

Spring 2017

## Don't Take No For An Answer

Just one hiccup on life's journey can have a lasting impact. Bryan, Amanda and their son, Isaiah, experienced this first-hand last year when Bryan was evicted.

At the time, Bryan (36) and Amanda (35) were separated. Both were, and today remain, employed, Bryan as a certified nursing assistant and Amanda is working for a temp agency. The couple reconciled and together had to face the consequences of an eviction on Bryan's credit history.

This was the first time either had been homeless. They contacted the Council for the Homeless, but no shelter space was available, so they lived in hotels for a couple of months. In September, Bryan got a call that a room was open at Share Homestead.

*"Living in a shelter alongside many other people was stressful for me, as I have anxiety issues, so I was grateful that my therapy dog, Phoebe, was able to live with us,"* shared Bryan.

Bryan contacted numerous apartment complexes, but the search for a new home was not easy. Despite their ability to meet income requirements, the eviction was a blight on their record. *"I exhausted myself making calls and was ready to give up."*



In the end, his diligence paid off. The manager at Arnada Point Apartments, just across the street from Share Homestead, was willing to work with Bryan and Amanda. On their 90th and last day at the shelter, they moved into their new two-bedroom apartment.

*"We are grateful to the staff—to Janice and Caroline—who always tried to keep things positive and always listened. I don't know how many times we thanked them,"* said Bryan.

He still worries, though, about the future. *"If we can't afford next year's lease or the year after that, what will we do?"* This continues to be a realistic fear for thousands of families, as the affordable housing crisis continues to be at the forefront of our community. (Continued on page 2)



## Organize a Food Drive for 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 180,193 nutritious meals each year.

You can help by organizing a food drive 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.

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





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## Don't Take No (Cont.)

Janice VanFrederic, a Share program director who worked with Bryan and Amanda, shared this: “Bryan and Amanda entered shelter having to balance being parents, employees and as a couple experiencing homelessness. After and before shifts, Bryan and Amanda would e-mail, make in person visits and place phone calls to apartment listings they could afford. They would leave the shelter hopeful and come back hopeless after being denied housing time and time again. Bryan came back one day and said ‘I don’t know what else to do.’ I told him, ‘I’m not sure at this point

either, but what you can’t do is give up.’ Bryan came to the office the next morning and said ‘I’m starting over, I’m going back to everywhere I’ve already been.’ As uncertain of his strategy I was, he came back and said the apartment across from the shelter was giving his family a chance. That was one of the most inspiring and memorable days I’ve had working at Share Homestead. “Now, I sit in my office and see this family walking their dog, Phoebe, across the street, and it is all because they didn’t take no for an answer.”

## Keep An Eye Out for Our ‘Most Needed’

‘Don’t Snicker, We Need Knickers!’

‘Drop Your Denim (Off) for Share!’

Humor has a special way of catching your attention, which is why it’s the focus of our ‘Most Needed’ campaign, which runs throughout each year and highlights items needed by our clients.

Currently, we are asking for **treats and toys to fill Easter baskets, filled Easter baskets and new kids clothes (all types, infant to teens).**

Stay in touch with us on-line at [sharevancouver.org](http://sharevancouver.org) or on social media—[facebook.com/ShareVancouver](https://www.facebook.com/ShareVancouver), [twitter.com/ShareVanWa](https://twitter.com/ShareVanWa) and Instagram @ShareVanWa—to keep apprised of our current needs.

*“Hippity, hoppity, Easter’s on it’s way!”*

Donations of **toys & treats for Easter baskets or filled Easter baskets** as well as **new kids clothing** (all types & sizes) can be dropped off at the Share Fromhold Service Center, M-F/9-2.

*Don’t have time to shop?*  
Make a donation on-line today:  
[sharevancouver.org](http://sharevancouver.org)

# Sharing Lives

## Behind the Scenes at Share: Holley Walhood

*We are fond of saying: “Holley is like a Chopped competitor every day, as she plans the meals for Share House based on what donations have come in!”*

**Job Title:** Food Service Coordinator

**Nutshell description of job duties:** I coordinate and execute all aspects of the Hot Meals program, which provides three hot meals per day during the week and two hot meals per day on the weekends.

**Tenure at Share:** I've been with Share for 9 years.

**Education/professional background:** I graduated from Western Culinary Institute with honors in 1993. I started off my culinary career as a caterer preparing food for Hewlett Packard business meetings during the week and weddings and parties on the side. After taking some time off to be a stay-at-home-mom, I was a cook at Southwest Washington Medical Center for eight years.

**Hobbies:** I am a writer. I've been writing short stories for the past 15 years, and I'm currently writing a book in my spare time. I'm a beginner at learning the ukulele. I've never played a stringed instrument in my life so it does not come naturally to me, but I enjoy trying.

**One word to describe yourself:** Patient

**Most rewarding part of your job:** Getting to serve and show love and compassion to a part of our population that feels sorely undervalued and unloved.

**Most challenging part of your job:** The high turnover in staff. I'm in training mode a lot of the time, which makes it difficult to accomplish all of the work that needs to be done. I'm very fortunate that I've had great staff in place for the past few months. I work with some really awesome residents and volunteers and that makes my job a lot easier.

**What would make our community a better place:** If we all stopped judging one another... if we all reached out to help someone in need... if we all smiled more and offered kind words... if we all went the extra mile...if we all “became the change we want to see in the world.” (Mahatma Gandhi)

**One thing you want people to learn about the homeless community:** They are human beings. Some have suffered greatly at the hands of others and some suffer with debilitating mental and emotional issues but regardless of what brought them to this place in life and this moment in time, they deserve dignity and to be treated with respect.

**Favorite quote:** “You cannot help but learn more as you take the world into your hands. Take it up reverently for it is an old piece of clay with millions of thumbprints on it.”—John Updike



Holley is pictured above with Share House resident staff—they are all delighted with our new oven!

# Sharing Lives



Presents



Share's Annual Gala April 22

This year, we are excited to host our annual Gala at a new location—**Warehouse '23**. And we are delighted by the community response which **sold out** the event in mid-March. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors, without whom this event would not be possible:

Viva Las Vegas Sponsor:



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The Rat Pack Sponsor: **Jo Marie & Steve Hansen**

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Vancouver's Rat Pack

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Will it be red or white?

Buy a wine bottle, dressed in Vintage Vegas covers, for \$30

*Vegas, Baby!* Table Sponsors: Providence Health & Services | The Management Group

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*Note on tickets:* The move to Warehouse '23 reduced our overall event capacity and our attendance threshold was reached much quicker than anticipated, so ticket sales are closed. However, we have established a wait list, as invariably guests will cancel and we anticipate seats will become available. Contact Becky West to be placed on the wait list: 360-952-8223 or [adminassistant@sharevancouver.org](mailto:adminassistant@sharevancouver.org). Thank you for your understanding.

## Dick Hannah Kia Donates 2012 Kia Sedona

We would like to extend an enormous thank you to Rachel Smith, general manager of Dick Hannah Kia, as well as the entire Hannah family for donating the use of a 2012 Kia Sedona.

This new van—which replaces the very tired one they had previously donated—is vital to us in so many ways: transporting clients from Lincoln Place and our shelters to appointments, delivering bags of food to local schools through our Backpack program, serving as an extension of our mobile food pantry with fresh produce and so very much more! We could not be more grateful.



# Sharing Lives

## Goodbye & Hello!

After 15 years of service to the homeless community in Vancouver, Share said goodbye to Katherine Garrett—Housing First Director and former Share House & Outreach Director—who retired on January 6.

*“Her passion, vision, strength of character and dedication to the hungry and homeless have profoundly impacted the lives of so many and continue to greatly inspire all who know her,”* said Diane McWithey, executive director. *“She always put our clients first and her ability to do that with our hardest to serve clients makes her one of my most admired women.”*

On earning the respect of the homeless community, Katie Louis, director of Share House, shared: *“You get it by braving the winds and rain, trekking through forest and*



Katherine (center) with her dedicated Outreach team, Pam and Willie.

*field just to connect with those who are living on the outer most fringes of our community. You get it by sitting next to someone who hasn't showered in weeks, eaten in days, and is coughing and sneezing and by handing them a tissue and bringing them inside. This is what you need to achieve the level of empathy and compassion that Katherine has shown for more than a decade.”*

While Katherine will be missed, we are excited to have welcomed Olivia Resnick as our new Housing First Director. Olivia is the former Council for the Homeless Housing Solution Center Director and has experience working with housing first programs on the east coast. She has a Masters in Social Work and a passion for serving the most vulnerable in our community.



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*You're Invited*  
**We Share Annual Meeting**  
Thursday, May 18 at 5:30 p.m.

Program & Client Success | Accomplishments & New Initiatives  
Appetizers & Drinks | This is a 'No Ask' event—please join us!

## Mark Your Calendar: May 18

Members of the We Share Major Gift Society are invited to attend our annual meeting, held this year on Thursday, May 18, 5:30 p.m., at the Share Fromhold Service Center.

Not a member yet? **Join today at [sharevancouver.org](https://sharevancouver.org).** Your gifts will help to establish reliable, annual funding to bolster and sustain our ability to provide the programs and services that positively impact the lives of those in need. And you'll receive member benefits, too.

## Revised Physical Donations Policy Coming June 1

The donation of new and gently-used goods is vital to serving Share's clients. 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.

As Share has grown and the volume of physical donations has increased, we have taken the initiative to review our existing policy to make revisions that will benefit staff and volunteers, as well as our clients and donors. This new policy will be implemented on June 1. Please visit [sharevancouver.org](http://sharevancouver.org) for additional information.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind our donors that the following items may not be accepted at any Share location due to liability issues and/or high disposal costs:

- Furniture & mattresses
- Cribs, car seats, walkers, hi-chairs, pack 'n' plays, etc. (items that infants can sleep or sit in)
- Electronics, speakers & VHS tapes
- Used toys
- Exercise equipment
- Encyclopedias

*Thank you!*



## Share Resident Staff Wins Vancouver Lake Half Marathon

We are so proud of our own Jason Griffiths, resident staff at Share House, who in February won the 27th annual Vancouver Lake Half Marathon. We asked Jason to share with us about his journey to Share and how he is doing today:

*"I ended up at Share because of financial issues. I was living in Hazel Dell and working nights at Fred Meyer. I was a part-time associate, so I sometimes would only work 15 hours a week, which made it tough to pay my rent and expenses."*

*"At the beginning of the year my rent took a jump and I had no choice but to come to Share. I have since quit my job and am ready to start at*

*"Frito Lay, which will be a significant increase in pay."*

*"When I am not working, I train four or more hours a day. It was kind of a blessing for me that the half marathon was delayed due to bad weather as it gave me that extra four weeks to put some stuff together and ultimately win."*

As this newsletter goes to printer, Jason will also compete in the Pacific Rim One Day Run, with the goal to run as many miles as possible in a 24 hour period. The current American Record is about 172 miles and Jason's goal is to break that record—we wish him good luck!



# Thanks to you I have food.

## 2016 Annual Report



### Community Sharing a Vision



10,000 Clients



3,169 Volunteers



2,025 Donors\*



15 Staff

31,247 Volunteer Hours

\*Financial Donors

46 Full-time & 29 Part-time

### SHARE Programs & Services

1,257

People received  
emergency shelter

Share House, Share Homestead,  
Share Orchards Inn, Winter  
Hospitality Overlow (WHO), Women's  
Housing and Transition (WHAT)



24,322

Free meals to  
kids through Summer  
Meals Program



91,805

Meals to the public  
through Hot Meals



141

Households in  
permanent housing  
through ASPIRE



2,953

Unduplicated  
kids served and ...



30

Residents living  
in Lincoln Place

64,816

Bags of food  
provided through the  
Backpack Program



470

People served  
through Housing &  
Essential Needs



9/1

Fresh Food Pantries/  
Mobile Food Pantry



329

Families adopted  
during the holidays



89

Current savers in  
our IDA Program



864

Guests at Share  
holiday parties

880

People access  
Outreach services at  
Share Day Center



12,343

Total gifts distributed  
during the holidays

### Total Revenue\*

\$7,785,508

Government Grants	\$4,755,214
Interest & Dividends	\$66,831
Private Donations	\$579,580
In-Kind Donations	\$822,407
Fundraising: Events	\$506,468
Fundraising: Appeal Campaigns	\$342,257
Private Foundation Grants	\$377,715
Student Employment Reimbursement	\$12,897
Rents & Miscellaneous Reimbursement	\$322,141

### Total Expenses\*

\$7,622,593

Shelter System	\$1,332,376
Hunger Response Programs	\$1,038,686
Street Outreach Program	\$883,122
Housing Programs	\$2,995,175
Financial Programs	\$203,987
Fundraising: Events	\$249,902
Fundraising: Appeal Campaigns	\$31,769
Fundraising: Marketing & Development	\$294,516
Administration	\$593,053

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## Monthly Shareholder



*\$15/mo.*  
 could provide 12 meals to 12 people  
 through Share's Hot Meals Program

Because we value our Monthly Shareholders, we are delighted to announce **new member benefits** provided by these wonderful partners and Share supporters to those who pledge a minimum of \$15 monthly:

- **Mill Creek Pub** will provide a one-time \$10 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 coupon)
- **Latte Da Coffee House & Wine Bar** will offer a 'Buy one drink and receive 50% off of any one item of equal or greater value.' (One-time use coupon)
- For **NEW Doggie Daycare** Clients – Waived evaluation fee which is a full day of doggie day care while your dog is being evaluated by the team. A \$35 value! See [adogsbfddaycare.com](http://adogsbfddaycare.com) for full details required for clients.



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Additional member benefits will continue to be added—visit [sharevancouver.org](http://sharevancouver.org) for updates.

**Not a Monthly Shareholder? You can sign-up on-line today at [sharevancouver.org](http://sharevancouver.org).** A minimum pledge of \$15 per month can provide 12 nutritious meals to 12 individuals through our Hot Meals Program. Even easier! Have your donation come directly from your checking account & eliminate the need to update us when your card expires.