



Summer 2020

## ■ Thank You! Your Generosity is Making a Difference!

The past few months have been filled with challenges, anxiety and uncertainty for everyone. For the clients and families we serve, barriers to housing and access to nutritious meals have been worsened by the struggling economy, with thousands of our local neighbors unemployed. As an organization, we continue to press forward, adapting to the new normal—and your support is making the difference. You quickly answered our call for help as the state of Washington navigated the stay-at-home order, when community organizers launched #GivingTuesdayNow and in support of our Appeal for Meals campaign. **Here's how your donations have had a positive impact:**

8,625  
to-go meals



The need for to-go meals at Share House increased by 133%—from 3,700 meals in February to 8,625 meals in May. To ensure the health of our staff, volunteers and clients, as well as the safety of our food distribution, our program quickly transitioned to healthy to-go meals on March 14. We expect to see the need for meals to continue to increase as local individual and family budgets are impacted by unemployment.

25 households  
moved into  
housing in May



Staff from our Family Pathways, Collaborative Housing, Affordable Housing & Stability, and Housing Achievement & Enrichment programs were successful in moving 25 households into housing in May. Two included:

Jane\*: disabled and living on a fixed income, she had been in shelter for five months; she successfully received a Housing Choice Voucher from Vancouver Housing Authority and was able to secure her own apartment.

The Johnson\* family: in shelter for three months, single mother, Anna\*, was living with her brother, who had moved in to help with childcare, so that she could continue to work full time. A cook at an assisted living facility, she saw her hours cut by the covid-19 crisis. Share staff helped her apply for unemployment to supplement her lost pay, and the family moved into their own home at the end of May.

*\* Names changed for anonymity*

WHO  
extended to  
June 30\*

\* End date when this issue went to print

We are incredibly grateful to Pastor Cindy Muse and her leadership team at St. Andrew Lutheran Church who more than once agreed to extend the Winter Hospitality Overflow program at the church to serve 30 vulnerable individuals (including children) during the extended stay-at-home order. Share continued to cover costs for staffing and supplies, plus most food items. Plus, 15 single men also continue to have access to sleeping mats on the dining room floor at Share House during the evenings.

42,107  
bags of food to  
children & families\*



Despite school doors being closed, our Backpack Program continued to operate. Through our partnerships with Evergreen and Vancouver Public Schools, as well as the Battle Ground School District, a small crew of staff and volunteers packed 900+ food bags each week which were available at grab & go school locations on Thursdays. A total of 11,584 bags were packed from mid-March to June 4.

*\* During the 2019-2020 school year*

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## ■ Making a Difference continued ...

36+ tons  
picked up by  
Talkin' Trash



WHAT  
operates 24-hours  
for 13 women

Our Talkin' Trash crew continues on its weekly route, picking up **more than 36 tons of refuse through the end of May**. When the crews encounter a camp, they work with the individual(s) to collect trash/litter from the site—they do not remove camps or personal belongings. The crew works closely with Share's Street Outreach team to ensure that those in need of resources and services have access to them.

At the end of March, **the Women's Housing and Transition (WHAT) shelter quickly adapted from an overnight shelter to a 24-hour shelter**. Share hired additional staff members to meet that need, as with coffee shops, restaurants and even the library closed, there was nowhere for these women to go during the day. We are grateful to St Lukes ~ San Lucas Episcopal Church for their facility which houses this vital shelter for 13 women during the covid-19 crisis, as well as the City of Vancouver and Clark County for funding.

*Thank you* for helping to make our community home!



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Fight hunger in our community.  
All donations stay local.



Donate in-store. Visit [groceryoutlet.com/donate](http://groceryoutlet.com/donate) for details.

\*Donate \$5 or more and receive a coupon for \$5 off a future purchase of \$25 or more.  
Limit one coupon per transaction. Restrictions vary by state.

During the entire month of July, Grocery Outlet, 5800 NE Fourth Plain Blvd., will be supporting Share's Hunger Response Programs with their 'Give \$5, Get \$5 Independence From Hunger Food Drive.'

In store, make a donation of \$5 or more and receive a coupon for \$5 off a future purchase of \$25 or more. Or you can purchase a pre-filled bag of canned food to donate to Share.

Shop at Columbia Sportswear Employee Store—Be Sure to Bring This Pass!



**SHOP TO SUPPORT: Share**

5% of your purchase will be donated back to Share!

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#### VALID DATES

JULY 17 - AUGUST 9, 2020

VALID FOR YOU + 4 GUESTS

#### WHAT TO BRING

- THIS INVITATION
- PHOTO ID
- NEWSLETTER

#### COVID-19 RESPONSE

- Sanitization of Checkouts
- Sanitization of Fitting Rooms
- Hand Sanitizer Stations
- 6' Marked Checkout Lines
- Limited In-Store Customers
- Employee Face Coverings

#### LOCATION & HOURS

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## ■ Volunteers: The heart of our organization!

We say this line above often and it remains true, now more than ever. In April and May, as our to-go meal counts doubled and we continued to provide bags of food to children through partnerships with local school districts, a small number of volunteers continued to offer help when they could. Here are just two of those stories:



“I volunteer for Share at this time because I am supporting my daughter who serves in the community as a Service Missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She serves in the community four days a week. We serve together three of those four days at Share, helping to fill bags for Share’s Backpack program and preparing to-go meals for the Hot Meals program. We enjoy feeling a sense of accomplishment in helping feed the hungry during this crisis.”

—Lani Davis

“We love volunteering at Share House and for the Share Hot Meals Program. Our family has always been passionate about supporting Share’s mission. As soon as the covid-19 quarantine and shelter in place mandate started, our family was seeking a way to help. We wanted to get out of the house and help others. Helping to make and serve dinner for others at Share House is the highlight of our week. Holley, Michael, Josh, Molly & Heather, who all work in the kitchen, are such a joy to be around. The women and men whom we serve are always so appreciative. It really is our pleasure to help & we look forward to continuing our support of Share.”

—Jackson, Lynne & Dan



## ■ Needed Items for the Summer Months

Our Outreach Team of Ashley and Jacky serve those who are hardest to reach by going into the community and bringing services to them. With a client-centered approach, we can help in a variety of ways, such as benefits assistance, housing assistance, direct referrals for physical health, mental health, and substance abuse services, transportation assistance, and providing basic needs/supplies. You can help with a donation of those needed supplies:

### Soft, non-perishable foods:

- tuna packets
- tuna salad & chicken salad snack kits
- squeezable packets of apple sauce, smoothies, and yogurt
- cheese and/or peanut butter crackers
- chewy granola and/or snack bars

### Personal hygiene items

#### *NEW & travel-sized:*

- shampoo & conditioner
- soap
- toothbrush & toothpaste
- deodorant & personal wipes
- razors
- socks

### Bottled water & protein shakes

Donations: \$54 can help someone replace a state of Washington-issued ID card; many homeless clients don’t have an ID, a significant obstacle to applying for a job or completing a rental application

To schedule a donation drop off: Heather Walker at [hwalker@sharevancouver.org](mailto:hwalker@sharevancouver.org) or 360-952-8312

## ■ Share Stands Up for Equity & Against Racism

Recent events are not teaching us anything new, they are reminding us what we have ignored. Reactions of grief, rage and protest are not only understandable, they are justified. So, too, are calls for hope, community and change. We want to be part of a community that brings about change.

We are outraged by the continued instances of senseless death, which shine a piercing light on issues of racism, police brutality and inequitable justice that permeate our country. As an organization, we condemn those things. But words aren't enough. The call to action is loud and clear.

We will actively work to dismantle racist systems, focusing on sustainable solutions to structural racism, police violence, and inequitable economic, health care, and education systems. It requires all institutions, including ours, to ask what more we can and should do to live our commitments to diversity, equity, and inclusion—and we must be brave enough to make changes.

Share continues to work with the Vancouver Police Department and the Clark County Sheriff's Office to seek positive responses to incidents within our community. Most often, we've worked directly with those involved as opposed to making public statements. However, we have come to acknowledge that silence on inequity is complicity and a public response is both responsible and required.

The vast racial disparities in those experiencing homelessness and poverty are also stark examples of historic inequity, reflecting an unacceptable indifference to the humanity of Black Americans. Too often being homeless is considered a personal or a moral failing. However, homelessness should be understood as a failure of our system to implement the right to affordable housing and to restore justice and dignity to those for whom it matters most.

At Share, we will reexamine our policies to ensure that we are leading with a vision for equity.

Today's crises are a stark reminder of the importance for people to vote, to engage in policy reform and political reform, to not tolerate the rhetoric of fear and anger. Through respectful, constructive and honest conversations, together we can build safer, unified communities to call home.



*Many of Share's staff members are involved with local community groups that address issues of equity and racism and have participated in local peaceful protests. In Share's call to be a part of change, we invited anyone willing to share their personal stories.*

### diversity

*"I have participated in the Black Lives Matter protests. It's also a daily practice to change the actions and privileged inactions that I have been afforded because of the color of my skin. My ancestors were not so lucky as they came to America first from Nigeria, to Brazil, then America through the slave trade. It is my duty to represent my ancestors well and fight for the end to racism first with myself, then with those I love and the community around me through self-guided education.*

*As a very light-skinned person, I have the ability to "catch my cousins" when I hear or see them ignorantly oppressing the oppressed. I can call them out and don't have fear in doing so; it is my duty to do this. It is my responsibility to help raise the voices that are often silenced in any way that I can." —Rachel Major*

call to action  
activists

## make change community

*“I recently attended the NAACP-organized car rally for Black Lives Matter. The NAACP organized an incredible and powerful event, where cars paraded downtown Vancouver with signs and banners, calling for change and chanting “Black Lives Matter”. As it was raining and a Saturday afternoon, I did not expect there to be too many people willing to participate in this rally. When I first signed up, there were only 120 cars registered. I was completely blown away to find that over 1,500 cars showed up for the rally!*

*As we slowly drove down Mill Plain, I was pleasantly surprised by the overwhelmingly positive and supportive response from fellow Vancouverites. Even as we left the parking lot of the rally, pedestrians walking on the road took a knee, people waved out of their windows, and the entire path of the rally was surrounded by local community members offering the support and waving their own signs. I certainly did not expect this turnout and this response, and this was so powerful to witness and be a part of. I am so grateful that we live in such a supportive community, and I hope this leads us to enact real, substantial change. —Rebecca Moeller*

## resilience

***“If you have no interest in equal rights for black people then do not make suggestions for those who do.” —Jesse Williams***

*“I’ve been protesting in Portland for the last couple weeks in the aftermath of the murders of Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, and countless others in the black community. I’ve also been working to become more educated regarding my own biases and make sure that I’m having hard conversations with white individuals when they say something that’s racist or discriminatory.*

*It’s easy as a white person to sit back while the black community continues to be ruthlessly oppressed because the reality of it is that I as a white person can go about my daily life without racism affecting me. Whether it’s a racist family member at a Holiday dinner or a friend who continues to spew ignorance in conversation, white people need to be confronting ignorance and racism when it presents itself instead of shying away from conversations where we feel uncomfortable.*

*The discomfort we might experience in a tough conversation is nothing compared to the police brutality and systematic racism that the black community experiences every day and our discomfort is not something we get to complain about. At a rally I was at the other night a small group of black activists were presenting a series of speeches and songs related to anti-racism and a key point that stuck with me was when one speaker highlighted the racial makeup of the crowd and said “This is what it should be. These protests should be a large group of white people being led by a small group of black activists.”*

*Racism is advanced by white individuals, and it’s the responsibility of white people to clean our mess up, without placing parameters around the black community and shutting down what we feel aren’t appropriate responses to senseless violence being leveled at blacks. We don’t get to decide how the black community gets to respond, that’s not our role. We must listen and follow the lead of black activists, always making sure that we’re taking responsibility for our own ignorance and prejudices as we become more aware of them.” —RT*



dignity  
justice

cleaner  
complete clean

# Free! SUMMER MEALS

For All Kids Ages 18 & Under

Grab-n-go meals will be available at multiple sites from **June 22 to August 14.**

**Children must be present to receive a meal.**

Share's Summer Meals program will operate June 22 to August 14, at 25 locations, providing free meals to all children and teens 18 and under. New this year, all meal sites will provide grab-n-go meals. Children must be present to receive a meal.

*"Food is incredibly important for a developing child or teen and yet over 20,000 children in Clark County are considered food insecure, meaning they do not know when or where their next meal is coming,"* said Becci Read-Ryan, Hunger and Nutrition Programs Manager. *"Share has partnered with Evergreen Public Schools, Vancouver Public Schools, as well as multiple faith-based communities and local apartment complexes. We are extremely grateful for their participation and commitment to helping feed children in our community."*

A special thank you to St. Joseph Catholic Church for partnering with us in the use of their commercial kitchen to prepare and pack meals.

All meals sites can be viewed at [sharevancouver.org](http://sharevancouver.org). New this year is an interactive Google map listing all meals sites, site addresses, dates and times.

*Summer Meals is a federally funded, state-administered program that reimburses providers who serve free healthy meals to children and teens when school is not in session. No paperwork is required to receive meals and Share does not collect personal information. Share is an equal opportunity provider.*



Volunteers are needed to prepare meals at St. Joseph's Catholic Church (400 S Andresen Road) and drop off/pick up meals in coolers to meal sites. Visit [sharevancouver.org/volunteer](http://sharevancouver.org/volunteer) for more information or contact Molly Evjen at [mevjen@sharevancouver.org](mailto:mevjen@sharevancouver.org) or 360-952-8228

## If I can rollover, so can you!



A charitable IRA rollover is a gift option that enables donors age 70½ or older to make a tax-free gift directly from your IRA.

Your gift to Share will never count as taxable income for you, but will always make a difference to families and individuals in our community.

To get started, contact your IRA plan administrator and then Diane McWithey at Share at [dmcwithey@sharevancouver.org](mailto:dmcwithey@sharevancouver.org) or 360-952-8216.

Presents



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**October 5 to 11, 2020**

*A Week-long Celebration in Honor  
of Our Chef & Restaurant Sponsors*

As we have made the decision to cancel this year's Soup's On! event, we are offering an alternate way to support Share: Virtual Soup Week! (a spin-off on the popular TV series 'Shark Week'). Over the course of October 5 to 11, we will highlight our chefs and restaurants who were going to participate in Soup's On!

Chefs will prepare a special soup for this week and each chef will be highlighted in a video. We'll be selling Mystery Raffle Boxes that contain soup bowls and other surprises. A recipe book will be created highlighting each chef and their soup recipe. This downloadable recipe book will be sent to everyone who makes a donation during the month of October.

Here is our line-up of local chefs & restaurants:

- Beaches Restaurant & Bar
- Bleu Door Bakery
- Elements Restaurant
- Farrar's Bistro
- Frontier Public House
- The Hammond Kitchen & Craft Bar
- Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center
- Line & Lure at ilani Casino Resort
- Nom Nom Restaurant & Grill
- Say Ciao!
- 3 Sheets at the Harbor
- WildFin American Grill



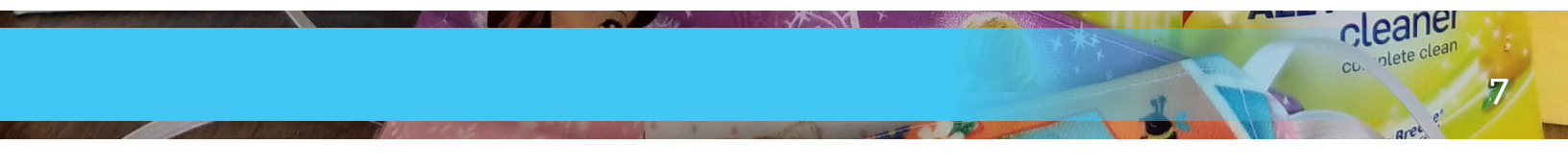
We will be encouraging our community to visit each of the restaurants to try their highlighted soup. Plus, we will assign a special donation link to each restaurant and encourage you to make a donation to Share in honor of your favorite soup! The restaurant and chef who raises the most over the course of the week will be awarded the coveted Golden Ladle (2019 Golden Ladle Winner Tim Conklin, Line & Lure at ilani Casino Resort, at left)!

**Sponsorship opportunities are available:  
Contact Kim Hash at [khash@sharevancouver.org](mailto:khash@sharevancouver.org)**

Our Soup Week event relies on local culinary professionals donating their time, passion and heart to support Share's mission.

Today, we ask you to help support our culinary community.

**If you are able, please consider a delivery/take out order or in-person dining (where available) from one (or more) of our amazing Soup Week participants.** Visit their websites for more information.



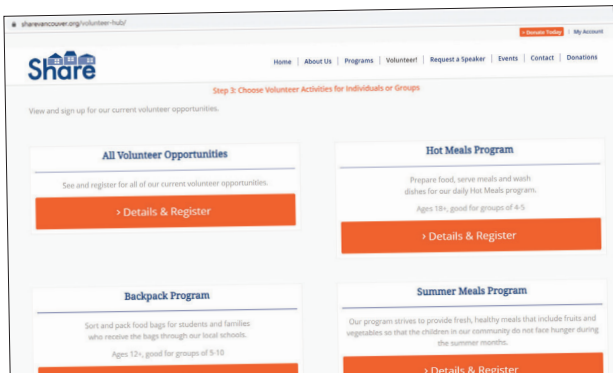


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Changes are happening daily,  
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 most up-to-date information.

**Stay healthy & positive!**



To help modernize and streamline our process for volunteers and our staff, we have a new database called CERVIS.

The system has been integrated into a new Volunteer page on Share's website from which community members can create a volunteer profile, submit a volunteer application, peruse our volunteer opportunities and sign up for shifts that work for their schedule.

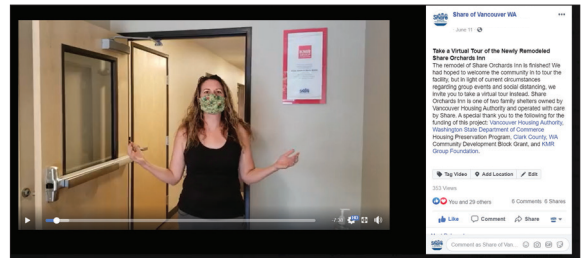
Visit [sharevancouver.org](http://sharevancouver.org) to sign up or create a profile today!

Check out our **new online volunteer sign-up system** at [sharevancouver.org](http://sharevancouver.org)!

## ■ Share Orchards Inn Remodel Complete!

The remodel of Share Orchards Inn is finished! We had hoped to welcome the community in to tour the facility, but in light of current circumstances regarding group events and social distancing, we invite you to take a virtual tour instead. Share Orchards Inn is one of two family shelters owned by Vancouver Housing Authority and operated with care by Share.

A special thank you to the following for the funding of this project:



Take the virtual tour at:  
[sharevancouver.org](http://sharevancouver.org)  
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