



SharingLives

Spring 2022

■ Residents Continue to Find Success with Housing First Model at Lincoln Place

Since opening in 2015, Lincoln Place in downtown Vancouver has experienced continued success as a Housing First approach for those experiencing homelessness through the partnership between Vancouver Housing Authority and Share.

"We collaborate in a beautiful way to make Lincoln Place work," said Michelle Bittinat, Housing Achievement & Enrichment Program Director, in a new video produced by Vancouver Housing Authority. "At the center of everything we do here, it's with the residents' best interest in mind."

Lincoln Place has achieved a housing stability rate of 87% amongst residents—and 10 of them are original residents. Those that have moved out have done so for a variety of reasons, including moving into more independent housing with a voucher, into scattered site housing or assisted living. *"We have an aging population that has resulted in a close relationship with home health and hospice as a few clients have passed away in home."* Evictions are an absolute last option, with stability plans and a mediation process implemented to work towards stability, and only when necessary to create a safe space for the residents and staff.



There is also a sustainable employee retention rate. *"I have many staff who started here, gained skills and abilities, and have grown to new positions within Share that I'm proud of. So, our employee retention looks different than just working at Lincoln Place. However, four of our staff have been here at Lincoln Place for more than four years. That consistency and stability has helped our clients to live more independently, through the trust built with staff,"* added Bittinat.

Residents agree, including Marina and James who shared about their home at Lincoln Place.

"I had a pretty good life, up until about age 25. Eventually my illness got so bad, I wasn't able to get out of bed. I was homeless because my mom couldn't cope with me in the house," said Marina. *"I'm really glad I'm here, because I have a ton of support, caretakers that work in the building."*
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■ Working Together to Care for Our Neighborhoods



It was a beautiful morning at Marine Park for our first litter pick up of 2022.

Thank you to our enthusiastic volunteers, the Share Talkin' Trash crew and the City of Vancouver for showing up to work together on this effort.

Community clean-ups are part of our Talkin' Trash program, whose crew has a weekly route including Esther Short Park, Vancouver Library, Share House and the surrounding blocks, the Fourth Plain Corridor from downtown to east Vancouver, and multiple bicycle paths and City parks. The team adds extra stops as requests for service are received.

Stay in touch with us on social media for details on future clean-up opportunities!



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■ Lincoln Place Continued

James shared that before moving into Lincoln Place, he had been on probation, in and out of jail. It was the stability that made the difference for him. *"Here, I have a place to go and rest my head every night and it's nice. The building is secure, I feel safe, it's mellowed me out a lot."*

Supportive services are key, such as daily meals from Share Hot Meals for residents that may not be able to cook for themselves and an on-site physician also meets with residents. John Nusser, Family Physician at PeaceHealth, shared: *"We've been coming to Lincoln Place for a year and half. As primary care doctors, we provide basics of care like diabetes, hypertension, high blood pressure, and when there are mental health crises, we help as best we can. It's meeting folks where they're at."*

In this 30-unit apartment complex, community building remains essential. *"Lincoln Place is a family, a community of people who deeply care about each other," said Bittinat. "We are walking alongside of our clients and they're teaching us so much."*

To watch the complete video, produced by Vancouver Housing Authority and PK Video, visit sharevancouver.org.



Lincoln Place staff (L to R): Peter Thorpe, Brianna Kinsey and Michelle Bittinat.



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■ Become a Monthly Donor—We Dare You!

Dare to Share! It takes courage to make change. And with a monthly donation of \$15, \$25 or more, you'll join a committed group of people who believe that every person counts. People like Debbie and Nigel, who have been monthly donors for almost 20 years.

"Sometimes I feel impotent about how to help the homeless. Volunteering for an organization that feeds people and houses people is a way to help," said Debbie. "My family has a long history of supporting local causes. I have six siblings and we live from New Mexico to Vancouver BC. Each year, one of us gets to pick a cause to support and we all donate to that organization. When it's my year, I pick Share."

This year, we rebranded our monthly donor to issue a challenge. We hope you will accept and help us reach our goal of 200 monthly donors—we dare you! **Sign up today at sharevancouver.org.**



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Our magical Master of Ceremonies, Eric Sawyer, has been working on his incantations to help summon you, your friends and family to our ... **Cauldron of Soup Competition on Sunday, October 16, 2022 at ilani!**

This year's competitors include:

- AC Lounge
- Beaches Restaurant & Bar
- Bleu Door Bakery
- Feast 316
- Frontier Public House
- Gray's Restaurant
- Nom Nom Restaurant & Grill
- Line & Lure at ilani
- Say Ciao!
- 3 Sheets at the Harbor

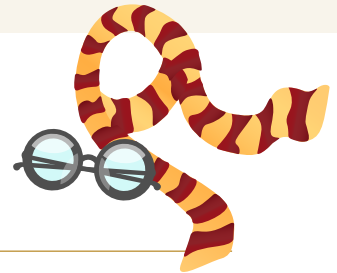
Who will conjure up the winning soup? You decide by sampling each soup then voting for your favorite to win the Golden Ladle!



To ensure our cauldrons are fully stocked, send your owl early to reserve your seats. Tickets will go on-sale August 1. **Show your pride by donning your best Hogwarts robes, house colors and paraphernalia!**



Sponsorships are available from 'Sorcerer's Stone' supporting sponsor at \$7,500 to 'Choose Your House' table sponsors at \$1,000—10 each available for Gryffindor, Slytherin, Hufflepuff and Ravenclaw. This is Share's most popular event, so claim your table soon to ensure your house preference! Contact Tenly Hall at thall@sharevancouver.org.



■ Volunteer for Summer Meals Program!

It's not too early to plan to help your community!

Our Summer Meals program would not be able to operate without the generosity of dozens of volunteers who prepare meals, host meal sites and deliver the meals to each location. The program will operate this year from **June 20 to August 12** with **grab-n-go meals** available at multiple sites.

Visit sharevancouver.org/volunteer to sign up for volunteer shifts and complete an online Volunteer Application. Or contact Molly Evjen at mevjen@sharevancouver.org

If you can share just a few hours of your week, you can help provide children with free, nutritious meals!



In addition to meals, kids can get cute stickers like these!



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■ Mark Your Calendar to Support Our Appeal for Meals: Donate Dollars: June 5-11 + Food Drive: June 2

Our annual Appeal for Meals raises vital funds to support our Fresh Food Pantries, Backpack, Summer Meals, Outreach and Hot Meals programs. While life is starting to return to 'normal,' need for local food assistance remains at an all-time high!

Our Hot Meals program continues to average **7,500+ meals** each month, almost double the average from January 2020.

Family budgets remain tight—food coming home with children through our Backpack and Fresh Food Pantry programs means nutritious meals and less stress for parents.

And you can read more about the positive impact of our Summer Meals program on page 3!

Share Appeal for Meals

you help!

DONATE June 5-11: sharevancouver.org
Donations will be matched!

FOOD DRIVE: Thurs. June 2 | 12 to 6 p.m.



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Share Fromhold Service Center, 2306 NE Andresen Road

- Canned or easy-open chicken & tuna
- Canned soup (*not condensed ideal*)
- Peanut Butter (*no glass jars, 28 oz or less*)
- Canned fruit & fruit cups
- Chili (*pop top ideal*)
- Squeezable apple sauce, smoothies & yogurt
- Pasta (*2 lb. or less*)
- Rice (*2 lb. or less*)
- Mac & cheese, Cup O' Noodles
- Chewy granola & snack bars
- Cheese and/or peanut butter crackers
- Reusable grocery bags

Host a Food Drive! For details, contact Maggie at mbernetich@sharevancouver.org or call/text (564) 888-0821.