



finding home: jessa & maliya's story

Every day, at all four of Share's shelters, our Housing Navigators help people and families find, secure and maintain permanent housing.

They assist with managing complex social services, navigating systemic barriers, communicating with landlords, and overcoming obstacles such as poor credit or prior evictions. Their work is done with expertise, dedication and compassion ... as well as delight, when a family finds a home, like this story below.

When Jessa and Maliya first came to the Winter Hospitality Overflow at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, everything they owned fit inside Maliya's stroller. And Jessa was carrying Maliya's car seat.

Jessa had finally left domestic violence at the hands of her husband. She and her daughter had been sleeping in a tent in a park. A police officer encouraged her to find shelter at the WHO.

They spent only a couple of weeks at the WHO before a room was available for them at Share Homestead.

She shared that it was "a safe place to move forward and not just to survive. **No matter how little or big, the staff helped in so many ways to help me feel better.**"

Jessa was approved for a housing voucher at Fourth Plain Commons, an affordable housing apartment complex; she and Maliya moved into their new home on May 1.

She shared "I've never had anything of my own. I've waited so long. I thought I wouldn't qualify for anything, and this space is much more wonderful than I thought it could be."

When asked what they looked forward to most in their new home, Jessa said, "The quiet park across the street." She and her daughter enjoy identifying plants, learning about their healing properties and making spore prints of mushrooms and flowers.

And Maliya? Her answer came with a big smile: "My own bathroom and taking a bath with a bath bomb!"



celebrating *deborah & paul speer*

We were honored to have submitted a nomination for Deborah and Paul Speer as Community Foundation for Southwest Washington 2026 Philanthropists of the Year.

On June 2, they were recognized at the Community Foundation's Annual Luncheon for their commitment and partnership of more than 40 equity-centered nonprofits to improve education, healthcare, housing, food security, the environment and independent journalism.

At the luncheon, Paul shared this:

"We see you, we deeply appreciate you, and The Speers stand by all you nonprofit leaders. We know that everyone here today is also committed to making this the best community it can be."

For more than 10 years, Deborah and Paul have continued to say "Yes!" when invited to be a matching donor for Share's appeal campaigns, including Give More 24!, Giving Tuesday and/or Appeal for Meals.

They are dedicated to support Share's spectrum of services, from our meal and nutrition programs to our shelter and housing programs.

Their dedication to providing hope and support, and their genuine care for people and families in our community, are an inspiration for all of us!

Also honored at the luncheon were:

- *Community Champion:*
SW Washington LULAC Council #47013
- *Catalyst Award for Philanthropic Innovation:*
Paul Christensen



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Share 2025 in Review



Our meal and nutrition programs **helped more households & people** with free, nutritious meals and access to our food programs.

Backpack & Summer Meals Programs:

263,700+ lbs. of non-perishable food to 90 schools

160,000+ lbs. of fresh produce, dairy, eggs & bread at 18 schools

703 snack boxes to 36 local schools

10,524 free summer meals to kids 18 & under

Hot Meals Program & Outreach Food Kits:

141,079 free meals to the public

5,500+ food kits distributed by our Outreach Team

Holiday Food Boxes

200 households provided with non-perishable and fresh/frozen food boxes



Families and people continued to **secure & maintain permanent housing**:

Share Outreach helped **50 people** secure housing

Pathways Program served **58 clients** and completed **210 referrals** for services

Across Share's four shelters and the Winter Hospitality Overflow program, **121 people** secured housing

Housing and Essential Needs program helped **126 people** with rental assistance, as well as personal hygiene products and cleaning supplies

Lincoln Place II opened, a 40-unit apartment complex that provides permanent supportive housing



Total INCOME: \$14,521,834

Total EXPENSES: \$14,267,507

* Note: Share's complete audited financial statement is available at sharevancouver.org.



Notable STATS

1,465+ volunteers donated their time & talent, totalling **20,368 hours**

Our Talkin' Trash team removed **116.31 tons of trash** from 40 local sites

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.



empowering people, keeping community clean

The Talkin' Trash program is a partnership; built to provide part-time temporary employment in the form of community cleanup, while giving time and grace for participants to work on themselves and their resumes on their path to full time employment elsewhere.

There is great joy that comes when team members reach their goals and no longer rely on Share's services—team members like Everett.

Everett heard about Share's Talkin' Trash program the way most people who are experiencing homelessness do: on the streets.

He embraced the opportunity to benefit from the program's goals that include providing meaningful employment and job training and supporting housing search assistance, all while improving the cleanliness and safety of Vancouver's public spaces.

Here's what he shared about his time:

Tony was my supervisor when I started. He was straight-forward and disciplined, and I appreciated the chance he gave me to get back on my feet. I'd give him an A+.

It was a good program and it helped me a lot. I learned to work as a team and there were a lot of unique personalities. I made a lot of friends.

I really appreciated learning how to use a computer. I'd never had that opportunity before.

I'd recommend Talkin' Trash to anyone that needs to get back on their feet. It can help them stay strong and positive.

Everett spent 10 ½ months on the program and recently graduated. He's now living with his niece and is employed at PrimeFlight Aviation, working on the floor to load packages on pallets for air transportation.

volunteer with us!



Share Hot Meals, Backpack, Summer Meals, Donation Warehouse, Special Events ... *and more!*

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restaurant giveback day!



Dine-in or carry out at Who Song & Larry's, 111 SE Columbia Way, on Thursday, August 6—let your server know* you are there to support Share and **20% of your bill will be donated back to us!**

* Scan this QR code to show to your server!



give more 24!



every participant gets a race bib!

Give More 24!, hosted by the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, is back again on Thursday, September 24.

To celebrate, we are hosting our 1st annual **Shortest Race in Clark County** in the parking lot of the Share Fromhold Service Center.

Scan the QR for details and to register!

Want to be a sponsor or vendor? Contact Rylee at rsinclair@sharevancouver.org.



2027 share gala!



Save the date and step into a Secret Garden with us on Friday, April 23 at The Heathman Lodge.

Share's Gala will feature amazing Northwest cuisine, courtesy of Hudson's Bar & Grill catering, auctions, raffles, lively moments and more, all in celebration of supporting Share's vital mission and programs.

Become a sponsor! Contact Rylee at rsinclair@sharevancouver.org.



celebration & purpose: homecoming gala

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who celebrated with us this year at our “Party Like It’s Your Year Homecoming Gala,” presented by U.S. Bank and supported by Columbia Credit Union and Davidson & Associates Insurance Agency, Inc.

It was an evening that welcomed a nostalgic blast from the past, bringing people together with purpose and raising money to support Share’s vital programs and mission.

We were honored to present our **2026 Community Partner to St. Andrew Lutheran Church** for their years of commitment and partnership of the Winter Hospitality Overflow program.

Jasmie Ames, Share’s Board President, shared:

“Homelessness shows up in many forms. It has many faces and does not care how old you are, where you grew up, the health of your body, or what your dreams of the future entail. Our community is only as strong as those we choose to support. Tonight you have that very opportunity: choice. Our theme is homecoming, and through your attire, the tailgate earlier, and the dancing in our program, we’ve had so much fun exploring all that homecoming can mean. But in its truest sense, homecoming is something deeper. I invite you to join me in raising a paddle to **ensure that every client Share serves has the support they need to finally experience a HOME-coming of their own.**”

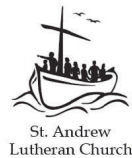
Special thanks to:

- Drumline from Union High School Band (check out their amazing performance on our Facebook page!)
- Our Drag Performers: Lylac, Rob D Bilder, Puanani Posse, and Boujee Cherry
- The dozens of volunteers who donated their time and talents
- The amazing team members at Versa Events who always help to make our events look great and run smoothly
- And to our generous sponsors who are listed on the opposite page





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**Free, nutritious meals
at multiple sites
now through August 14.**

Must be consumed on site!
No paperwork needed.
No personal information collected.

This year's Summer Meals program operates June 29 to August 14 at 18 locations, including partnerships with Evergreen and Vancouver Public Schools, Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries, Vancouver Parks & Rec., local apartments and faith-based communities.

SCAN THIS QR CODE for a list of meal site locations, including addresses, as well as days and times of service.



Volunteers are needed Monday to Friday each week of the program to help prepare 500+ daily 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.

Sign up online at 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.