



Shelbourne Community Kitchen Member Update: November 22, 2023

Our December Holiday Program Schedule is here! In true Shelbourne Community Kitchen fashion, we are bringing back some of our favourite holiday traditions. This season is filled with gratitude, live music, and celebrations. And we are thrilled to share that we have officially reached our fundraising goal to build our commercial kitchen!

In this member email, you will find important information about:

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- **Benefit Concerts**
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Our End of Month Closure is from Friday, November 24- 30th, inclusive. This means that Thursday, November 23rd will be our last day of services for the month.

Are you curious about what The Kitchen's plans for programs and services will be once renovations begin in January? In the coming weeks, we will be sending a special notice out to all members with all the information you need about our renovations timeline and services. Stay tuned!

In community spirit,

-The Kitchen Team

Pictured Above: Memories of wreath making at The Shelbourne Community Kitchen, circa 2019. This long-standing tradition was started by our very first volunteer garden lead, Anne, in the backyard of our first location -a little white house on Shelbourne Street. Wreath making has been one of our favourite holiday activities ever since.



"Bring Home the Kitchen" Capital Campaign Success! A Message from the Chair of our Board of Directors

Dear members,

On Friday, November 17th, we officially reached our "Bring Home the Kitchen" capital campaign goal and raised \$387,000 for phase 2 renovations! While the "Bring Home the Kitchen" capital campaign officially launched in October, it was a project that had been in development for quite some time. When our organization first moved to our new location, we could not afford all the renovations at once. **For the last two years, we have been a community kitchen without a commercial kitchen of our own!**

Thanks to our hard-working grant writers and campaign team, when "Bring Home the Kitchen" officially launched in October, we had already raised 64 % of the total campaign goal. The campaign to fund our much-needed commercial kitchen and accessibility updates, received tremendous support from various donors, including community members, local businesses, and philanthropic organizations. A long-time generous anonymous donor pledged to match the first \$50,000 of donations received in October. Notable donations came from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Tri-Eagle Development and Cadillac Homes (pictured above), past board member Jacquie Farris, volunteer Carl Stovel, the Times Colonist Christmas Fund and the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller, the District of Saanich, as well as local businesses Waterworks Irrigation and Abstract Developments. In addition, our Jazz Bar benefit concert event raised over \$26,000 in a single afternoon, making the total raised in October \$52,278, which was turned into \$102,278!

Our team is truly overwhelmed with gratitude and so encouraged by the community's generous support for the project. Together, we are building our long-awaited commercial kitchen, conducting accessibility upgrades, and improving workshop and office spaces at the Shelbourne Community Kitchen's new home!

While our foremost focus is on establishing a commercial kitchen, the positive impact of this project will go far beyond. This is an opportunity for us to expand and enrich our programs, to create leadership and workplace training opportunities for people accessing services, and to create new income streams that will allow us to invest in our organization's long-term sustainability. We will have the ability to commercially produce in-house meal items for our pantry program and for revenue. Our jams, jellies and zucchini relish have been missed! Commercial kitchen rental space is a need in our community that we will also be able to address.

Our team is so excited to build even more synergy among programs, and to have a functional commercial kitchen that will allow us to do so much more for the community we serve.

In the coming weeks, we will send detailed information about phase 2 renovations, including the programs and services that will be available during construction. Renovations are currently scheduled to begin in January, 2024.

Thank you to each and everyone who helped to make the "Bring Home the Kitchen" campaign a success!

It's time to put the Cook back in Cook, Grow, Share Connect!

In community spirit,

Clarice Dillman, Board Chair

Our Wonderful Group of Supporters

THE CHURCH OF
JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

 **ABSTRACT**
developments


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 Agriculture and
Agri-Food Canada



Photos from Jazz Bar on October 29th. Melanie Orr Photography.

NOVEMBER 26
SUNDAY 3-5PM

AN AFTERNOON *with*
**STEPHANIE
GREAVES**



Live in concert with

ATTILA FIAS PIANO THE
RYAN TANDY ACOUSTIC BASS BOB
BOB WATTS DRUMS WATTS
TRIO

Admission \$25

Refreshments included
(baked goods & coffee/tea)

Purchase tickets online
www.shelbournecommunitykitchen.ca
or at the door

ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
3909 St. George's Ln.

Proceeds raised in support
of THE KITCHEN'S VITAL PROGRAMS
AND SERVICES.
All Donations Matched!

**BENEFIT
CONCERT
SERIES**



An Afternoon with Stephanie Greaves
This Weekend! Sunday, November 26th, 3pm-5pm
St. George's Church (3909 St. George's Lane)

Have you bought your tickets to the **November 26th** Stephanie Greaves show yet?
This is an event that you don't want to miss!

Sparks will fly as we pair local powerhouse vocalist [Stephanie Greaves](#), with award-winning pianist, [Attila Fias](#), Ryan Tandy, and Bob Watts of the [Bob Watts Trio](#) for an afternoon of dynamic, and unpredictable jazz.

This exciting benefit concert will raise funds for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen's vital programs and services.

Admission is \$25 and includes a warm drink and sweet treat at intermission.

As part of the Donate & Double Your Impact campaign, every ticket purchased turns into \$50 of support for food security programs in our community!

Can't make the show but want to support our work and have your donation matched?

Buy a 'community ticket' for a member of the kitchen to attend the show and receive a tax receipt. If you are a participant, scroll to the holiday program section of this email to sign up and receive free tickets to the show!

Tickets can be purchased online. Limited tickets available at the door.

Purchase Tickets

DECEMBER 10
SUNDAY 7PM

WINTER WONDERLAND

with **EDIE
DAPONTE**

Live in concert with

ATTILA FIAS PIANO
JOEY SMITH GUITAR
RYAN TANDY ACOUSTIC BASS
BOB WATTS DRUMS

THE
**BOB
WATTS
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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS CONCERT BOWL
3787 Cedar Hill Rd Parking at St. Luke's Cedar Hill.

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AND SERVICES.
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Winter Wonderland with Edie Daponte Sunday, December 10th, 7pm Lutheran Church of the Cross

On December 10th, join captivating vocalist Edie DaPonte, and the Bob Watts Trio as we celebrate the holiday season at Winter Wonderland: a benefit concert for Shelbourne Community Kitchen. [Edie DaPonte](#) brings passion, playfulness and an evident love of performance to her live shows. With Attila Fias on piano, Ryan Tandy on upright bass, and Bob Watts on drums, these talented musicians will bring to the stage everything from holiday favourites to jazz and gospel, spanning several musical genres and songs that are sure to warm your heart this holiday season.

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A Message from the Health & Safety Committee

The Shelbourne Community Kitchen's Health and Safety Committee works to promote the safety and wellbeing of all members, staff and visitors to program facilities. This fall, we are at quite a different place in relation to COVID-19 than we have been in previous years. We are in a better place, but we are not in a completely safe place. Cold and flu season has arrived, along with rising cases of COVID-19. The Shelbourne Community Kitchen's high standard of cleanliness and regular surface sanitizing continues, and additional face masks and hand sanitizer are available on site.

Gentle Reminders from Health & Safety:

- Regular hand washing is one of the best ways to remove germs, avoid getting sick, and prevent the spread of germs to others.
- If you feel unwell: please stay home, test, and monitor your symptoms.
- The National Advisory Committee on Immunization recommends that everyone six months of age and older get the XBB. 1.5 vaccine if it has been six months or longer since their last COVID-19 vaccination or COVID-19 infection. [Learn more.](#)

The Health and Safety Committee continues to monitor updates from the BCCDC and Chief Medical Officer, and will send updates throughout winter, as needed.



Hours of Operation and Upcoming Closures

The Shelbourne Community Kitchen's hours of operation are as follows:

- Monday: Closed
- **Tuesday: 10am-1pm**
- **Wednesday: 10am-1pm**
- **Thursday: 3:30pm-6:30pm**
- **Friday: 10am-1pm**
- Saturday/Sunday: Closed

We close for the last week of every month to tackle large projects.

Upcoming End of Month Closure Dates: November 24-30, inclusive.

The last day of Pantry Program access this month is Thursday, November 23rd.

Delivery will go out the following day as usual, on Friday, November 24th, 12pm-3pm.

HOLIDAY CLOSURE:

The last day of operations in December will be Thursday, December 21st. Renovations are planned to begin in January. Information about the programs and services that will be available during renovations will be shared with our membership soon.

Holiday Programs





Holiday Cards and Warm Drinks -all month long!

This December, our team will be serving hot chocolate, coffee, and tea during hours of operation for all members and visitors.

We will also have a holiday card station available in the main room. Participants are invited to pick up cards to send to loved ones. Stamps are also provided upon request (limit of 2/person).

If you have extra holiday cards that you would like to share, we gratefully accept donations all month long.



Free Concert Tickets!

Do you love live music? Are you a member who accesses our services? We have been inviting members of the community to donate tickets for our upcoming concerts to share with folks at The Kitchen!

We have free concert tickets to share with folks who access our services!

Each participant can request up to 2 tickets for each concert.

THIS WEEKEND! An Afternoon with Stephanie Greaves, Sunday, November 26th from 3pm-5pm at St. George's Church. [Sign up to receive Stephanie Greaves Tickets!](#)

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Wreath Making

December 4th, 11am-3pm
In the Main Room at The Kitchen

Making wreaths with evergreens, gorgeous trimmings, bows and bobbles has been a long-cherished tradition at The Shelbourne Community Kitchen. Led by experienced volunteers, this event is a great opportunity to explore your crafting prowess and help get you into the holiday spirit!

This event is for people of all skill levels. Both participants and volunteers are invited to attend. There will be experienced wreath-makers on site, plenty of instruction sheets, and all wreath making supplies will be provided. So, even if you are a first timer come on down and have some fun!

This event is taking place on Monday, December 4th, from 11am-3pm in the main space at the Kitchen.

Coffee, tea, delicious soup, and cookies will be available during the session. Let the holiday season begin!

Thank you to the City of Victoria for donating all of our evergreen boughs this year!

Do you have wreath making materials (bows, bobbles, wire frames) that you would like to donate in support of the event? Please email Tyler at pantry@shelbournecommunitykitchen.ca

Register



Matzah Ball Soup Meal Kit Distribution December 12th & 13th

Is there anything more comforting than a bowl of hot chicken soup on a cold winter's day? Matzah (or matzo) Ball Soup is a traditional Ashkenazi Jewish chicken soup that can be found on kitchen tables and Jewish delis across the globe. Matzah Balls are made from a dry unleavened bread called Matzah that when mixed with eggs, water, and chicken fat make beautifully light and flavorful dumplings that pair perfectly with the clear broth, shreds of chicken, and pieces of vegetables that help make this dish so comforting! This meal kit is being distributed during the end of Hanukkah so if you are interested in trying a Jewish holiday classic this is the kit for you.

There is no class component with this meal kit distribution. Registrants will receive a meal kit with all the required ingredients and printed recipes to make at home.

Important Considerations:

- **Limit of one meal kit per household.**
- There will be no live video component for this meal kit. Registrants will receive a meal kit with all the required ingredients and printed recipes to make at home.
- This meal kit can be made vegetarian and/or halal to meet dietary restrictions. **Unfortunately, this recipe can not be adapted to meet gluten free dietary restrictions.**
- A limited number of meal kits will be reserved for delivery and dedicated solely for members who live with chronic illness/mobility barriers, who cannot safely attend in-person.

The deadline to register is December 1st, however programs fill up quickly!

If the registration form is closed, this means that we have reached our maximum registrations. You can contact Tyler at pantry@shelbournecommunitykitchen.ca to be added to the waitlist.

Register



A Holiday Gift from The Kitchen: \$25 Fairway Gift Cards in December

As a special gift from our team, participants who are registered in the Pantry Program will receive a \$25 Holiday Gift Card for Fairway Markets during the month of December.

Every registered participant who accesses our services in December, is eligible to receive this one-time gift card for \$25. No additional sign up is required.

Food Skills Programs: Recipes & Recaps



Dinner on a Dime

A \$25 grocery list to make 3 different recipes and 12 meal servings? You got it! In early November, Camosun College practicum student, Ella, and volunteer, Linda, distributed **25 meal kits** that provided ingredients and recipes for a **total of 300 meals!** Thank you to Ella and Linda for creating the latest edition of Dinner on a Dime.

[View Recipes](#)



Chicken Adobo

Chicken Adobo is an authentic Filipino dish and is one of the most recognized Filipino foods around the world. Adobo is prepared by stewing meat, fish, or vegetables in vinegar and soy sauce along with aromatic herbs and spices such as garlic, black peppercorns, and bay leaves. **25 meal kits** were shared, providing delicious **dinner for a total of 48 adults and children.**

[View Recipe](#)



Salsa Verde

Making Salsa Verde with green tomatoes is a gardener's special move at the end of the season. When our Garden Teams harvest the last of the tomatoes, it's Salsa Verde time! **36 recipe kits and over 180lbs of green tomatoes were shared** between October and November.

[View Recipe](#)

Community Resource Features



Affordable Childcare Resources

If you or someone you know is looking for support accessing affordable childcare in Victoria, there may be a resource included in this month's Community Resource Feature that may be of benefit. Many thanks to Camosun College practicum student, Ella Duthie, for creating this helpful resource for families.

[View Affordable Childcare Resources](#)



Holiday Dinners in the Community

Our team has gathered information and details about holiday meals that are happening around the greater Victoria area this year. You can view the listing and details by clicking the button below.

We also have printed copies available in the main room at The Kitchen.

[View 2023 Holiday Meal Listing](#)

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