps, as well as local churches and partner organizations.

All of the locations are open sites and all children ages 18 and under are welcome to come and enjoy a free meal even if they are not enrolled in the site's program or camp.

The program is part of the Simplified Summer Feeding Program, funded by the USDA. Visit sharevancouver.org for a complete list of site locations, dates and times during which meals will be served.

Share needs volunteers to prepare and deliver meals (breakfast & lunch) to all Summer Meals locations from June 24 to August 9 (Monday to Friday only). A complete list of volunteer opportunities is available at sharevancouver.org. To sign-up, please call (360) 952-8228 or e-mail mevjen@sharevancouver.org.



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Volunteer Spotlight: Hans Michielsen

A few years ago, I retired after a career in education. In that first year of retirement, I ended up helping a very good friend run his bakery/restaurant as he had just become the sole owner of that venture.

I can honestly say that I have never physically worked that hard in my life. But I also learned a lot—skills like upscaling recipes to serve more people than just a family, planning dinner service to have all components ready at (more or less) the same time, making breads, pastries and lunches and basic restaurant management skills. I had always enjoyed cooking, but this extended year of on-the-job learning really expanded my skills.

As I was settling into a retirement routine, I ended up looking for

volunteer opportunities where I could use my skills. I am a strong believer in “paying it forward,” a concept that has been around for a very long time. The best description I have seen is Benjamin Franklin’s from 1784. In it, he described how he wanted a loan given to a friend to be repaid. Paraphrased, he wrote:

“I do not pretend to give such a deed; I only lend it to you. When you meet with another honest man in similar distress, you must pay me by lending this sum to him; enjoining him to discharge the debt by a like operation, when he shall be able, and shall meet with another opportunity. I hope it may thus go thro’ many hands, before it meets with a knave that will stop its progress. This is a trick of mine for doing a deal of good with a little money.”



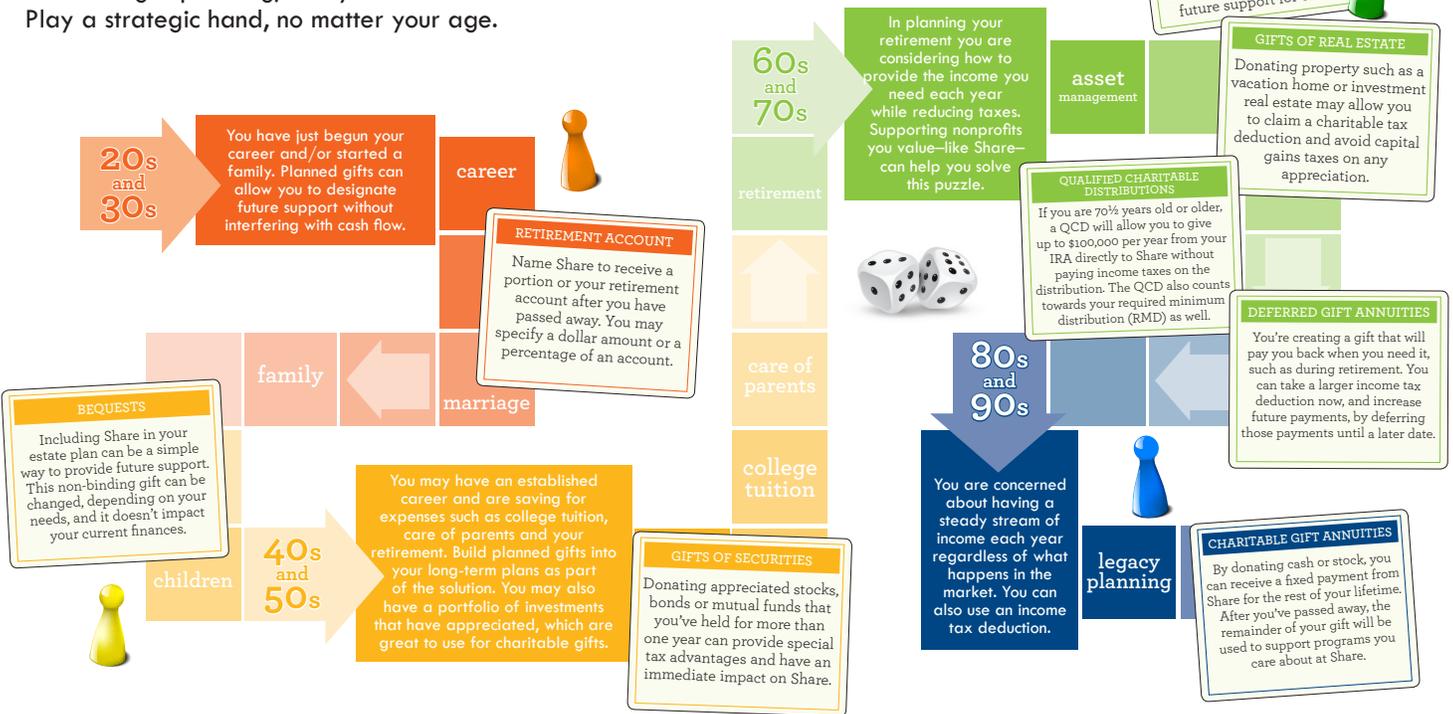
Cooking at Orchards allows me to match this concept of “paying it forward” with an activity I truly enjoy. And to be quite honest, part of the challenge when I walk into the building is to see which protein is awaiting in the walk-in. Together with the surprise box that is the dry pantry, we try to come up with a tasty and nutritious meal that matches the needs and tastes of Orchards’ guests. My goal is to make at least one restaurant-quality entrée each time I cook—and to cook the rest of the meal well. It’s a fun and satisfying challenge.

Gift Planning AT ANY AGE

With gift planning, everyone wins. Play a strategic hand, no matter your age.



Discover how a planned gift to Share can leave a lasting legacy while also achieving your personal and financial goals. There are multiple options for every stage of life.



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Each guest will take home an **artisan soup bowl** & the evening's program will include the presentation of the **2019 Emily Marshall Volunteer of the Year award**. Don't forget to **bring a donation of new underwear** (all sizes for men, women & children) to be entered into our door prize drawing!

Become a sponsor! devdir@sharevancouver.org

Tickets on sale July 1 & event details at sharevancouver.org

Glitz! Glam! RED CARPET



Our Glitz! Glam! Red Carpet Gala! held on April 27 at Hilton Hotel Vancouver raised a record-breaking, gross total of \$341,292, including an incredible \$40,000 matching challenge from KMR Foundation during the paddle raise! The ballroom was filled with 610 guests, 70 volunteers, and 52 corporate and community member sponsors. We are tremendously grateful to our sponsors (listed below):

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All of our guests had a chance to walk the red carpet in their glamorous attire.



Best Dressed nominee Tonya Rulli got back-up from her daughters as she walked the cat walk to Beyoncé's 'Rule the World (Girls)'.



Photobooth time! Our Best Dressed nominees joined Andy Stokes, who performed during the After Party.



All smiles from Best Dressed nominee Don Russo with Share board president Adam Roselli.



Glitz & glam were on display at each table, plus each guest received a bud vase & rose to take home, compliments of sponsor Rulli Law.

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"I had to tell you what a fabulous job you did with the Share Gala last night. You can imagine over the past bazillion years we've been to countless events like this. This was by far the best organized, most fun event of all we've ever attended. The decorations were wonderful and the theme was so great. Everything seemed to go off without a hitch. My dad (Jim DeLong) was very involved with Share when it began and he would have been so pleased to see this."—Deb Russo

Our success over the past 40 years is due to tremendous partnerships in our community and we were proud to present eight **Prestigious Awards to the following individuals and organizations** who have made a lasting impact on the vision of Share: Bill & Gene Kuechmann, Clark County, John McDonagh, Council for the Homeless, Jo Marie & Steve Hansen, Winter Hospitality Overflow Program (St. Andrew and St. Paul Lutheran churches), Marty Rifkin & Kate Jones of KMR Group Foundation, and Clark County Food Bank.



In keeping with the event theme, Share nominated **11 community members for the glamorous Best Dressed award**, which was awarded to Sherri McMillan, who raised the most in funds for Share. Additional nominees included Brett Allred, Darcy Altizer, Cyndi Holloway, Bob Knight, Henri Moreau, Amy O'Hara, Linda Reid, Tonya Rulli, Don Russo, and Evan Strandberg.

Thank you to the 2019 Gala Committee members, Ginger Schmidt, Nancy Olmsted, Heidi Kovacs and Jessicah Wager.

An additional thank you to Jessicah Wager of **Wager Audio** for creating the memorable movie shorts with some of our top sponsors, as well as producing the videos of our eight Prestigious Award recipients.

We'd also like to thank the **120 volunteers who donated 557 hours** before, during and after the event—from cutting the paper boutonnières that graced each place setting and carrying in boxes and boxes of auction items to welcoming guests at registration and selling raffle tickets.

Our most sincere thanks to Michael Lampson for transporting us to the red carpet with the incredible décor!

Finally, thank you to our magnificent Masters of Ceremony—Kim Capeloto of Riverview Community Bank and Ali Novinger of Beaches Restaurant & Bar—and to the 165+ generous individuals and businesses who donated items to our silent and live auction.



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Award presented to Gene Kuechmann (accompanied by **who?**) by Share board member Michelle Prosser.



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Award presented to Marty Rifkin & Kate Jones by David Moore of sponsor HopeLift.



Our Best Dressed winner, Sherri McMillan, along with friends Wendy Hull, Carrie Cofer, Tamara Fuller, Christy Fields, Lisa Dow & Kimberly Fuhrer.



SAVE THE DATE:
Share Annual Gala
Saturday, April 25, 2020



Kim Capeloto as 'The Godfather' in the video for presenting sponsor Riverview Community Bank.



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■ We Share Annual Meeting

Thank you to the dozens of We Share members who joined us May 16 for our Annual Meeting. Our program directors appreciated the opportunity to speak about the vital work that is being done each day at our organization, plus it was another opportunity to reflect on the growth of Share as we celebrate our 40th anniversary. Thanks also to Say Ciao! Columbia River Tap Room & Eatery for the delicious food and drinks.



Are you a **We Share** member? If so, you may be eligible for free or reduced-price tickets to our fundraising events. Contact Becky Graff at (360) 952-8223. Not yet a member? Visit sharevancouver.org to learn more.



■ Volunteer Appreciation BBQ

We love our volunteers! And to show them how grateful we are for their time & talents, we hosted a BBQ in our warehouse on June 5. Thanks to NW Natural for providing the burgers via their mobile grill—they were delicious!

Come volunteer at Share! While our clients directly benefit from your time and talents, we hope that your connection with Share will be an equally rewarding experience. Visit us at sharevancouver.org to learn more about volunteer opportunities in all our programs.