

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS, ADVOCATING FOR EQUITABLE ACCESS TO HOUSING AND

because every person counts.

FOOD STABILITY, EMPOWERING EVERY INDIVIDUAL TO GROW AND THRIVE



### staff share with marisol lozano

If you stop by the Share Fromhold Service Center, you will see a new face to greet you at the front desk: Marisol Lozano, Office Manager. Below, she shares a glimpse of what brought her to Share and how her actions put our mission to work each day.

I've always had a natural instinct to intervene when I see someone in need. I know that by offering support, I could make a difference in someone's life.

This passion led me to pursue a degree in criminal justice, become a community intervention worker and work closely with at-risk youth and families. I look forward to the chance to contribute, make a positive impact and continue to help others in any way I can.

Like when a 20-year-old man walked into the office holding a car seat. He'd been sleeping in a tent with his 4-month-old son. Snow was predicted in the forecast; they needed shelter and baby formula.

My mind raced with all possible ways to help.

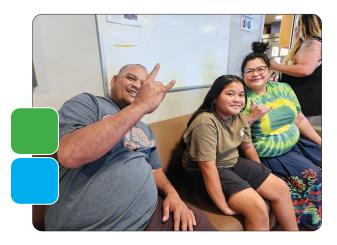
I guided him to the lobby phone to reach out to the Council for the Homeless to begin a housing assessment while I worked to gather additional resources. Being new to my role, I stopped nearly every staff member I could find, seeking guidance. One was Molly, who helps oversee the Winter Hospitality Overflow program, and we were able to secure shelter for the father and son that very night.

The next day, the young man returned and asked for guidance on where he could take his son for a check-up. I directed him to the Community Health Hub at PeaceHealth, provided a few baby outfits and a blanket and wished them well as they left.

I felt a deep sense of gratitude for the teamwork and compassion of everyone involved. I couldn't help but feel awe and appreciation for how many people came together to help this family in need.

As I move forward in this new role, I look forward to the chance to contribute, make a positive impact and continue to help others in any way I can.







## partnerships strengthen our community

Partnerships are key components of successful nonprofits. A shining example of this is the Council for the Homeless Housing Solutions Center (HSC), a one-stop entry point for programs in Clark County serving people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness to connect with emergency shelter, homelessness prevention and housing programs.

Share participates in coordinated entry for people and families in our shelters and housing programs through the HSC—and we are not the only ones.

The HSC determines eligibility for the following agencies: Share, Sea Mar-Community Services Northwest, Columbia River Mental Health Services, Janus Youth Programs, Impact NW, Second Step Housing, The Salvation Army, Catholic Community Services of SW WA, Lifeline Connections, Outsiders Inn, and New Life Friends Church.

Eligibility is conducted through a Housing Assessment, a process that helps people and families determine their needs and vulnerabilities to match them with the most appropriate resources and programs, ensuring the most vulnerable receive assistance first.

By working together through the HSC, local organizations, including Share, can more efficiently and compassionately serve people in need, maximize resources and tap into innovative efforts to produce new solutions.

If you are in need of shelter or know someone who is, call the Housing Solutions Center at (360) 695-9677.



## update your contact info!

Please take a moment to update your contact information and let us know of any communication preferences you have opt in for e-communications only, share your cell number or new email, plus more options!





# helping families, one bag at a time

Seeking feedback from our clients is a critical part of our programs, helping to identify strengths, areas

for improvement and ultimately leading to better outcomes for the people and families that we serve.

We are grateful for our partnership with Family-Community Resource Center staff in local school districts who help us survey parents who receive food through our Backpack program. "Our food stamps have drastically been reduced at times in the past and just recently again. Even though on paper we make "too much," we don't. Bills and rents have increased substantially, leaving us with less money for groceries. The Backpack program gives us a little extra boost and helps with ingredients for a few meals and some snacks for our kids."

"My son looks forward to Fridays for the snacks in the bag. For me it, it helps complete my dinner meals for the weekend and we eat healthier, too!"



Dust off your Stetson and sequins and join us for a night of glamour and giving at ilani Casino Resort.

Doors opens 5:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by an Dolly-inspired evening with Masters of Ceremony Jennifer & Donnie Rhoads!

- Silent & Live Auctions featuring travel, fine dining & wine, mystery boxes & more
- Buy a Raffle Ticket for a chance to win two round-trip tickets on Alaska Airlines or to win the Golden Ticket to take home any live auction package of your choosing
- Grab your friends and pose in the Photobooth

Our four Dynamic Duos will bring their best performance to the stage and you can 'vote' with \$\$ for the winners.

- Daron Deonier-Clemons and Megan Dixon
- Bronwyn Baz and Blake Sakamoto
- Ellie and David Wienke
- Eric Sawyer and Steve Stuart

Don't forget to bring a donation of new bath towels for people in our shelter and housing programs and you'll be entered to win a \$150 gift card to The Diner!



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#### special thanks to:

**The Barbers** for raising \$8,876.50 to buy peanut butter for our Backpack program!

**Evan and Austin** who in lieu of birthday gifts raised more than \$500 from family and friends and filling 182 bags for our Backpack program!

## upcoming events + host a drive or fundraiser!

- McMenamins on the Columbia 50% Give Back Tuesday, April 8, 5 p.m. to Close
- Rolling for Roofs Bowling Tournament Saturday, May 3, 2 p.m.
- Who Song & Larry's 20% Give Back Monday, May 5 (Cinco de Mayo), 5-7 p.m.

More details about these events online at sharevancouver.org or on our social media!

Hosting an event or fundraiser is a great way to support non-profit organizations. We call these "Community Cares for Share" events. Own an independent business or restaurant? Donate a percentage of proceeds for a day or a week or simply collect change.

Have an upcoming birthday or anniversary? Consider making a contribution to Share in lieu of personal gifts and ask your friends and family to do the same.

**Be creative**—your event could be whatever you envision! And we'll help promote your efforts to help make it successful.

To get started, contact Alexis Allen at aallen@sharevancouver.org.

