Mandi Carsey and Officer Tyler Chavers Honored at Soup’s On Event

This year’s Soup’s On event included the presentation of: the 2017 Emily Marshall Volunteer of the Year Award to Mandi Carsey and the 2017 Community Partnership Award to Office Tyler Chavers.

Mandi is our volunteer ‘Backpack Manager’ and has been participating in that program for more than six years. Each week, she dons her hot pink safety vest and takes the lead on ensuring that bags of food are loaded correctly into the cars of volunteer delivery drivers. Fellow volunteer Ted Powell said this in his nomination of Mandy: “She can multi-task and anticipate to keep the bags and food flowing at a fast pace. She does this with the accuracy needed to make sure we don’t waste food and, more importantly, that we provide a backpack to a student in need of a meal.”

Upon receiving the award, Mandi said, “I was trying to find something to do with my kids, because I thought it was important to get involved in the community.”

Officer Chavers is the person whom our clients know best; he is the most likely to know their names, their stories, and often engages them in conversation even when there is not a crisis. He is the one that reaches out to our staff when there are people living on the street who the police believe to be highly vulnerable and in need of services. He treats people from all walks of life with compassion and respect, even when they may struggle to do the same.

After accepting his award, Officer Chavers shared, “Every individual in the room, all of you are community and you are all my examples of putting a human face on suffering and not wishing that someone else would do something, but actually doing something.”

Get the full recap of our Soup’s On event on page 4!
There’s No Place Like Home for the Holidays

Few truer words have been spoken: “For the holidays, you can’t beat home sweet home.” For low-income families struggling to make the holidays cheerful for their children, you can help in a variety of ways:

• **Donate Gifts.** Some of the new items needed include: clothing for men, women, teens and children (all sizes), housewares (dishes, pots and pans, towels, linens, etc.), sleeping bags, age appropriate gifts and toys for teens, children and infants, as well as board games for all ages. Gift cards from any grocery store, clothing store, music store, movie theater, etc. as well as gas cards are also a wonderful gift.

• **Fill a Holiday Food Box.** Donations of cash and gift cards to local grocery stores are needed to purchase turkeys and other perishable items for Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes.

• **Volunteer at Our Holiday Parties:**
  - Holiday Party for Single Adults
    - Tuesday, December 19:
    - 10 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
  - Holiday Party for Families
    - Thursday, December 21:
    - 8 a.m.-1 p.m. | 12:30-5:30 p.m.

Volunteers are required to attend one of our Volunteer Orientation sessions: December 4 at 10 a.m. or 6 p.m., December 15 at 2 p.m. or December 16 at 2 p.m.

Volunteer roles will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis at the orientations: Kids Crafts, Kids Games, Santa Elf (helping clients fill out wish lists), Warehouse Gnome (gathering items on wish lists), Snacks & Beverages, Santa Helpers, Hats/Socks/Gloves/Hygiene Item Helpers, Runners and Loading Gifts into Client Vehicles.

If you have not recently submitted a volunteer application, please visit sharevancouver.org to complete our volunteer application online.

To volunteer, contact Dellan Redjou at volunteers@sharevancouver.org or 360-952-8228.
For the holidays, you can’t beat home sweet home. Home for dozens of families in our community during the holidays are Share’s family shelters. The majority of funding for our shelters comes through private and government grants—and that money ran out this year on September 1. Share relies on the generosity of donors like you to literally keep the doors of our shelters open.

A Gift of $50 could buy
A ‘Good Start’ Kit

Men & women entering shelter often have few personal belongings. The ‘Good Start’ kit provides toiletry items (toothbrush, comb, soap, deodorant, etc.), underwear, socks & more.

A Gift of $25 could buy
Commercial Cookware

33,000 meals are served each year at our family shelters. Pots, pans, cookie sheets, utensils & more need regular replacement to serve healthy food to our residents.

A Gift of $100 could buy
Shelter for a Parent & Two Children

Provide a parent with two children a safe & warm place to live and sleep, as well as meals, for two nights.

A Gift of $500 could buy
Shelter Maintenance, Utilities & Furniture Replacement

To maintain safe & clean shelters for our residents, shelters require on-going and preventative maintenance. Large appliances (washers/dryers, etc.) & furnishings (couches, beds, etc.) require routine repair and/or replacement.

Give one of these ‘gifts’ as a present to family or friends—we’ll send them a card to let them know a gift was made in their honor. Call 952-8223 for details!

Becoming a Monthly Shareholder is the best way to support Share throughout the year and any amount is a welcome gift. And you can designate your gift to support Share’s shelter system or any Share program. Learn more: sharevancouver.org

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Become a Monthly Shareholder with your sustaining monthly gift of $15, $25, $50, $100 or more
We hosted 690 guests at our ‘Soup’s On! Celebrity Chefs Compete for Share’ on October 15 with a gross total of $129,748 raised!

A major highlight of the event was the awards for the best soups. The coveted Golden Ladle People’s Choice Award for Soup-er Chef awarded to Bonnie Brasure of Bleu Door Bakery. Brasure was also awarded the Presenting Sponsor’s Choice for Best Soup by Davidson & Associates Insurance.

It was a tie for the Chef’s Choice Award for Best Soup with trophies presented to Marian Adams of Frontier Public House and Capers Ogletree of Eatery at the Grant House.

Thank you to our fabulous line-up of chefs: Chris Monek, Beaches Restaurant & Bar; Bonnie Brasure, Bleu Door Bakery; Marian Adams, Frontier Public House; Capers Ogletree, Eatery at the Grant House; Nick Cassidy, Kelly Cunning and Quinn Martin, Hilton Vancouver; Jodell Hinojosa, Jo Foody’s; Brandon Carman, Legacy Medical Center Salmon Creek; Jeff ‘Darky’ Barham, Mill Creek Pub; Nick Humbert, New Seasons Market; Brett Gayden, Red Lion Hotel on the River Jantzen Beach; Tamara Leibfarth, Simply Thyme Catering; Mike Culver, Warehouse ’23; and Rick Browne, PhD, Wishing Well Productions.

And also to our wonderful bowl artists: Pat Brame, Nick Molatoree, Kelly Kegwin, Sam Mackenzie, Stephen Mickey, Kim Murton and Honna Sheffield.

Special thanks to our Master of Ceremonies, Eric Sawyer; Bill Roller for the wonderful chef and sponsor videos; and Alyssa Schwary for her ‘practically perfect’ performance of Mary Poppins songs.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make this event possible. And thank you to all our guests who brought donations of new underwear and socks—875 pairs were donated and will be given to our clients!

Finally, an enormous thank you to all of this year’s sponsors, who are listed on the opposite page!
Soup’s On! and the Quest for the Golden Ladle

Join us in 2018 for our Indiana Jones inspired event—An Adventure in Soup! Our chefs will literally ‘whip’ up their best soups and you vote for the Soup-er Chef Award for Best Soup!

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You Can Choose Wisely!
Behind the Scenes at Share: Olivia Resnick

**Job Title:** Housing First Director

**Nutshell description of job duties:** Oversee Lincoln Place, Scattered Sites (homes purchased by Share to provide permanent, supported housing for clients), Outreach, and Day Center

**Tenure at Share:** 11 months

**Education/professional background:** Bachelors from Evergreen State College & Masters in Social Work from Howard University

**Hobbies:** Going on adventures with my family, reading and eating chocolate

**Most rewarding part of your job:** Watching people discover that they matter and deserve to live a fulfilled life

**Most challenging part of your job:** Lack of housing options

**What would make our community a better place:** More smiles and more compromise

**One thing you want people to learn about the homeless community:** That people living in homelessness are individuals with their own lived experience and identity

“Don’t wait for other people to be loving, giving, compassionate, grateful, forgiving, generous, or friendly... lead the way!”

—Steve Maraboli

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

**An Evening in Venice CARNEVALE BALL**

**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
Volunteer Celebrates 86th Birthday, 26 Years of Service!

One of our favorite people, Mickey, recently celebrated her 86th birthday. She began as a board member and has continued volunteering at Share House for the last 26 years. For the past couple of years, she has come every Monday and Friday to work with Holley, our fabulous food coordinator.

Holley shared this about Mickey: “While I complete the food tasks at hand and help volunteers, Mickey takes it upon herself to clean and organize everything. This is no easy task, but she does it without complaining and with a positive attitude. I can’t even fathom how I would make it without her support. She is a true blessing to me and I’m eternally grateful to her.”

Vote for Diane McWithey for 2018 Rare Life Award

There’s still time 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 eagle rarelife.com/content/diane-mcwithey. If she receives the most votes by December 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.

Please ‘share’ our Facebook posts and encourage your friends to vote every day!

Seats & Feets Drive a Success!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our ‘Seats & Feets’ drive, which has brought in 2,893 pairs so far!

More donations will continue to come in, as organizations are extending their drives into November.

The new packs of socks and underwear will be greatly appreciated by clients who receive them as part of the gift-giving at our annual holiday parties in December.

To understand, ask questions & learn.

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Barnes & Noble Vancouver will host a book drive now through Dec. 31 for children (ages 0-18) to benefit Share’s clients!

Recommended titles are at the cash registers for purchase, but any appropriate children’s book, sale or bargain titles throughout the store, are all greatly appreciated.

Donated books will be added to the libraries at our family shelters, plus books will be given to children through our ASPIRE and Backpack programs and distributed at our holiday parties.

If you would like to donate gently-used books, please deliver those to the Share Fromhold Service Center, 2306 NE Andresen Road (M-F, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Check out more ‘Community Cares for Share’ events at sharevancouver.org or facebook.com/ShareVancouver!