



# SHARE News

## Fall - 2024

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*Fare 4 SHARE attendees explore the array of food trucks at The Meeting House.*

## Fare 4 SHARE: Five Years of Festivity

Project SHARE celebrates five-year anniversary of the food truck event

**P**roject SHARE celebrated its 5th annual Fare 4 SHARE food truck festival on Sunday, September 8, at The Meeting House in Carlisle. The event attracted over a thousand attendees, who enjoyed a variety of delicious foods, live music, and good company under a clear blue sky.

“This year’s Fare 4 SHARE truly reflects the Planning Commit-

tee and Project SHARE team’s commitment to success,” stated Andrew ‘Raz’ Razanauskas, Committee Chair. Organizing the event is no small feat. As early as March, the Fare 4 SHARE committee starts preparations, brainstorming strategies, reaching out to vendors, and coordinating the various elements needed to create a memorable experience for attendees. As the

event approaches, the Project SHARE staff takes charge of logistics, including transporting materials to The Meeting House, positioning food trucks, and handling any last-minute details.

Lisa Maddux, Development Director of Project SHARE, expressed her excitement about

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## Farm Fresh Changes at Farmstand

Farmstand updates to walk-in only model

**O**n August 27, Project SHARE’s Farmstand updated its distribution model, transitioning away from Drive Thru to a walk-in style, mirroring a farmers market stand.

The transition was led by Project SHARE’s Farmstand Coordinator Greg Leiphart.

“I’m really excited to be involved in the Farmstand’s important shift toward a walk in model. This change aligns the Farmstand more closely with Project SHARE’s mission with

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# Seeds of Hope

From our Executive Director, Emma Witwer

Recently, there has been a crispness in the morning air, the first subtle sign that despite the heat of the mid-day, Summer will soon transition to Fall. As I think of the transition of the seasons, it makes me pause and think about the transition that Project SHARE too is undergoing.

In the past year, the Project SHARE staff has changed, and programming has changed. We have welcomed new volunteers, new board members and new clients using our services. We are not the same as we were just a year ago.

Since January, Project SHARE has welcomed five new team members and said goodbye to

some long time staff members as life took them in new directions. The baton has been passed to the new team—to uphold and embody Project SHARE’s vision of “Nourishing Our Community... Awakening Hope.”

In addition to the changing team, we also underwent a significant transition at Project SHARE’s Farmstand, which you will read more about in this newsletter. In August, Farmstand changed from distributing food using a Drive-Thru model to using an inside shopping model, mimicking a roadside stand farmers market.

Every transition has a learning curve, a sense of anticipation, even anxiety, until the transition



eases into a new normal. Yet in every transition, there is opportunity for mission alignment. While this year has been filled with changes, Project SHARE’s mission remains constant. Despite a year of changes, what remains unchanged is our commitment to our mission “to reduce food insecurity for neighbors in the greater Carlisle area by offering access to nutritious food, programs & a support network that promotes self-sufficiency, fosters dignity and instills hope.”

## Bulletin BOARD

From our Board of Directors Vice Chair, Teresa Festivo



Looking back on my personal journey, I see that each chapter has involved transitioning and

adapting. Each life event comes with some type of change. Some we embrace, while others we may fear.

As adults, we encounter changes with jobs, relationships, parenthood, housing, and countless others. We all have personal stories that mold us into who we are. In reflection, I wonder why we shy away from change when we have already encountered it numerous times before?

Looking back to over 25 years ago, the banking industry has changed drastically. Who would have thought that one would

hardly need to step into a branch to do one’s banking. I can’t imagine what my grandparents would think of Mobile Deposits, Bank to Bank transfers, money being sent to their loved ones with one click of a button.

How many transitions have we encountered in this past year? I was honored to step into the role of Board Vice Chair with Project SHARE. The staff and volunteers are so passionate about the mission. The programs are truly about helping others through transitional periods during their personal journeys. I am fortunate and pleased to share that, as an M&T Bank employee, I am supported and encouraged to give of my time and services to the community. We have championed a special project with Project SHARE. On a monthly basis, M&T employees from different branches and departments pick up and deliver food to homebound Clients. These individuals are not

just looking for food, but human interaction as well. Some quotes from our employees are: “We are so fortunate to have this opportunity,” “When can I do this again?” “I feel humbled by the opportunity to interact with these individuals”.

Let’s move forward with open minds and open hearts and continue to add to our personal stories!

*Teresa Festivo is the Board Vice-Chair at Project SHARE and serves on the Governance Committee. She is a Branch Manager, Assistant Vice President, at M&T Bank in Carlisle. She has been with M&T Bank for 19 years and especially enjoys providing financial literacy through M&T Bank’s Money Mentor program. Teresa joined Project SHARE’s board as a fellow with Leadership Cumberland (Class of 2023) and officially became a board member in May 2023. Teresa also supports and serves as a committee member with the United Way of Carlisle and Cumberland County, the Carlisle Chamber and Community CARES.*



Volunteers check in Summer Feeding 4 Kids Clients at Mt. Holly distribution on June 7.

# A Recap: Summer Feeding 4 Kids

Summer Feeding 4 Kids program served a total of 65,380 meals this summer

In spite of the record heat and humidity of this past summer, every week over 40 volunteers helped to make Project SHARE’s Summer Feeding 4 Kids program a success. Through the dedication of volunteers, the leadership of Project SHARE’s Nutrition Coordinator Krystina and the assistance of two hard working interns, the Summer Feeding 4 Kids program served 65,380 meals to an average of 467 children weekly, from three pick up locations across the greater Carlisle area. Additionally, over 2000 books were distributed to children along with reading challenges to nourish not just bodies but minds over the summer.

“Volunteering with the Summer Feeding program at Project SHARE brings joy to everyone that is involved!” shared Julie G. who helped to coordinate a team of volunteers from her church, Otterbein United Meth-

odist Church. Every Wednesday morning, they prepared wraps, sandwiches and fresh DIY meal kits for our community’s children. “[The Otterbein team] enjoyed socializing with each other while prepping the meals that filled children’s stomachs and put smiles on their faces.”

Janet, who led the team of volunteers, along with her husband, at the Amelia Given Library pick up site in Mt Holly, recounted “Summer Feeding 4 Kids was an exciting, joy filled experience for Chip and myself. We enjoyed working with the enthusiastic volunteers, greeting each family, seeing smiling faces, filling cars with nutritious food, books, and reading prizes.”

Project SHARE extends a huge

thanks to the volunteers that made Summer Feeding possible, including Otterbein United Methodist Church, Plainfield First Church of God and the innumerable individuals who gave of their time and energy to ensure our community’s children had the food they needed this summer.

Volunteers and staff from the last day of Summer Feeding 4 Kids.





the turnout: “We are thrilled that so many people wanted to spend part of their weekend supporting Project SHARE.”

The festival featured a diverse array of food trucks, some from years prior others new. Attendees had the opportunity to grab treats from Famous Milkshakes, Bricker’s French Fries, Chameleon 1360, Pizza Shack, Boost Burgers by Falafel Shack, Grappling Crab Shack, The Italian Job, Creekview Food Company, 5Rs Eats and Treats, Kokua Shave Ice, Tucker&Co. Bakery, and Margaret’s Lemonade Stand.

Throughout the afternoon, a lineup of local bands, including The Riders, Jazz 4, Scott Hallman, Jeremiah Quail, and Screamin’ Egrets, entertained the Fare 4 SHARE crowd with a range of genres from classic rock and acoustic covers to original hits.

This year, Fare 4 SHARE introduced an online auction leading up to the main event. Bidders had a week to place offers on items donated by local businesses, including gift cards, sports tickets, and artisan goods. Maddux, who coordinated the auction, shared her enthusiasm for its success: “It’s wonderful to see our local businesses come together for such a great cause. And thank you to all our bidders who participated.” Project SHARE looks forward to continuing the auction for future Fare 4 SHARE events.

“Most importantly, it brought the Carlisle community out in great numbers,” Razanauskas highlighted. “Families explored a sunlit campus, choosing from a variety of foods, en-

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| Carlise Family YMCA        | Members 1st               |
| Carlisle Sports Emporium   | Monarch Hills Farm        |
| ChambersburgCountryClub    | One 13 Social             |
| Chen’s Asian Restaurant    | PA Flavor                 |
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| Grazery                    | Whistlestop Bookshop      |
| Harrisburg Senators        | The Wholesome Loaf        |
| Helena’s Café & Creperie   | Wick and Pour Studio      |
| Home Depot                 | Simply Yoga and Fitness   |

joying live music, playing games, and learning more about the impact of Project SHARE.” The festival not only served as a local celebration but also as an opportunity for the community to directly engage with our mission.

The success of the event was also made possible thanks to the generous support of sponsors. Special thanks go to **PREMIER SPONSOR:** LifeGuide Financial Advisors, LLC.; **EVENT SPONSORS:** UPMC Pinnacle Foundation, F&M Trust, WellSpan Health; **MARKETING SPONSORS:** West Shore Home, GIANT Food Stores; **KIDS ZONE SPONSORS:** ArcBest, Levine Enterprises/McDonald’s; and **ENTERTAINMENT SPONSORS:** Alliance Financial, Benefit Connections, Strickler Agency, Inc., Tangles Salon and Day Spa, and Med Spa at Tangles.



Fare 4 SHARE attendees stand in line to grab food from Creek View Food Company.

# Welcome to the Team



**Kristin Malloy**  
Volunteer Coordinator

Kristin grew up in New Jersey and has lived in Carlisle for the past 15 years. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Widener University and a Master of Arts degree from Messiah University.

Outside of Project SHARE, Kristin enjoys spending time with her husband and four children, reading, baking and gardening. Kristin has a heart for serving others and being involved in the local community.



**Sarah Walters**  
Communications Coordinator

Sarah is a Carlisle-based designer who incorporates visual research and experimentation into her work. She holds a BA in Advertising from Temple University, where she focused on Art Direction and Graphic Design.

Before joining Project SHARE, Sarah gained experience in book publishing and commercial printing. Research drives her career, influencing her hobby of restoring nineteenth-century homes.

## Firms, Businesses, Foundations, Organizations

Who, as part of our community donate funds or in-kind gifts received between Jun. 1 to Sept. 10

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| Claremont Nursing and Rehabilitation     |   |  | Wick and Pour Studio                       |



Farm Fresh Changes at Farmstand continued...



Farmstand Clients shop in the brand new walk-in model at its grand opening on Tuesday morning, August 27.

with regards to access to nutritious food, fostering dignity and instilling hope," he shares of the change.

When Farmstand was originally opened, about 10 years ago, it operated as a farmer's market stand but in 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, distribution moved to Drive Thru. In early 2023, Project SHARE piloted re-opening the Farmstand for choice shopping on Fridays. Today, it operates solely as a walk-in, with accommodation for our clients with limited mobility. "Re-opening the Farmstand for a farmers market style food pick up returns us to our roots and original ethos of Project SHARE's Farmstand," Proj-

ect SHARE's Executive Director Emma Witwer shares.

This change was implemented for two important reasons. Firstly, Project SHARE believes that creating an environment in which clients can pick out their own fruits, vegetables, bread, milk and eggs empowers clients to select food that best meets their family's needs. Secondly, this distribution style is safer for the community, volunteers and clients. As need grew in the community, the Drive Thru distribution was creating traffic congestion that was causing concern.

Project SHARE's Farmstand hours are now Tuesdays 9:30am-5:30pm, Thursdays 9:30am-2pm and Fridays 9:30am-12pm. It con-

tinues to be closed one week a month. For our neighbors with limited mobility, who are unable to come inside and pick out their own food, they can utilize Project SHARE's Farmstand "Park 'n Shop" option. At grocery pick up, a volunteer will greet the client at their car and take their grocery order. The volunteer will go inside, gather the groceries and then load them into the trunk of the waiting car.

To make an appointment to shop (for free) at Farmstand, visit [timetosignup.com/projects-share-pa](https://timetosignup.com/projects-share-pa) or call 717-249-7773. To volunteer, visit [projectsharepa.volunteerhub.com/vv2/](https://projectsharepa.volunteerhub.com/vv2/).

## Congregation Connections

Thank you to our congregational financial supporters who contributed between Jun. 1 to Sept. 10

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St. Patrick Catholic Church  
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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Youngs Church of Mechanicsburg

# Volunteer Spotlight

Couple Michael and Marla Mogill detail their experiences with Project SHARE

**W**e "share" because we feel it is our civic responsibility to give back to and strengthen our community. We have been volunteering at Project SHARE for more than 30 years. In doing so, we would bring our children to also volunteer, as children are apt to watch and likely imitate their parents. It was important for us to raise our children with good character and have them personally experience the importance of community service.

The poet Emerson said that "the only true gift is a portion of yourself". We try to make the distribution experience a little easier for the Clients. We believe that making a positive difference in the lives of others will bring comfort to those who are less fortunate, marginalized, or have suffered one of life's setbacks. It is essential to connect with Clients by engaging with them, which can be simply remembering their name, sharing a smile, telling a joke, or merely wishing them a good day, all of which makes them feel that they are our first priority. It is our belief that even the smallest acts of caring, whether it is a listening ear or a few words of encouragement or kindness shares our humanity and contributes to the greater

societal good. For if we all do a little, it can add up to a lot.

On a personal level, we have a sense of pride in volunteering at Project SHARE. As Gandhi said "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." We believe that when you care for others, you also care for yourself. Helping others gives one a meaningful purpose, thus improving our own health and the quality of our lives. Indeed, it is a privilege to work as a member of a Team alongside so many caring and friendly volunteers, sharing a passion to support those in need while revealing our empathy and compassion to care.

*Michael and Marla Mogill are each originally from the Chicago suburbs. Marla earned her B.A. in Human Resources and Management from Temple University and her B.S. in Elementary Education from Penn State Harrisburg. She worked in the business world and retired after teaching 4th grade at Hamilton Elementary School for 21 years. Michael earned his B.A. in Psychology from the University of Illinois, his J.D. from the Northeastern University School of Law, and his LLM from the Temple University School of Law. He practiced law in both the public and private sectors and recently retired after 32 years as a Professor of Law at Penn State Dickinson Law.*



Michael and Marla represent Project SHARE at Carlisle4Kids on August 4.

"Helping others gives one a meaningful purpose, improving our own health and the quality of our lives."





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