

Spring 2018

June, July & August = Summer Meals!

It's summer time and that means our Summer Meals Program is kicking into high gear! Our program strives to provide fresh, nutritious meals that include fruit and vegetables so that children in our communities do not face hunger during the summer months.

"When children go hungry, their basic needs aren't being met and then they can't reach higher goals and aspirations," said Katie Dwailebee, hunger response assistant director. *"If children don't have enough nutritious food, they not only suffer physically, but they also face a lifetime effort to move beyond that basic struggle to survive towards being able to thrive."*

This year's program will serve meals at 22 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 & deliver meals

(breakfast & lunch) to all Summer Meals locations from June 25 to August 10 (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 volunteers@sharevancouver.org.



Tom Breitenbach Honored with John Cox Award of Excellence



Tom Breitenbach, Share's Assistant Director of Housing, was honored with the John Cox Award of Excellence presented by Lifeline Connections.

Upon receiving the award, Tom shared:

"I was born and raised in Vancouver and am committed to this community. I appreciate any opportunity to assist those who experience barriers or face discrimination, especially those in recovery or seeking recovery from substance abuse."

We could not be prouder of Tom for his contributions to Lifeline, where he is currently the Chair of both the Recovery Resource Center Advisory Board and the Hands Across the Bridge Project. He has previously served as a board member for that organization.

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Kitchen Campaign Propels Past \$100,000

Thanks to a \$75,000 anonymous donation, our Kitchen Remodel Campaign has been propelled past \$100,000, half-way to our goal! All of this generosity, when fully realized in our remodeled kitchen at Share House, will truly benefit our Hot Meals clients and ‘cooks’—like Cindy, a homemaker, pictured below.

Over 2,000,000 free meals have been served out of the kitchen since it was constructed in 1999. The initial campaign focused on just the remodel of the kitchen at a cost of \$100,000. But it was decided to expand the remodel to include the janitor’s room and two bathrooms; completing all the work at once will reduce overall costs, diminishing the adverse impact on clients who are unable to access these areas during construction.

It’s not too late to donate and make a difference—visit sharevancouver.org today!



If you are a Fred Meyer shopper, it’s super easy to support Share! All you have to do is link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Share.

Visit fredmeyer.com to designate Share as your charity of choice (Share is #86618).

While you’re shopping, consider picking up a few items to donate to Share’s Backpack Program (hint: see left 😊). The kids will truly appreciate it!



Struggle is real, but so is success

There is no single reason why someone can end up without a home. Personal circumstances and wider factors both play their part. A medical emergency, a death in the family, a loss of a job or income. In fact, 78 percent of full-time workers in America say they live paycheck to paycheck. The step between housed and homeless can be very small.

Not having a home can make it harder for people to find a job, stay healthy and maintain relationships, as well as for parents to raise healthy, happy children.

An example of this struggle is a woman called Tess*. Tess was 35 weeks pregnant and living in a van with her partner. Her partner battled with substance abuse and became abusive to her. With only an 11th grade education and no

money beyond welfare benefits, she felt as if she had no options. When her daughter Alexa was born, Child Protective Services stepped in due to the concerns around domestic violence and her living situation.

At this same time, Council for the Homeless placed her into Share's supported housing program called ASPIRE. Tess's ASPIRE Case Manager helped her find a home, and with the rental subsidy Share provides to shore her up financially, she left her abusive partner. And to her delight, her daughter was able to come home to live with her.

Knowing she wanted more for her life, she connected with Partners In Careers (PIC) and began earning a paycheck working for Habitat for Humanity. She received glowing reviews from her employer.



But Tess didn't stop there, she enrolled in GED classes. She passed all the GED tests, with the exception of math. Temporarily foiled, she took another six-month PIC position, this time unpaid. She did this to obtain more job skills, while she continued to study to pass her final exam. With the encouragement of her case manager, and her own persistence Tess conquered math!

Her unpaid internship turned into a full-time job and she has been promoted twice. Tess has told us that ASPIRE gave her confidence and the tools that she and Alexa needed to move forward in their lives.

* Client names changed to protect anonymity

We Share Annual Meeting at Windy Hills Winery

Thank you to all the We Share members who came out for our Annual Meeting at Windy Hills Winery. Your dedicated support truly changes lives.

And special thanks to River Twain for the fabulous music and Beaches Restaurant and Bar for the delicious food!

Learn more about the We Share Major Gift Society—including benefits like free or reduced-price tickets to Share events and exclusive tours of our facilities—at sharevancouver.org



Board President Adam Roselli with Board Member Nancy Olmsted and her husband Eric.



Susan Courtney with our Executive Director, Diane McWithey



Volunteer Spotlight: Dianna & Pete Yee-Stauffer

A message from Dianna & Pete:

We first got involved with Share about two years ago when we moved up from the Bay Area in California. We were looking for an organization or program that served all people—regardless of age, race, sex, level of education, country of origin, economic level.

We liked Share because it offered so many different opportunities. We had the option to try different programs before we committed. It was also very easy to volunteer. You simply completed a questionnaire, and then selected a program, time and place. We have found the Share staff to be very caring and helpful to its clientele, so it's definitely a good fit for us.

Pete and I volunteer to cook a meal at Share Orchards Inn every Wednesday night and we help out at Soup's On. I also

volunteer for the Summer Meals program, helping to make sack lunches.

We picked these programs because we like to cook. We believe providing good tasty meals is a personal way to help someone faced with stress and uncertainty. We hope that by offering a hot-cooked meal, we have made someone's day a little better.

We especially enjoy cooking meals at Share Orchards Inn. Every Wednesday is like the Food Network Show "Chopped"—you never know what ingredients are available, but the challenge is to make something that is tasty and feeds a crowd of people, all within 90 minutes!

I believe volunteering in general is important. It's a great way to meet like-minded people, as well as a good way to meet people who are usually outside your circle



of friends. You definitely broaden your horizons when you volunteer.

I believe volunteering for Share is important, because Share is one of the few organizations dedicated to helping the homeless. It's a good way to give back to the community, and, in many ways, you get back more than you give.

I would encourage everyone to volunteer in some capacity. Pick an activity that involves something you enjoy doing (cooking, coaching, woodworking, mentoring young people) and just volunteer.

You will find it **well worth your time**. You will meet **new friends**. You will **learn something new** every time you volunteer.

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. We are looking for personal stories describing the efforts of a dedicated volunteer who has displayed outstanding efforts to foster Share's mission to serve those experiencing hunger and homelessness. [If you would like to nominate a volunteer, please visit share-vancouver.org to complete the nomination form.](https://share-vancouver.org)

Email completed forms to volunteers@sharevancouver.org or send your nomination 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.



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**YOU CAN CHOOSE
...WISELY!**

New Location: 
1 Cowlitz Way, Ridgefield

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!**

Each guest will take home an **artisan soup bowl** & the evening’s program will include
the presentation of the **2018 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!

Participating Chefs Include:



Tickets on sale August 1 at sharevancouver.org

\$75 Adults | \$40 Kids (12 & Under) | \$750 Table of 10

Sponsorships Opportunities Available!

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

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Planned Giving Options



Beneficiary Designation Gifts

Life Insurance & Retirement Gifts
If a charitable gift to Share is in your plans, you might consider using your retirement account (ie; IRA, 401K, 403B) or life insurance to fund your gift.

Navigating this process is easy. Both assets transfer using beneficiary designation forms you can obtain through your policy holder.

Beneficiary Designation Gifts Benefits

Assets such as retirement and life insurance policies may both be taxable to your estate upon death. However, if the policy is designated to Share, your estate avoids paying tax on the value of the policies and receives a charitable deduction for your gift.

Find out more about your planned giving options at sharevancouver.org



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Leave a legacy,
share the future



Since 1979, Share's board of directors, staff, volunteers and donors have shared a passion and vision for our organization: Creating a better today and hopeful future for low-income individuals and families, and those experiencing homelessness. Help us continue this vision for tomorrow by including Share in your will today.

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Help us continue this vision for tomorrow by including Share in your will today.

Visit sharevancouver.org to download our complete information brochure.

To discuss some of the options available, please contact Diane McWithey at (360) 952-8216 or Kim Hash at (360) 952-8227.

Your Legacy for Change

Your powerful legacy gift will help Share continue to deliver a spectrum of services—from our Outreach team on the streets and our Day Center, to emergency shelters and free nutritious meals, to our Backpack program feeding hungry children and subsidized housing, to a savings program and permanent housing, and more. You can support this vision by including a bequest to Share in your will or revocable trust.

Charitable Bequests

A bequest is one of the easiest planned gifts you can make. Your estate planning attorney can include a provision in your will that will leave a legacy to help the more than 10,000 men, women and children that Share serves each year.

Your bequest could be a gift of specific assets (such as property or stocks), a specific dollar amount or a percentage of your estate. A bequest could also be made from what is left of your estate after all gifts have been made to your loved ones.

Charitable Bequest Benefits

- A bequest is free of federal estate tax
- Your bequest can be changed down the road
- You can still benefit your loved ones with specific gifts
- A bequest may produce estate tax savings

Giving is Simple



How to Leave a Charitable Bequest

To leave a gift to Share in your will, simply share this sentence with your attorney or financial planner:

"I bequeath \$ _____ or
% of my estate to Share, a non-profit organization located at 2306 NE Andresen Road,
Vancouver, Washington, 98661, Federal Tax ID #91-1205119,
for Share's general use and purpose."

We know leaving a gift of this kind takes careful consideration. Please contact Diane McWithey, Executive Director, at 360-952-8216 or

An Evening in Venice Photos (More on page 7!)



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Board President Adam Roselli was a huge fan of the Italian nougats. 🍯



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Guests Anne Nipp and Trigg Vilani embraced the carnevale theme.



Everyone was a winner at the gaming tables!

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Our *An Evening in Venice* Gala was a truly elegant affair,

as well as a financial success with a gross total of \$242,000 raised! We have a huge list of thank yous:

► To our event sponsors:

- Piazza San Marco:



- Share Program Sponsor:



- Canale Grande:



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Jo Marie & Steve Hansen

- Murano Glass Treasures:



- Ponte di Rialto:



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- 2018 Soup's On Presenting Sponsor: Davidson & Associates Insurance

- Thank you to the 2018 Gala Committee members, including Ginger Schmidt, Nancy Olmsted, Michelle Prosser and Keela Stumpf.

- We'd also like to thank all of our Gala volunteers for their time and talent.

- Our most sincere thanks to Michael Lampson for transporting us to Venice, Italy with the incredible décor!

- Grazie to our MCs: Kim Capeloto of Riverview Community Bank and Ali Novinger of Beaches Restaurant & Bar.

- And to the 135+ generous individuals and businesses who donated items to our silent and live auction.



All smiles from Tony Johnson, Diane & Jerry McWithey & Nicole Hanna.



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The amazing Ali Novinger & Kim Capeloto.



Paddles were raised high to support Share's vital programs!

Thank you, thank you, thank you! *Grazie!*



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We have launched a new program called 'Stock Our Shelves' to encourage community donation drives for new and gently-used goods.

From clothing and personal hygiene items to non-perishable and fresh food, these donations allow us to feed, clothe, furnish homes and so much more for our clients as they move along the path to self-sufficiency. And every donation allows us to spend our funds on providing increased services and programs.

To organize a drive to 'Stock Our Shelves,' please contact Molly Evjen at volcoor@sharevancouver.org.



Celebrate the classic tradition of cruising Main Street on Saturday, July 21!

There will be entertainment, giveaways, food & more! Plus, attendees are asked to bring a donation of non-perishable food for Share! We will be located between the new Fire Station and Dairy Queen for food deliveries from 8 am to 4 pm. Look for the pink Chappelle's Towing truck!

The cruise occurs on Main St. in downtown and uptown Vancouver between 28th St. and 6th St. and officially starts at 10 a.m.

If you would like to volunteer, please email volcoor@sharevancouver.org.

Thanks to Cruise the Couve who in 2017 donated \$2,000 of their event proceeds to Share!

