

*a spectrum of services*  
**BECAUSE EVERY PERSON COUNTS**

| 2021 Report to the Community



## { Making Our Community Home

Throughout our 43-year history, Share has prided ourselves on adapting to the needs of this community. This was never tested more than it was over the past two years.

While a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic rapidly spread throughout the world, our country and our community also dealt with systemic issues of racism and inequitable justice.

The population Share serves is a vulnerable one and these crises only made their daily lives more difficult.

Share quickly adapted, including moving our Hot Meals program from in-person dining to takeout meals and creating spaces in our family shelters for children to access virtual learning. Share also stepped up to operate new programs, such as Covid Cares and Eviction Prevention Assistance.

While life is beginning to return to a new normal, thousands of households in Clark County are still struggling to access food programs, to secure employment or housing, to pay monthly bills, and to care for themselves and their family.

Share provides a spectrum of services because every person counts. Our 2021 Report to the Community captures our vital work over the past two years, highlighting the commitment of our staff, volunteers, donors and partners who help us make our community home.

With sincere thanks,



Adam Roselli  
Share Board President



Diane McWithey  
Executive Director







Share Outreach  
Talkin' Trash  
Share Family Shelters  
Share House  
Women's Housing and Transition  
Eviction Prevention  
Covid Cares

## {Talkin' Trash

At left is Tony Colin, the supervisor of our Talkin' Trash team since October 2021.

Our Talkin' Trash crew is unique in that each of the staff is formerly or currently experiencing homelessness. And in the past two years, they have almost tripled the amount of trash collected with 280 tons—that's the equivalent weight of **54 African elephants!**

Our Outreach Team has expanded dramatically, growing from two to 13 in the past year. Funding for the new staff came through Clark County via the American Relief Plan.

The expansion is directly tied to the growing needs of women and men who are unhoused throughout our local community. Staff provide basic need supplies, as well as connections to housing assistance, physical and mental health services and much more.



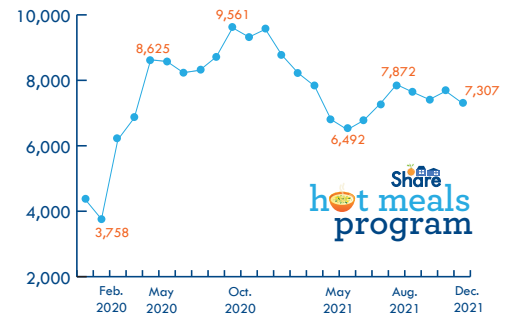
*“Our focus is to build a line of communication and trust with people, while treating them with dignity and compassion.”*



More than 14,000 households in Clark County are still behind in their rent or mortgage.

Share's Eviction Prevention Program remains a key focus at Share, with 16 employees working each day to distribute American Rescue Plan funds that are provided through Clark County Community Services.

From August 2020 to February 2022, **Share has helped 2,034 households remain in their homes** and not overwhelm our emergency shelter system.



Share Hot Meals  
Share Backpack  
Share Summer Meals  
Housing &  
Essential Needs

## { Hot Meals Program

This is Ellie Krzywki, who is serving through AmeriCorps at Share with our meal programs.

Share Hot Meals is one of our flagship programs. And during the pandemic, it was literally a lifeline for thousands of people in our community.

In February of 2021, 3,700+ meals were served each month. When Covid hit, the need for meals skyrocketed to almost double in March 2020 and reached an historic high of 9,600+ in October. Today, the program continues to average **7,500 meals each month.**

*“It’s a welcome and fun challenge to make quality meals from a pantry and walk-in, mostly dependent on donations. Share has several well-qualified chefs and a ton of awesome and dependable volunteers who all make the job easy and fun.”* —Hans Michielsen, volunteer

Our Backpack program goes way beyond bags of non-perishable food. Our weekly distribution during the school year includes kid-friendly food boxes, ‘hotel’ bags and, once per month, 18 food pantries offer fresh produce, dairy, eggs and bread. **Annually, the program provides 525,000+ pounds of food.**

The program is ever expansive, as we continue to find options for a client choice model. When people can choose their own food, it limits waste as they select foods that their family prefers, including dietary restrictions and cultural preferences.







RentWell:  
Tenant Education  
Affordable Housing  
& Stability Program  
Lincoln Place  
Permanent Housing  
Scattered Sites

## { Affordable Housing & Stability Program

Meet Christale Harris, hired in February 2022 as an Affordable Housing & Stability Program Case manager.

The overarching goal of Share's Affordable Housing and Stability Program is to help our clients quickly find permanent, affordable and sustainable housing.

With a recognition of the stark and persistent racial disparities in U.S. housing and social services systems, we continue to develop the flexibility to adapt our programs with a **focus on meeting the specific needs of Black, Indigenous and People of Color.**

At left is just one family's story of their journey to a new home.

In 2020, John, Lisa and their two children, a Chuukese family, became homeless after John lost his job. Unable to pay the rent, the family had no money and nowhere to go, so they packed a few plastic bags with clothing and essential items and began sleeping in their car. Six months later, the family was connected to Council for the Homeless through their kids' school, but there were no rooms available at the family shelters.

Council provided vouchers to stay at motels for another five months until a room at Share Orchards Inn became available. **At the time, Lisa was five months pregnant with twins and both she and John appeared to speak little English. But language did not create a barrier, as among the staffing growth at Share, bilingual Chuukese staff have been hired to support clients in our family shelters.** As Share staff built a relationship with the family, they helped John search for new employment, which he secured in just one month. They also helped to have the family car repaired, so John could travel to and from work, with funds from the Building Changes grant.

On a late afternoon in September, Lisa went into labor. The birth of the twins was an exciting time for all of us at shelter and we were thrilled for the family. But John received terrible news: his employer would not allow him time off to care for his wife and children and he lost his job. We were outraged for the family but there was little we could do. Months passed while he looked for a new job, while staff continue to support and encourage the family. With a lack of income, the family did not qualify for a rental assistance program.

Finally, all the hard work paid off. This March, Shana Jenkins, one of our Housing Navigators, found a solution with **an opening at a family duplex that is owned by Share.** These unit are rented at 50% of market rate to make the homes affordable. This opportunity truly provides this family with sustainable, long-term home where they can begin to heal and thrive within our community. The icing on the cake: in early April John started his new job!



Lincoln Place continues to experience success as a Housing First approach for those experiencing homelessness through the partnership between Vancouver Housing Authority and Share.

**A housing stability rate of 87% amongst residents has been achieved, including 10 who are original residents.**

There is also a sustainable employee retention rate. Many staff who started at Lincoln Place have grown to new positions within Share. However, four have worked in the building for more that four years. **This consistency and stability has helped clients to live more independently, through trust build with Share staff.**



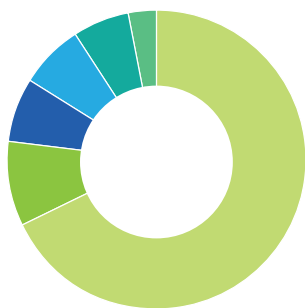


## { An Ever Growing Staff

The last two years have been ones of tremendous growth for Share. Our staff increased from 169 in 2020 to 186 in 2021 to **an estimated 209 in 2022.**

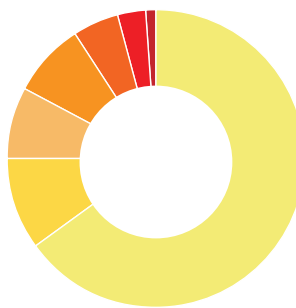
Diversity amongst our staff remains vital. Lived experiences and perspectives provide knowledge and ideas, building trust amongst employees and staff. We know we need to do more and are committed to continuing our efforts to hire, support and engage a diverse staff.

### Share Staff



68% White  
9% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander including Chuukese  
7% Black or African American  
7% Two or more ethnic backgrounds  
6% Hispanic  
3% American Indian or Alaska Native

### Share Clients



65% White  
10% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander including Chuukese  
8% Black or African American  
8% No answer given  
5% Two or more ethnic backgrounds  
3% American Indian or Alaska Native  
1% Asian

## { Dedicated Volunteers

At Share, volunteers are the heart of our organization. Their diversity and varied areas of expertise bring the compassion, creativity and vitality that is necessary for the continued growth of our organization.

Our volunteers serve for a variety of reasons: our mission resonates with their values, it's a way to give back, a great way to meet new people and make friends, to gain work experience and develop or share special skills.

We learned in the early days of the pandemic what our organization looks like without our amazing volunteer base. We asked our volunteers to stay home and to stay safe. Small teams of staff jumped in to attempt to fill those shoes. Today, we are **so thankful to the returning and new volunteers** that support all our programs.



**In 2021: 849 ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS**



**12,417 hours = \$411,213**



# { Financial Statement

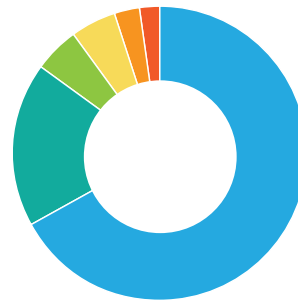
Our community can be assured that Share uses the valuable resources donors have provided in the most cost-effective ways possible. From youth who have made and sold bracelets to faith-based communities who organize annual fundraisers to the largest philanthropic business donors, we are grateful for all our supporters.

Our independently audited financial statements show that out of every dollar spent, 90 cents goes directly toward helping our clients.



<b>TOTAL Revenue:</b>	<b>\$22,582,061</b>
Government Grants & Contracts	\$20,111,199
Community Donations	\$2,209,908
Rental Income	\$201,002
Other Income	\$59,952

<b>TOTAL Expenses:</b>	<b>\$21,916,083</b>
Client Supportive Services*	\$12,781,517
Personnel & Administration	\$5,928,993
Professional Services	\$924,535
Occupancy/Rent	\$590,643
Ordinary Expenses	\$960,859
Fundraising	\$729,536



## \* Operating Expense BY PROGRAM:

71%	Housing Programs
12%	Shelter System
3%	Meal & Nutrition Programs
4%	Supportive Services
3%	Fundraising
7%	Management & General Expenses



**2021 NET ASSETS: \$10,938,366**





## { Because Every Person Counts.

Diversity, equity and inclusion remain at the forefront of our work.

Our new mission statement opens with this line:  
**Share believes that every person counts.**

We find this to be imperative and reflective of who we are and what we believe.

As an organization, we ask ourselves how we can both dismantle inequitable systems, while focusing on sustainable solutions for our clients who must access housing, health care, education and employment systems today.

Our mission motivates and inspires our vital work each and every day, as we continue to support those in need and make our community home for all.

## { Share Board of Directors

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