



# Sharing Lives

Summer 2024

## ■ OUR NEW DUMP TRUCK IS HERE!

We are incredibly grateful to Robertson & Olson Construction, Inc., Matt Olson, and Jan and Steve Oliva for the donation of this truck to Share's Talkin' Trash program.

The truck came complete with three, 20-yard containers, each of which can hold up to 2 tons of trash, and were purchased thanks to a grant from the Marie Lamfrom Foundation. This vehicle will greatly increase the efficiency of the program, which annually removes 226 tons of trash and debris from 60+ local sites.



Under the supervision of Tony Collin, Talkin' Trash Manager, team members also receive housing search assistance, general case management, and job and life skill training.

*"It's one of the only positions at Share where we actually pay people to look for other work. The impact of the program is a benefit to both the team members and our community,"* said Amy Reynolds, Executive Director.

Talkin' Trash receives ongoing funding from by the City of Vancouver. The crew has a weekly route including Esther Short Park, Vancouver Community Library, Share House and the surrounding blocks, the Fourth Plain Corridor from downtown to east Vancouver, and multiple bicycle paths and City parks. Extra stops are added as requests for service are received.



## ■ Amy Reynolds Honored with 2024 Iris Award



Share's Executive Director Amy Reynolds was honored with a 2024 Iris Award at the annual event hosted by the Greater Vancouver Chamber and presented by Riverview Bank.

*"Amy is a pillar of Clark County, a true visionary, who for more than twenty years has spent her career serving and working with those most vulnerable populations in our community, those experiencing homelessness and food insecurity. She maximizes success with limited resources, she thinks strategically, but implements tactically, she has sound judgement and the persistence to persevere,"* shared Paul Harris, Share Board Director and Washington State Representative in his nomination.

Congratulations also to Anna Cruz, Executive Director of the Vancouver Ballet Folklorico, and Cory Donovan, MD of Legacy Health, who were each also honored with an Iris Award.

Each year, the Iris Awards is an inspiring event that recognizes the contributions of local women—professional, philanthropic, civil, or otherwise—and how their efforts have and continue to improve the quality of life in our local communities.

## ■ Community Events Benefitting Share!

Grocery Outlet Independence from Hunger Food Drive runs through the **entire month of July**. For the 9th year in a row, our wonderful friends at Grocery Outlet Orchards (11808 NE Fourth Plain Blvd.) have selected Share as the recipient of all funds raised at their location—and their goal is \$10,000!

It's easy to make a difference: Donate \$5 at the register and get a \$5 coupon to use for your next visit. So, stop by and shop for all your July 4th and summer BBQ party needs!

Get your engines ready! Van Mall Retirement's annual Cruise for a Cause car show will be held on **Thursday, August 15**, 4 to 7 p.m., at 7808 NE 51st Street.

Stop by for a fantastic afternoon of fun, including music, food, raffle prizes and amazing cars. Want to show off your set of wheels? Car registration fee is \$20. Call (360) 896-9140 for details.



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Want to host a fundraiser to benefit Share?

Contact Alexis Allen at [aallen@sharevancouver.org](mailto:aallen@sharevancouver.org)

Dare to Share

IT TAKES COURAGE TO MAKE CHANGE.



### Become a Monthly Donor:

**\$15** could send home 3 bags of weekend food for children in our community

**\$25** could feed 7 people a nutritious lunch or dinner at our Hot Meals program

**\$50** could provide a Welcome Home Kit for a family moving into their new home

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# Share 2023 *in Review*



Access to nutritious food helped households manage tight budgets and free meals sustained our neighbors living on the streets:

### Backpack & Summer Meals Programs:

- 302,400+ lbs. of non-perishable food to 90 schools
- 160,000+ lbs. of fresh produce, dairy, eggs & bread at 18 schools
- 972 kid-friendly food boxes to 27 local schools
- 10,236 free summer meals to kids 18 & under

### Hot Meals Program & Outreach Food Kits:

- 88,788 free meals to the public
- 5,500+ food kits distributed by our Outreach Team



Local individuals and families continued to secure & maintain permanent housing:

Share's Outreach Team helped **191 people** secure housing

Share's two family shelters helped **63% of clients** move into housing

Across Share's four shelters including the Winter Hospitality Overflow program, **202 people** secured housing

Retention Rate at Lincoln Place was **91%**

Housing and Essential Needs program helped **144 people** with rental assistance, as well as personal hygiene products and cleaning supplies



## Notable **STATS**

850 volunteers donated their time & talent, totalling 19,388 hours

Our Talkin' Trash team removed 226 tons of trash from 60 local sites

**Total INCOME: \$19,191,806**

**Total EXPENSES: \$19,544,253**

\* Note: Share's complete audited financial statement is available at [sharevancouver.org](http://sharevancouver.org).



*Share believes every person counts.* Together we pursue a stronger community by building relationships, advocating for equitable access to housing and food stability while empowering every individual to grow and thrive.

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MAKING OUR COMMUNITY HOME

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We are grateful to everyone who celebrated with us at our “Live from Vancouver ... it’s Saturday Night!” Share Gala, presented by US Bank and supported by Davidson & Associates Insurance Agency, Inc.

It was an evening full of classic SNL-themed entertainment, while underscoring the serious nature of the vital work our staff, volunteers and board members undertake each day to help people who are experiencing homelessness or food insecurity.

We were delighted to have Jennifer and Donnie Rhoads as co-emcees. Their willingness to embrace the SNL theme was both hilarious and inspiring, including the Gala’s opening video of “More Cowbell,” made famous by Will Ferrell and Christopher Walken.

We were honored to present a Community Partner Award to Robertson & Olson Construction, Inc., Matt Olson, Jan and Steve Oliva for their significant contributions to Share’s Talkin’ Trash program.

And we were dazzled by the hilarity of the performances by our Dynamic Duos! Our 2024 Duo winner was Eric Sawyer and Steve Stuart as Hans and Franz whose aim was to “pump \*clap\* YOU up!” Our Duo line-up also included Amy Reeves and Andrew Gratzner as Spartan Cheerleaders, Bronwyn Baz and Blake Sakomoto as The Culps, and Kathy Sawyer and Brian Ruffalo as Wayne and Garth of Wayne’s World.

Special thanks also to our musical guests, The Blues Brothers, featuring Brett Allred and Joey Yourchek.



All of the videos can be viewed on Share’s website at [sharevancouver.org](http://sharevancouver.org) or scan this QR code.



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## ■ A Long, Lonely Journey to Home

Overwhelming isolation, low self-esteem and self-worth and physical and emotional exhaustion are feelings often experienced by those experiencing homelessness. Once a person finds themselves without permanent housing, it can be difficult to reconnect with a social network.

Problems with addiction can come about because of this lack of and need for human connection. When so much of recovery is dependent on a strong support system, it's easy to see how a lack of personal connections could make it even harder for those experiencing homelessness to secure housing.

Share's Outreach Team is key in bridging this gap, helping people access a variety of services that can better their situation. *This is how staff met Jared\**, a man in his late sixties, when he was living on the street. He had been experiencing homelessness off and on since 1991—33 years with only a few brief stays in a shelter.

Earlier in his life, Jared experienced the devastating loss of his wife, and fell into a cycle of substance abuse and depression. After connecting with Share staff, Jared was finally ready to address his barriers and begin the journey to a permanent, safe home.

*"We have a client-centered approach, meaning we are open to assisting individuals in whatever goals they have for themselves,"* shared Jacky Snell, Outreach & Syringe Services Program Manager.

With the help of his case managers and housing navigators, Jared joined Share's program, Share Seniors, and shortly moved into an apartment and has been successful at maintaining daily living skills—cooking meals, doing laundry, caring for his dog, Arthur.

Having a place to call home significantly improved his health. *"Jared had many health issues that needed to be addressed. Once he was housed, he was able to access needed medical care and have a safe space for his recovery,"*



said Thalia McDaid-O'Neill, MSW, Affordable Housing and Stability Program Director.

With the daily stresses of living outdoors behind him, he remains focused on maintaining his sobriety, nurturing caring relationships with family members and friends, and living a full healthy life.

Jared is grateful for Share's compassionate staff and programs which continue to empower him as he thrives in his new home.

## ■ Volunteer to Feed Our Community!

Preparing, plating and serving 8,000+ meals every month is both a lot of work and an important commitment to our community.

Share's culinary kitchen staff has a real passion for preparing nutritious meals from scratch: from ham, cheese & egg casserole to roast pork loin with apples and onions—although chili dogs remain a client favorite!

The program relies on the generosity of hundreds of volunteers each year to help serve breakfast, lunch and dinner from the dining room at Share House.

Creativity is key in meal planning, as the majority of the food is donated through partnerships with local businesses, as well as donations from the community.



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*Save the Date:*  
 Saturday, April 26, 2025  
 at ilani

Get ready for a night of glamour and giving, all with a country flair! Our Dyanmic Duos will channel their favorite country icons and you can vote with your dollars for the winner!

Sponsorships are available from "Working' 9 to 5" Supporting Sponsor at \$10,000 to "Livin' in a Dolly World" Table Sponsor at \$2,000. Contact Maggie Bernetich, Special Events Manager, at (360) 605-7677 or [mbernetich@sharevancouver.org](mailto:mbernetich@sharevancouver.org).

## ■ Donate Most Needed Items!

Each month this year we highlight a most needed item for clients in our shelters, housing programs and through Share Outreach. During the month of July that item is bottled water and sports drinks.

People experiencing homelessness are at an increased risk of dehydration during the heat of summer months; this poses a significant health risk to people with underlying conditions.

Public drinking fountains are scarce and carrying large, refillable jugs of water or storing it may not be feasible.

Donations can be dropped off during our Open Warehouse Hours at the Share Fromhold Service Center, 2306 NE Andresen Road, on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Like to plan ahead? August is back-to-school supplies and September is snack foods for our Backpack program.

A graphic for a donation drive. At the top left is the "Share July" logo. To its right, a blue banner says "MOST NEEDED!". Below this, the text "BOTTLED WATER &amp; SPORTS DRINKS" is written in large, bold, blue letters. Underneath, in a smaller, blue, cursive font, it says "for our Outreach Team to distribute to help keep people hydrated and healthy". To the right of the text are two images: one showing several clear plastic bottles of water and another showing several colorful sports drinks in plastic bottles. At the bottom, it lists the warehouse hours: "Share Fromhold Service Center Open Warehouse Hours: Tues: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. | Thurs: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m."

*Watch for these posts on Share's Facebook and Instagram!*

## HOST A DONATION DRIVE FOR SHARE!

Called "Stock Our Shelves" drives, we can provide you with a list of high-need items plus blue barrels to collect the donated items.

Contact Nikki Hanna at (564) 888-0821 or [nhanna@sharevancouver.org](mailto:nhanna@sharevancouver.org).





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## ■ Serving Up Meals & Smiles

Share’s Summer Meals program will operate June 24 to August 9 at 20 locations, including partnerships with YMCA, Vancouver Public Schools, Police Activities League, Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries, Vancouver Parks & Rec., REACH CDC, local apartments and faith-based communities.

*“When school doors close, so does access to school meals. So our goal is very straight forward: get healthy meals into the hands and bellies of local kids,”* shared Miriam Moreno, **Volunteer and Nutrition Programs Coordinator**. *“New menu items will be available this year, based on feedback from kids themselves. And we’ll be including more colors into meals, with a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables.”*

Volunteers are needed to help prepare 300-600 meals, pack meals into coolers, deliver meals to our meal sites, meet delivery drivers as they return with left-over meals, wipe down coolers and ensure the kitchen is clean and ready for the next day, and more.

*“We could not operate our Summer Meals program without the generosity of volunteers,”* said Moreno. *“And groups are welcome, which is a great way for family members or team members from a local business or organization to give back to our community together.”*

Sign up online at [sharevancouver.org/volunteer](http://sharevancouver.org/volunteer). Volunteers must be 12 years or older to volunteer in a commercial kitchen, but younger volunteers may accompany parents or guardians on meal deliveries.



**Free, nutritious meals at multiple sites from June 24 to August 9.**

*Must be consumed on site!*  
 No paperwork needed; we do not collect any personal information.

