

**Summer 2017**

## Changing Lives at Lincoln Place

*Residents at Lincoln Place continue to make great strides during the first year in which the building has been open.*

Alan Cooley came to reside at Lincoln Place April 7. He was working with Share outreach staff, Pam and Willie, for a few years prior to coming into our Housing First program. Alan had fallen prey to predators who knew when his weekly stipends would arrive. Being a vulnerable adult, it was easy for those predators to talk Alan into almost anything; including giving away all his money, his clothing, and various other resources.

Alan is no longer being taken advantage of and has a place to call home. He is most excited about having a stereo and throw rugs. He is beginning to nest and it's a wonderful sight to behold.



Cori Thompson moved into Lincoln Place when Lincoln Place first opened. After experiencing years of homelessness, she was grateful to be housed. She progressed throughout the year being a good neighbor, working on ensuring she was going to the doctor to address her mental health issues and making plans for her future.

Confident about her progress, Cori met with Olivia Resnik, our Housing First Director, and told her she felt ready to take the next step towards total independence with her life. She asked to be moved from Lincoln Place into an apartment through the Housing & Urban Development (HUD) scattered site program for the chronically homeless, living independently, but with continued case management services.

Working with her case manager, Cori was approved and moved into her new home on April 17. Cori was very excited to move on to the next chapter in her life.

Lincoln Place's is showing, each and every day, how the housing first program can truly transform the lives of people who had previously faced years of struggle.



## 'Vintage Vegas' Gala:

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*Our fabulous emcees:  
Kim Capelato & Ali Novinger*

*Vancouver's  
Own Rat Pack  
along with  
Tony Starlight*



*The Fabulous  
Brunettes  
featuring  
Ione Janik*

*Christy Williams  
won this peridot  
necklace in the  
'Heads & Tails'  
game, donated by  
Rand Jewelers*





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## Organize a Food Drive!

Donations of non-perishable food items are vital to the operation of our Backpack, Summer Meals and Hot Meals programs which collectively serve more than 180,193 nutritious meals each year.

You can help by organizing a food drive in June in conjunction with our annual hunger appeal campaign.

We can provide you with a list of most needed food items, such as shelf-stable proteins: peanut butter, canned or easy-open meats (chicken, tuna fish, ham, etc.) canned chili and high-protein soups.

To organize a food drive, please contact Meaghann Ande at (360) 952-8229 or [devcoor@sharevancouver.org](mailto:devcoor@sharevancouver.org).



## Fill a Cleaning Care Bag for ‘Christmas’

The plight of the homeless is 365-days a year. But many non-profits, including Share, receive a bulk of their physical donations during the winter, when the need for warm coats, clothing and new socks is prevalent in the news and on social media.

Our clients in shelter, transitional housing and at Lincoln Place benefit from donations year-round.

To support that need, we are asking for donations for our ‘Christmas in July’ event of paper towels, toilet paper, dish soap, dishwasher soap and laundry soap (*small to medium bottles please*) which will be compiled in Cleaning Care bags for more than 100 households.

Donations can be dropped off at the Share Fromhold Service Center, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



### Fill a Cleaning Care Bag for ‘Christmas!’

During our ‘Christmas in July’ event, we’ll provide bags to clients with paper towels, toilet paper, dish soap, dishwasher soap & laundry soap (*small-medium bottles*).



Drop donated items off at the Share Fromhold Service Center. *Thank you!*

## Behind the Scenes at Share: Katie Dwaileebe

**Job Title:** Hunger Response Assistant Director

**Nutshell description of job duties:** Coordinating the Backpack and Summer Meals Programs to feed children in need and creating nutritious meal plans for Share's family shelters.

**Tenure at Share:** 1 year

**Education/professional background:** Bachelor's in Psychology from Santa Clara University and Master's in Nutrition from the National University of Natural Medicine

**Hobbies:** I am re-learning to play the piano and I read voraciously. I also love to write and spend a lot of my free time researching and writing about various health topics for my blog.

**One word to describe yourself:** Determined

**Most rewarding part of your job:** I love collaborating with community partners and volunteer groups to support families in need. I also enjoy working with the volunteers – lifting heavy boxes and loading bags is hard work but all of them do it with a smile. They bring a lot of joy and laughter to my job in addition to providing a much needed service to the community.

**Most challenging part of your job:** As a nutritionist, I want everyone to have access to fresh, nutrient-dense foods. The reality, however, is that I have to make the most of the resources at hand. The important thing is that we get food to those in need.

**What would make our community a better place:** A kinder attitude towards those who are down on their luck, whether it be asking someone how they're doing, offering them a bottle of water, or volunteering time to support the community. I am inspired by a professor of mine who always had blankets in his car which he would give to those he encountered living on the streets.

**One thing you want people to learn about the homeless community:** Individuals experiencing homelessness are human beings just like everyone else. And like everyone else, they go through hard times. Sometimes people do not have the resources, support, or ability to pull themselves out of hard times.

**Favorite quote:** *"Sometimes the only way is jumping, I hope you're not afraid of heights."*—Gavin DeGraw

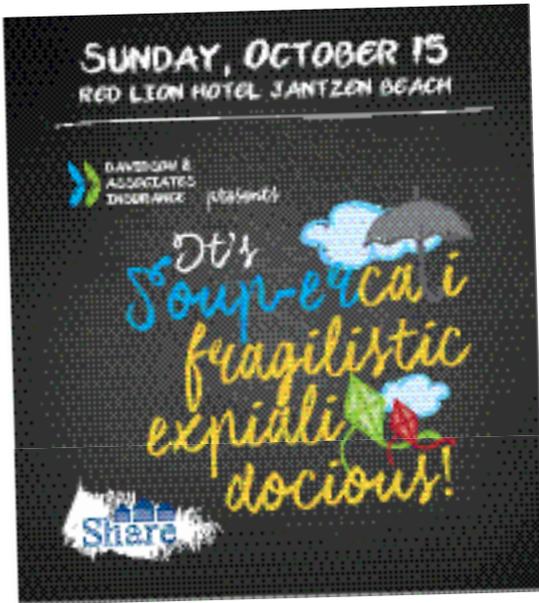


## Become a Share Volunteer Ambassador!

Volunteer Ambassadors represent Share with the purpose of raising awareness about the work we undertake to serve those experiencing hunger and homelessness. **You will help to forge meaningful relationships and partnerships, and promote the work of Share at businesses, churches, schools and community events**—such as collecting food at Cruisin' the Gut in July or staffing a table or booth to talk about Share's programs and services at events such as the Craft Beer & Wine Fest, New Season's Donation Match Weekend, Burgerville Cash-Back events and more!

Ambassadors will learn about Share's programs and services well enough to be able to answer elementary questions about us and whom to refer people to for more in-depth questions. Typically shifts are between 2-4 hours. Attendance at a one-hour training session is required. **To learn more, contact Dellan Redjou, Director of Volunteers & Community Resources, at (360) 952-8228.**

# Sharing Lives



## This Year's Soup's On Dinner Will be **Soup-er-califragilisticexpialidocious!**



### **Soup's On: Celebrity Chefs Compete for Share Sunday, October 15 at 4:00 p.m.**

At a new location:

**Red Lion Hotel on the River—Jantzen Beach**

\$70 Adults, \$40 Kids (12 & Under), \$700 Table of 10  
Tickets on sale August 1 at [sharevancouver.org](http://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!

In addition to soup prepared by local chefs, enjoy salad, bread, a selection of beverages and dessert. Plus, guests will take home an artisan soup bowl. This year's chefs include:



Red Lion Hotel  
Jantzen Beach

Rick Browne



The program will include the presentation of the 2017 Emily Marshall Volunteer of the Year.

Don't forget to bring donations of new towels to be entered into our door prize drawing!

Sponsorship opportunities are available: Kim Hash at 360-952-8227 or [devdir@sharevancouver.org](mailto:devdir@sharevancouver.org)

Join us for a **'spoonful of sugar'**  
—and soup!



# Sharing Lives

## 12 Years of Summer Meals— Drivers Still Needed!

It is a sad paradox that summer, the abundant season of fresh produce, is the hungriest time of year for American children.

Thousands of children in Clark County access nutritious meals during the school year through free and reduced-fee breakfast and lunch programs. But in summer, those children are cut off from this valuable program. This not only puts a large financial burden on low-income families, but means that every summer those children increase their risk for both hunger and obesity.

The correlation of hunger and obesity may seem at odds,

however studies show that low-income families often choose high-fat foods dense with energy—cereals, potatoes and processed meat products—because these foods are more affordable and last longer than fresh vegetables, fruits and lean meats.

We are very proud of our Summer Meals program, now in its 12th year, which strives to provide fresh, healthy meals that include fruits and vegetables to children in our community. We are delighted by the continued support of dozens of volunteers who donate their time each summer to make and deliver these meals.



Watch your mailbox or inbox for the 2017 Fall Edition of 'Sharing Lives' with highlights of this summer's program!



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## Nominate an Outstanding Volunteer!

Think of your time at Share—Is there a person who stands out by consistently going above and beyond in their volunteer duties?

A person whose leadership and/or ingenuity has improved the efficiency of a program or service to benefit Share's clients?

A person whose compassion and friendliness makes Share an ideal place to volunteer? If so, nominate that person for Share's Volunteer of the Year Award.

Share's Volunteer of the Year Award committee is looking for personal stories about the efforts of a dedicated volunteer who has displayed outstanding efforts to foster Share's mission to serve those experiencing hunger and homelessness.

To nominate a volunteer, please visit [sharevancouver.org](https://sharevancouver.org) to complete the nomination form.

Email completed forms to [volunteers@sharevancouver.org](mailto:volunteers@sharevancouver.org)



or mail your form to: Share, Attn: VOY Award, 2306 NE Andresen Road, Vancouver WA 98661

You may also call Dellan Redjou, Director of Volunteers & Community Resources, at (360) 952-8228. Nominations must be received by July 1.

# Sharing Lives

## Our 'Vintage Vegas' Gala was a Smashing Success!

Our 'Vintage Vegas' Gala was a Smashing Success with **more than \$220,000 raised** thanks to your support! We have a huge list of thank yous:

- To our post-event entertainment in the Copa Room with Vancouver's own Rat Pack, Tony Starlight as 'Dean Martin' and the Fabulous Brunettes featuring Lone Janik.
- And to our event sponsors, without whom this event would not have happened:



- Viva Las Vegas: Riverview Community Bank
- Fly Me to the Moon: Columbia Credit Union
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- Thank you to the 2017 Gala Committee members, including Nancy Olmsted, Michelle Prosser, Ginger Schmidt and Rhona Sen Hoss, plus Keela Stumpf, our Decorations Chair.
- We'd also like to thank all of our Gala volunteers for their time, energy and talent.
- Our gratitude to Lisa Goodrich for hand-making all the Vegas-inspired wine wall covers.
- To the more than 100 generous individuals and businesses who donated items to our silent and live auction.
- And, finally, to On-line Support for donating the use of laptops, plus setting up all the equipment, for registration—thank you.



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## Support Share at These Upcoming Events



**Tuesday, June 13: Van Mall Retirement & Assisted Living** (7808 NE 51st Street) is hosting a food drive—please bring 2 non-perishable food items for Share and receive entry to their event of live entertainment and sundae bar served by Pacific Perks.



**Saturday, July 15: Cruisin' the Gut** is a free, annual vintage car cruise-in in downtown Vancouver, featuring a food drive to benefit Share. Please bring one or two cans to donate—look for the Les Schwab trucks! Enjoy car shows, live music and kids crafts. Learn more at [cruisinthegut.com](http://cruisinthegut.com).



**Sunday, July 9, 2 to 8 p.m.: Concerts for a Cause** is back & better than ever! Share is honored to have been selected as a 2017 beneficiary along with these wonderful non-profit organizations: City of Camas Parks & Recreation, Friends of Camas Arts and Meals on Wheels People.

New this year, Concerts for a Cause has partnered with Alpha Media & LIVE 95.5 to bring you, PAWCHHELLA: a pet friendly summer music festival for the entire family with entertainment to enjoy all day long!

Bring your furry friends to participate in the Doggie Fun Zone obstacle course or a pet-look-a-like contest. Kids will enjoy inflatable toys, face painting, a mini bike park from Camas Bike & Sport (bring your helmets!) and much more! As always, for those over 21, a variety of local beers and wines as well as refreshing summer cocktails will be offered. Live music entertainment will take place on the main stage while local food vendors will have a variety of fare to enjoy!

PAWCHHELLA is a great place to gather with your friends and family, enjoy the sunshine (and beautiful golf course view), all while supporting the local community.

Tickets are only \$5 in advance or \$10 at the door. [Purchase your tickets online at concertsforacausenw.com](http://concertsforacausenw.com) and mark your calendars to be at Camas Meadows, 4105 NW Camas Meadows Drive, on Sunday, July 9!



**September 16 & 17: NW Challenge Vintage Motocross** two-day race event at Washougal MX Park. Showcasing bikes of all kinds, including Premiere Classes for Vintage (Suspension Under 6/8), Support Classes for EVO, Revolution & Revo (up to 96"), Premiere Classes for EVO and Support Classes for Vintage.

All event proceeds benefit our Backpack Program. View the race & fee schedules, camping information and more at [nwchallengevmx.com](http://nwchallengevmx.com).



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**Hunger Appeal: June 5-16**

**Your donation will be matched  
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*Organize a Food Drive!*  
Check out page 2 for details.

Your donation of just \$15 could provide 12 nutritious meals to 12 people through our Hot Meals Program. Or provide three children with a bag of food through our Backpack Program.

Donate today at [centurylink.com/fooddrive](http://centurylink.com/fooddrive)  
(Search by state, then select Share)