Community Rallies for #every28days

The second annual #every28days was a huge success, resulting in 16 pallets of feminine hygiene products in our warehouse! Thank you to Garage Bar & Grille and Mill Creek Pub for hosting events on Feb. 28, as well as the more than 20 businesses* that had collection bins leading up to the event. A special thanks to Lisa Goodrich, this year’s event chair, as well as to Dianna Kretzschmar, who organized the inaugural event last year. To everyone in our community who donated so generously—thank you! We’ll be working with local nonprofits who serve women and girls in need to help get these donations to those who need them.

Our own Kim Hash, director of development and communications, attended the event and shared this: “Tons of wonderful feminine hygiene products being donated tonight for the girls and women of our community. And what a wonderful community we have! It astounds me how many people care and come out to show it! Thanks to all who are involved in this great effort this year! It takes a village!”

Women experiencing homelessness have resources to connect them to a safe place to sleep or a hot meal to eat. But when it comes to taking care of their feminine hygiene needs, they often have nowhere to turn.

Tampons and sanitary pads top the list of needs at shelters, as supporters don’t often think to donate them. Compounding the issue is the fact that feminine hygiene items cannot be purchased with food stamps, public showers are scarce and poor hygiene during menstruation can lead to infections.

While our warehouse is full today, feminine hygiene products are always needed and can be dropped off at the Share Fromhold Service Center.

* Thank you for supporting #every28days! Innovative Services NW, Prosecuting Attorneys Office, A Dogs Best Friend, Salmon Creek Plastic Surgery, Vancouver Chambers of Commerce, The Quarry, Almea Insurance, PeaceHealth: PHSW Campus, Glenwood Place, Whole Foods, American Family Insurance, Filbin’s Hardware, Ameriprise, Barre3 (119th St.), Divine Consign, GLAMbeauty bar, Morton’s Stoves, Riverview Bank (Battle Ground) and Dapper D’s.

$150,000 Grant from KMR Group Foundation to Fund Full-time Housing Navigator

Share has been awarded a $150,000 grant from the KMR Group Foundation, a private nonprofit in Vancouver, to help the agency transition local families from its shelters to permanent housing.

“This three-year grant will allow Share to hire a full-time housing navigator at our family shelters. Our navigators will help families and single women find a path to housing by helping clients look for reasonable housing options that best fit their family, accompanying them to see their new potential home and aiding them with budgeting to ensure that they would be secure going forward. Navigators help people find the way home,” said Diane McWithey, executive director.

Securing permanent housing has become increasingly difficult in Southwest Washington. By adding a housing navigator, Share is joining a national trend of providing advocates to help vulnerable

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Annual Report: Social Return on Investment

Over recent years, there has been increased recognition that non-profits need better ways to account for the social, economic and environmental values that results from their activities. The language varies—‘impact’, ‘returns’, ‘benefit’, ‘value’—but the questions around what sort of difference and how much of a difference we are making are the same.

To that end, we have modified our annual report to focus on Social Return on Investment (SROI). SROI is about value – the value you help us to build in our community when you donate to Share.

Visit sharevancouver.org to see more positive outcomes from 2017, as well as our full annual report.

“No acts of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.—Aesop

KMR Grant Cont.

community members juggle the myriad of issues that might otherwise serve as roadblocks to permanent housing.

“KMR and the entire Vancouver community are keenly aware of the challenges facing local agencies working with the homeless in Clark County,” said Kate Jones, KMR Group Foundation Co-Founder and President. “We’ve assisted Share for many years in addressing this and other issues, but felt it was time for the Foundation to focus more on the local homeless crisis. After planning with Share, I believe we’ve found a way to make the kind of impact that can make a real difference in the lives of families in our community.”

KMR and Share have been partners for more than 20 years. Last year alone, KMR provided nearly 2,000 Essential Packs filled with hats, gloves and everyday necessities. The foundation is also involved with Share’s Backpack Program, which provides healthy food for school-aged children, as well as providing funding for Share’s move to the Fromhold Center in 2013.
### 2017 Annual Report

You help us build value in our community when you donate to Share.

**10,000 Clients**

**3,021 Volunteers**

**31,247 Volunteer Hours**

**3,419 Financial Donors**

**3,367 In-kind Donors**

**86 Staff**
47 Full-time & 39 Part-time

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**Share’s Backpack Program provided 2,014 KIDS with 60,310 PACKS, plus 687 KIDS served at our FRESH FOOD PANTRIES**

**With ‘no length of stay’ at our family shelters, 18% INCREASE in the number of people moving into PERMANENT HOUSING**

**With a Housing Navigator added to Share House staff, 25% INCREASE in the number of people moving into PERMANENT HOMES**

**At Lincoln Place: 80% of our community’s most vulnerable people have been STABLY HOUSED for at least 6 months, 70% for at least 1 year**

**At Share’s Day Center, staff helped 160 People find JOBS and 102 People secured HOUSING**

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* Revenues & expenses are unaudited; depreciation expenses not included

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Organize a Food Drive to Support Our Annual Hunger Appeal!

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 180,150 nutritious meals each year.

Our goal is to raise 10,000 pounds of food this year. You can help by organizing a food drive—at your office, school, church or neighborhood—in late May or early 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), as well as cereal, pasta, canned fruits, boxed dinners, granola bars and more.

To organize a food drive, please contact Molly Evjen at volcoor@sharevancouver.org or (360) 952-8312.

Did you know? One in every 27 students in our state is homeless.

50% of homeless students in Washington state are in elementary school or younger (Pre-K to grade 5)

Source: Building Changes | buildingchanges.org
We are excited to host our annual Gala once again at Warehouse ‘23. We’d like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors, without whom this event would not be possible:

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Special Thanks to our Soup’s On Presenting Sponsor:

Note on tickets: We have established a wait list, as invariably guests will cancel and we anticipate seats will become available. Contact Becky Graff at 360-952-8223 or officemgr@sharevancouver.org. Thank you for your understanding.
As shared by former Share board member, Brent Anderson

My father recently passed away and I was the executor of his will. He specified in his will to have half of his estate go to Share (which I was over the moon to see he desired to donate to Share).

When he retired, my dad, Everett, began exercising with other seniors at the Firstenburg Community Center. The group of regulars became good friends and got together outside of the gym. As a group, they decided to volunteer at Share helping to prepare lunches. He was deeply impacted by his time volunteering, got to see first-hand the impact of what Share does and always looked forward to his opportunity to serve at Share.

When he was younger, due to work and family obligations, he didn’t get a chance to volunteer so when the opportunity came up he stepped up. He always said, “There is no reason that we should have any homeless or hungry people living in the United States with the abundance of resources we have.” He always had heart for the hungry and homeless.

His final estate is not a large sum of money, but I know Share is very good with the use of its funds and I am sure it will positively affect your efforts. My dad knew that Share could always use additional financial support and by leaving a gift for Share he knew it would have a positive impact.

Consider Share in Your Estate Planning

Many people are unaware that by making a gift in their will or estate plan to Share, they can continue to help people in need long into the future. Leaving a bequest to Share can be as simple as adding a provision to your will or living trust. It’s also flexible, giving you many options in the types of gift you can make.

To learn more, go to sharevancouver.org, click on the donations tab and scroll down to “Matched Giving and Estate Planning.” There you can find suggested language for your will or revocable living trust. You will also find our Intent to Give Form.

To discuss some of the options available, please contact Diane McWithey, Share’s Executive Director, at (360) 952-8216.

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Success in Our Scattered Sites Program

You may have heard us use the term “scattered sites” when we talk about Share’s various housing programs. Scattered sites refer to a form of housing in which publicly funded, affordable, low-density units are scattered throughout diverse, middle-class neighborhoods, as opposed to being concentrated in a single neighborhood or housing complex. It can take the form of single units spread throughout the city or clusters of family units.

Our scattered sites program has recently had a series of fruitful months. The program continues to make great strides in identifying new landlords and to house more people in the coming year.

During November, in an effort to reduce isolation, depression, and social engagement, case managers took all of their clients in this program out to lunch—it was a great success! They were able to see their clients engage with others and learn new social skills in a different type of setting. It was amazing to see them come together and enjoy one another’s company. This activity will be continued so that the clients feel a part of the community, continue to get to know one another and reduce their isolation, which promotes stable mental health.

In December, they went caroling! One of the clients re-wrote “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” into a thank you carol for all of the help that has been given to her. She was elated to be able to do this and was almost in tears at the end. She said, “This is why I am still living and I’m grateful for the opportunity to thank others. I hope to volunteer next year as a way to give back.”

One case manager shared, “It was amazing to be a part of this and we hope to have a bigger singing crew next year, continuing this as a new tradition for the holiday season.”

And in January, we experienced true success with one of our clients who had been living at Oxford House. Not only has this client maintained his sobriety, but he purchased his own car, and moved into a new home, living on his own, taking the ultimate step forward in his life.

You Can Choose... Wisely!

Join us Sunday, September 30 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!

Sponsorships from ‘Fortune & Glory Kid’ Supporting Sponsor at $7,500 to ‘Pankat Palace & Monkey Brains’ Table Sponsor at $1,500.

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

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You make me feel important, thanks!

We value our Monthly Shareholders and offer member benefits, provided by these wonderful partners, to those who pledge a minimum of $15 monthly:

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• **Latte Da Coffee House & Wine Bar** will offer a ‘Buy one non-alcoholic drink and get one free.’ (One-time use coupon)

• **Mill Creek** will provide a one-time $5 gift certificate

• **Bleu Door Bakery** will offer a ‘Buy an express sandwich & get a free cookie OR Buy a café breakfast & get a free espresso drink, café only.’ (One-time use coupon)

• **A Dog’s Best Friend:** For NEW clients, a waived evaluation fee which is a full day of doggie day care while your dog is evaluated by the team! A $35 value! See adogsbffdaycare.com for full details.

• Coupons for ‘GLAM’ services at GLAMBeauty Bar

Visit sharevancouver.org to see new benefits as they are added!

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