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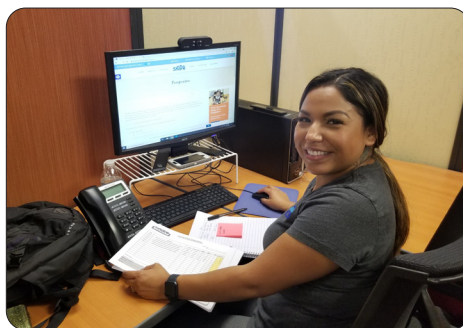
Holiday 2021

## ■ Covid Care Helps When People Most in Need

A new program that Share has taken on during the pandemic is Covid Care. With a grant from the Southwest Washington Accountable Community of Health, we had the opportunity to hire two culturally specific staff: Carol is Chuukese and Susana is Latinx; both are bilingual.

As Community Health Workers, Carol and Susana can provide services to people who test positive for Covid, helping them maintain their quarantine. Those services could include a one-time grocery order, bringing them basic need items (cleaning items, hand sanitizer, masks), connecting them to healthcare and other services, or paying their utility bill, rent or mortgage.

*"When I call clients to ask what they need help with, I also make conversation, so they feel comfortable. I've come across clients that are scared; they don't have family or friends in town that can help. That I get to be that person to lend a hand when they need it most, that makes me feel great about my job," says Susana.*



*"It's rewarding to make a fundamental difference in someone's life by helping them when they can't find the help that is out there. They are so grateful, like Briania, who shared that the program helped in her down time fighting Covid, she was really grateful for the immediate response in her time of need," said Carol.*

One hope for the program is to transition services into vaccine education. This will help staff to meet the culturally specific needs of some of the most vulnerable members of our community, while ensuring that their medical needs are met.

But as rewarding as the daily work is, it also very personal and emotional.

*"The challenging part is when I face someone that I know will not make it, they won't survive Covid-19. I had a couple of clients that we're so close to discharging and did not make it. It breaks my heart but I have to move on, as there's more people out there that need us to be strong for them," added Carol.*

*"My job gets hard when I have a client with a loved one who is sick or in the hospital or who lost someone really close to them," said Susana. "Something a client said has stuck with me. She said she really enjoyed talking to me after losing her husband to Covid and that I gave her comfort when she would hear my voice over the phone or see that I was calling. That really warmed my heart, knowing I could do that for her."*

## ■ Talkin' Trash Doubles Tonage of Trash Collected



If our Talkin' Trash team had a motto, it might take inspiration from the Post Office: *"Neither snow nor rain nor heat."*

Recently, weather in the Pacific Northwest has spanned the spectrum from months of typical rain and cool temps to unexpected stretches of extremely high heats. No matter the weather, our team remains out in the community to keep our neighborhoods clean and safe.

*"This year is on pace to more than double the total tonnage collected over each of the past two years. The program has had two amazing supervisors this year, first Sheila and now Tony, whose leadership has had a positive impact on the team, creating a great camaraderie and increasing overall efficiency," said Amy Reynolds, Deputy Director.*

In 2019, 101.5 tons were collected; 2020 saw a slight increase to 102.78, despite hazardous conditions due to wildfires when team members could not work outside, and the numerous challenges posed by the pandemic. **As of the end of October, 204 tons have been collected.**

The crew has a weekly route in downtown Vancouver, along Fourth Plain to east Vancouver and multiple bicycle paths and City Parks. When the crews encounter a camp, they work with people to collect trash from the site, but they do not remove camps or personal belongings. [Learn more at sharevancouver.org](https://sharevancouver.org).

## ■ There's Still Time to 'Shuffle for Share'



Join us for the 2nd Annual Shuffle for Share 5K Run/Walk, a FREE virtual, no-frills event with "leftovers" held **November 20 to 28**. A **minimum \$10 donation** is requested with 100% of donations going directly to Share.

You can participate anywhere/anytime within the time period—a treadmill, a local path, or favorite running or walking route. In an homage to leftover holiday food, and in order to keep the event FREE and the costs low, participants receive leftover race shirts, medals, and swag.

**Register online today at: [shuffle4share.raceroster.com](http://shuffle4share.raceroster.com)**

## ■ Barnes & Noble Holiday Book Drive

Tis the season! Barnes & Noble Vancouver, 7700 NE Fourth Plain Blvd., is hosting their annual Holiday Book Drive to benefit Share.

Select any book for purchase in store and they'll donate it to a child in our community. The drive runs through December 15. Stop by to browse or order ahead online for pick up.



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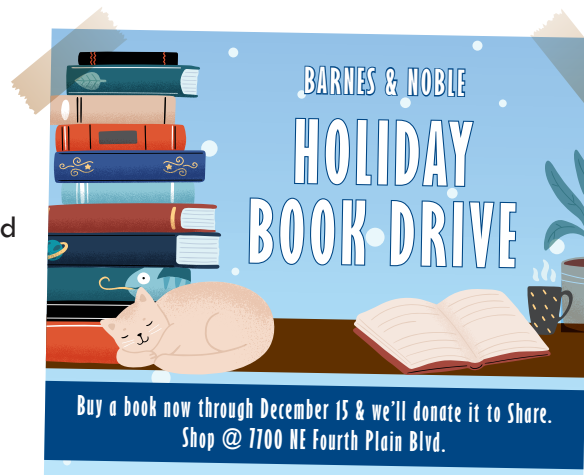
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## If I can rollover, so can you!



### A charitable IRA

**rollover** is a gift option that enables donors age 72 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 for families and individuals in our community.*

Get started: Contact your IRA plan administrator and then Diane McWithey, [dmcwithey@sharevancouver.org](mailto:dmcwithey@sharevancouver.org) or 360-952-8216



## ■ Share the Holidays with Our Community!



New gift items make the holidays more merry! Many of the gifts donated by community members and local businesses are distributed during the holiday season of December.

But we also hope to fill our warehouse shelves with needed items throughout the year—to provide a growing teen with a new pair of shoes or a parent with a crock pot to make nutritious family meals in their new home, and so much more. **And we welcome donations of new gift items into January, February and beyond!**

Below are ways you can help:

### Purchase Wish List Items

Each year we compile a list of high-need items. All gifts should be new and unwrapped and can be dropped off during our **Warehouse Open Hours** at the Share Fromhold Service Center, 2306 NE Andresen Road:

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon  
Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m.

Plus, we have **five additional donation days with extended hours:**

December 14, 15, 16, 20 and 21  
10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

A list of needed items is available online at [sharevancouver.org](http://sharevancouver.org) (click on 'Donations' then 'Holiday Cheer Program').

You can also purchase items online and have them shipped directly to the Share Fromhold Service Center, 2306 NE Andresen Road, Vancouver WA 98661.

### Host a Wish Tag Site

Wish Tags are a convenient way for community members to purchase and donate a high-need item for a child or teen, woman or man. We can provide you with digital slips in spreadsheet form or links to our Amazon Charities Sharing Season Wish List. Donation drive organizers can share the items list with co-workers and group members digitally.

### Adopt-a-Family

This program helps low-income families in our Affordable Housing & Stability Programs, clients in our HEN program (disabled adults with zero income) and unaccompanied youth through partnerships with local schools.

We encourage the donation of gift cards and new gift items to fill a Holiday Cheer Basket for each family. Gift cards provide “the gift of choice” allowing people the ability to purchase their most needed items.

Cost per family member is typically \$75 to \$100. You are welcome to partner with others to support a family.

*For more information, please contact the following staff members:*

Wish List & Wish Tags: Sara Johnson at (564) 888-0821 or [sjohnson@sharevancouver.org](mailto:sjohnson@sharevancouver.org)  
Adopt-a-Family: Amy Hammerstrom at 360-952-8231 or [ahammerstrom@sharevancouver.org](mailto:ahammerstrom@sharevancouver.org)



presents:



Saturday, April 23, 2022  
—In-person Event!  
at Hilton Hotel Vancouver

*Join us for our first in-person  
event in a blue moon!*

Dress in your best 50's fashions—  
break out the zoot suit, shake out  
your poodle skirt and buff up your  
black leather jacket to attend  
this popular black-tie event.

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available, contact Kim at  
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- Meet us at the “Carnival” at 5:00 p.m. for games of skill, cotton candy & a cake walk until the opening act at 6:30 p.m.
- Browse our silent auction online, then come to the event for exclusive access to 10 select packages for event attendees.
- Cast your vote for favorite Dynamic Duo’s “Grease” performance!
- Stay for the National Dance Off after-party! Our DJ will spin the tunes of Johnny Casino & the Gamblers, you can do the “Hand Jive” and wish the evening didn’t have to end.
- Stop by the photo booth to capture your pompadour and bouffant for our yearbook!

Before the event, donate to our silent auction!  
Gift cards, food & wine, technology, family getaways,  
baskets of local goodness... *and more—be creative!*  
Contact Heather at [hwalker@sharevancouver.org](mailto:hwalker@sharevancouver.org).



## Volunteer to Feed Our Community!



We need volunteers to help prepare & serve 7,500+ monthly to-go meals!

Complete Our Volunteer Application Online: [sharevancouver.org/volunteer](https://sharevancouver.org/volunteer)

*Please be aware, volunteers are required to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19. Bring your vaccination card to show on-site staff your first time volunteering for Share. Volunteers and staff are required to wear a mask at all times when on site.*



## ■ Celebrating Our Volunteers & Community Partners

Annually at Soup's On!, we present our Volunteer of the Year and Community Partner awards. This year, we had 10 nominations for the Emily Marshall Volunteer of the Year award. They were: Beth Anderson, Tayler Beird, Melanie Green, Dawniel Miller, Jana Grote, Katie Johnson, Matthew Lennick, Sue Young, Duane Royer and Kathy Sluznis. One of these nominees was honored with the Emily Marshall Volunteer of the Year award and two additional nominees were honored for their outstanding contributions. See the honorees below!



### Jana Grote: Emily Marshall Volunteer of the Year

In her nomination, Sara Johnson, Volunteer & Community Resource Coordinator, shared this:

*"Since joining our team, Jana has stepped in to help where and when needed.*

*Whether it be at Backpacks, Summer Meals, Special Events, or with the Outreach program—Jana has been a key piece to Share's success during times of uncertainty. She always brings enthusiasm for the work or project she is doing and is welcoming to all she encounters. Her input and experience are highly valued!"*



### Melanie Green: Behind-the-Scenes Wonder Award

In her nomination, Amy Reynolds, Share Deputy Director, shared this:

*"Last year presented a lot of challenges and opportunities. Melanie jumped in during a time*

*when our community really needed it! Last winter, Melanie volunteered with the Eviction Rent Assistance Program, called ERAP, and helped to pay out hundreds of thousands of dollars of rent for families and individuals that really needed it."*



### Matthew Lennick: Beyond the Call of Duty Award

In her nomination, Heather Walker, Share Development Coordinator, shared this:

*"Matt is an outstanding partner of Share. He is the chair of our Strategic Engagement Committee*

*and holds a spot on our Board of Directors. He provides important leadership, input and creativity on Share committees and initiatives, helping our team take services to the next level. Matt donates both his time and resources and we're thankful for his continued passion and support of Share's mission."*



### PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center: Community Partner

Our Community Partner award honors and recognizes a local agency or company who, through collaborative partnership, has shown a commitment to Share's core belief that every person counts.

In her nomination, Michelle Bittinat, Housing Achievement & Enrichment Program Director, shared this:

*"I nominated PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center for their operation of a free, weekly clinic at Lincoln Place that provides low-barrier medical access to the most vulnerable members of our community."*

## ■ Soup's On! Celebrates 10th Anniversary of Chef Battle!

This year's 'Spill the Soup' virtual event was filled with awards, gratitude and a lot of fun! Thank you to everyone who tuned in to watch and to donate. We have lots of "Thanks!" to share below:

A highlight of the event was the announcement of *the winner of the People's Choice Award ... the winner of the Battle of the Chefs ... the new owner of the Copper Stock Pot: Tim Conklin at Line & Lure at ilani Casino Resort!* Tim was also awarded the Chefs' Choice award, voted on by his fellow competitors. And Marian Manuel-Adams at Frontier Public House was honored with the Presenting Sponsor award. Special thanks to Tony Johnson and our Presenting Sponsor Davidson & Associates Insurance Agency, Inc for presenting the awards.

A big THANKS to all who bought Soup Samplers to support all our amazing chefs and to vote in our 10th Anniversary Battle of the Chefs. Rounding out this year's competition were: Bonnie Brasure at Bleu Door Bakery, Mike Culver at Beaches Restaurant and Bar, Troy Lucio at Grays Restaurant, and Bobby Rasaphangthong at Nom Nom Restaurant & Grill.

The event also included the presentation of our Volunteer of the Year and Community Partner awards (see winners on page 5). Special thanks to Colleen Boccia with Columbia Credit Union and Ryan Styger with Pacific Lifestyle Homes for presenting and co-sponsoring our awards.

We are thankful for our talented potters, for once again creating beautiful, hand-made bowls, mugs and platters: Pat Brame, Jesse Hough, Marjorie Kavangh, Nick Molatore, Honna Sheffield and Aubrey Sloan.

And last, but certainly not least, thanks to our Masters of Ceremony: Eric Sawyer with Real Living, The Real Estate Group and Bryce Davidson with Davidson & Associates Insurance.



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Tony Johnson presents Copper Stock Pot & Chefs' Choice awards to Tim Conklin.



Marian Adams-Manuel accepting the Presenting Sponsor award from Tony Johnson.



Eric Sawyer & Bryce Davidson.





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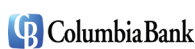
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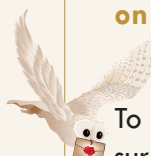
This is Share's most popular event, so claim your table soon to ensure your house preference!

Contact Kim Hash at [khhash@sharevancouver.org](mailto:khhash@sharevancouver.org).

## Renervate!

We're using this incantation spell to revive our Harry Potter-themed Soup's On! which was originally planned for 2020.

**We'll host our Cauldron of Soup Competition on Sunday, October 16, 2022 at ilani!**



To ensure all our cauldrons are fully stocked, be sure to send your owl early to reserve your seats. Tickets will be on-sale August 1, 2022. We encourage you to show your pride by donning your best Hogwart's robes, house colors and paraphernalia.



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## ■ Donate Nov. 30 to Help Fund Our Backpack Program

Share's Backpack program provides nutritious food to hundreds of families each week and we need your help to keep the program fully-funded.

Rising food costs and delays in the food delivery supply chain continue to impact the household budgets of thousands in our community. And those factors, combined with lost funding sources, have impacted our Backpack program's budget, too.

You can help with a donation on November 30 at [sharevancouver.org](http://sharevancouver.org) for #GivingTuesday—and your donation will be matched up to \$30,000 thanks to an anonymous donor.



*"The best is when we get peas,  
tuna and pasta—it's the trifecta!  
A warm tuna casserole is  
comfort food for my family on  
a cold, rainy day."*

—Lisa, mother of 3

Help support the children &  
families in our Backpack Program.

**Donate: [sharevancouver.org](http://sharevancouver.org)**

*Your gift will be matched up to \$30,000!*

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Our Backpack program goes beyond just bags of food. Weekly distribution includes 600-650 bags of non-perishable food to 63 schools, 500 kid-friendly food boxes to 33 schools and 35 'hotel' bags that are made up of foods that do not require a can opener or a kitchen to prepare. On top of that, once per month, our 12 local food pantries are available with fresh produce, dairy, eggs and bread. **Annually, the program provides 525,000+ pounds of food.**

Follow us on [facebook.com/ShareVancouver](https://facebook.com/ShareVancouver) and Instagram (@sharevanwa) where our #GivingTuesday campaign will share favorite meals made by program participants. Please consider a donation and share our posts with friends, family members and co-workers to encourage them to donate, too!