



SHARE of McLEAN

Summer 2022

Volunteer Spotlight

Dave Konstantin



Dave has been volunteering regularly every other month with the furniture delivery team for 14 years, even during the pandemic (when he worked every shift). Dave goes the extra mile for Share – literally – because his commute to McLean from Arlington turns his volunteering into an all-day event.

Furniture day is special because it provides Dave the opportunity to supply beds to families whose children are sleeping on the floor, gives formerly homeless persons hope with an easy chair for their living room, and helps seniors and disabled persons live more comfortably. In his words, “It’s a great feeling to pick up furniture in the morning and deliver it just a few hours later to folks who will be able to use it that same day. Some of these people have absolutely nothing and are so grateful to get a real bed or table and chairs.”

Dave especially appreciates the humor and camaraderie of the furniture truck crews and their determination to help others. When not helping the community, Dave is an avid home pizza maker and the mid-Atlantic rep for Forno Bravo wood-fired pizza ovens.

Photo credit: London Russell

Share Selected by Giant Food in McLean for the “Bloomin’ 4 Good” Program for Month of July

Want to cheer up a friend, celebrate a birthday or anniversary? Pick up some

flowers during the month of July at Giant (1454 Chain Bridge Road, McLean) and they will donate \$1 for every \$12.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the purple hanging tag.

Temple Rodef Shalom Helping Neighbors in Need

Temple Rodef Shalom's "A Simple Gesture" program is growing. The project has 80+ families leaving bags of food outside that are picked up every other month by volunteers for donation to Share. The temple recently added families in zip codes 22101, 22043, 22207, and 22066, who all signed up to donate nonperishable food items to the Share food pantry, with additional zip codes being added soon. We are so grateful to our faith communities for their continued support, and this effort by Rodef Shalom will help keep our shelves stocked.

Share Helping Kids Get Back to School



This year, Share will be distributing 160 school kits to our clients' students. Each student will receive a shoulder bag with a pencil case stuffed with grade-appropriate supplies, a small toiletry kit and a Target gift card for supplies specific to their classroom.

We are still accepting donations of school supplies, with a focus on new crayons, markers, highlighters, pens, pencils & spiral notebooks as well as new, or clean, gently used backpacks. Thanks to the generosity of our community and corporate donors we have an abundance of items such as folders, binders, and classroom accessories. Share will connect with local schools to distribute where they're needed. These will be distributed in August, throughout the upcoming school year, and to replenish the stock for next year.

Please contact Abbey Ayanian or Robyn at robyn.share@gmail.com if you would like to make a donation or are interested in helping with distribution on Aug 3, 6, 10, or 13 from 8:30-12:30.

Photo credit: Abbey Ayanian

Lidl Joins our Community and Pledges to Help Share

Lidl celebrated the grand opening of a new grocery store in McLean on Wednesday, June 1, with local leaders participating in a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The opening included an initiative where, for every customer that downloaded the myLidl app and set the new McLean store as their home store during grand opening weekend, Lidl donated \$1 to Share, their chosen local food bank partner.

Lidl has also pledged to donate groceries weekly to the Share food pantry, including meat and produce. We have already received several donations, which include 200+ pounds of packaged ground beef. Thank you, Lidl!



Photo credit: Radhika Samant

Eagle Scout Owen Sullivan Helps Clients Take a Break While Waiting to Shop in the Food Pantry



Eagle Scout Owen Sullivan of Boy Scout Troop 869 in McLean recently finished a beautiful new bench for our clients as they wait for entry during food pantry openings. The bench (pictured here) seats approximately 15 people outside Share's door and will be dedicated to Vic Kimm, a long-time SHARE volunteer, leader, and dedicated humanitarian who passed away recently.

Photo Credit: Nicki Watts

Shout Out to Medina Farms!

Share is so grateful to Medina Farms, a family-run farm which for years has provided the food room with loads of fresh produce in the summer. Fresh produce is such a treat for our clients. Medina participates in the McLean Farmers Market in Lewinsville Park on Friday mornings. At closing time, they generously donate selected produce that did not sell that day. A recent contribution is shown below.

During your next visit to the Lewinsville Farmers Market, please shop at Medina Farms and be sure to thank them for supporting Share.

Photo Credit: Kellen Leister



Share's Technology Services to Expand



Share is improving its social media outreach and technology services in the coming months when we will improve our internal Share IT support, redesign our website, extend our social media outreach, offer client computer repair services and client laptop deliveries.

We already benefit from the advice and help of social media / marketing intern Kyra Macomber, a rising junior at McLean High School, who has identified several areas where we can modernize our communications and client and community outreach.

Kyra is a varsity track and lacrosse athlete and vice president of the Armonia Advanced Treble Choir. Outside school she loves music, baking, and art. She's very invested in community service and has been a Girl Scout for 11 years. Kyra is incredibly excited to help the McLean area through her work at Share.

Thanks and welcome, Kyra!

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To fully achieve our potential, **we are looking for a volunteer to oversee our technology outreach.** Preferred qualifications include:

- Computer literacy, including non-technical knowledge about computers, software, and computer systems
- Desire to lead and be a positive role model to young people
- Willingness to solicit laptop and printer donations from local businesses
- Ability to communicate effectively
- Multi-year commitment preferable

Get Involved

Volunteer

Furniture Program Recruiting New Volunteers



Jim Bittner and Dave Konstantin deliver beds and hope to clients

Want to help a family start a new life? Share volunteers pick up gently used furniture in the community and deliver these items to our clients. The best introduction is a Saturday ride-along, where you can experience the satisfaction of delivering a bed to someone sleeping on the sofa. Or a table and chairs to a family eating on the floor.

A social worker recently commented, "I cannot tell you how amazing your organization is. I want you to know all the people you brought furniture to are really happy and healthier due to your amazing work."

No prior moving experience needed. All we ask is that volunteers are comfortable carrying boxes or picking up one end of a kitchen table and carrying it up a flight of stairs. We're out for 5 hours most Saturdays. If you are interested in arranging a ride-along, contact Randy, randy@shareofmclean.org or cell, 703-297-7299.

Photo credit: London Russell

Want the Opportunity to Help Share?

We're looking for a community outreach coordinator to connect Share with community leaders, businesses, and faith-based organizations interested in partnering to further Share's mission. Please contact Randy Glantz at randy@shareofmclean.com to learn more about this significant role.

Food and Clothing Pantry



Food Pantry Needs

With schools and other organizations not meeting during the summer months, Share's shelves often run a little low. Please consider purchasing a few of the items on [list here](#).

Donations can be placed in the outside storage bin located next to the side entrance of McLean Baptist Church any time. They can also be dropped off with a Share volunteer on Wednesday and Saturdays from 9:30-12 noon.

Our clients will be so grateful!



Share Needs Your Used Clothing and Linens/Bedding

Please think of Share if you have extra shorts, t-shirts, and other seasonal clothes and shoes. Our clothing and linen room is co-located with the food pantry.

We also welcome clean, gently used bed linens, towels, blankets, bedspreads, and comforters. Be sure and bag linens and mark the size bed.

Donations can be placed in the outside storage bin or dropped off Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:30-12 noon.

Donate

Share relies entirely on donations. We do not receive any county, state or federal funding. Please consider making a tax deductible gift using the button below.

Donate

About Share

Share, Inc. is a non-profit organization, staffed by volunteers and supported by individuals, as well as a long-standing coalition of local religious and civic organizations, to meet the emergency needs of our lower income neighbors. For more information, please see our web site at www.shareofmclean.org or contact us via email at info@shareofmclean.org.





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