

### REMEMBERING LARRY

*How SHOW's community builds friendships and creates a legacy for everyone.  
A tribute to Larry from a neighbour and peer.*

You know how in sitcoms, people are always just swinging by other people's apartments, to stop in and chat? That's not something that people really do in real life. Unless you're Larry. He'd pop up with a quick question and I'd find myself talking with him for half an hour, about anything and everything.

I met Larry 3 years ago, when he lost access to his phone. He'd come down to borrow my phone and regale me with a story afterwards. It was always the same: me, sitting in my doorway with my computer, trying to sort out whatever mess he'd gotten into, and him, in his chair in the hallway, telling me about his days as a taxi driver, or whatever cute thing his cat Titus had just done.

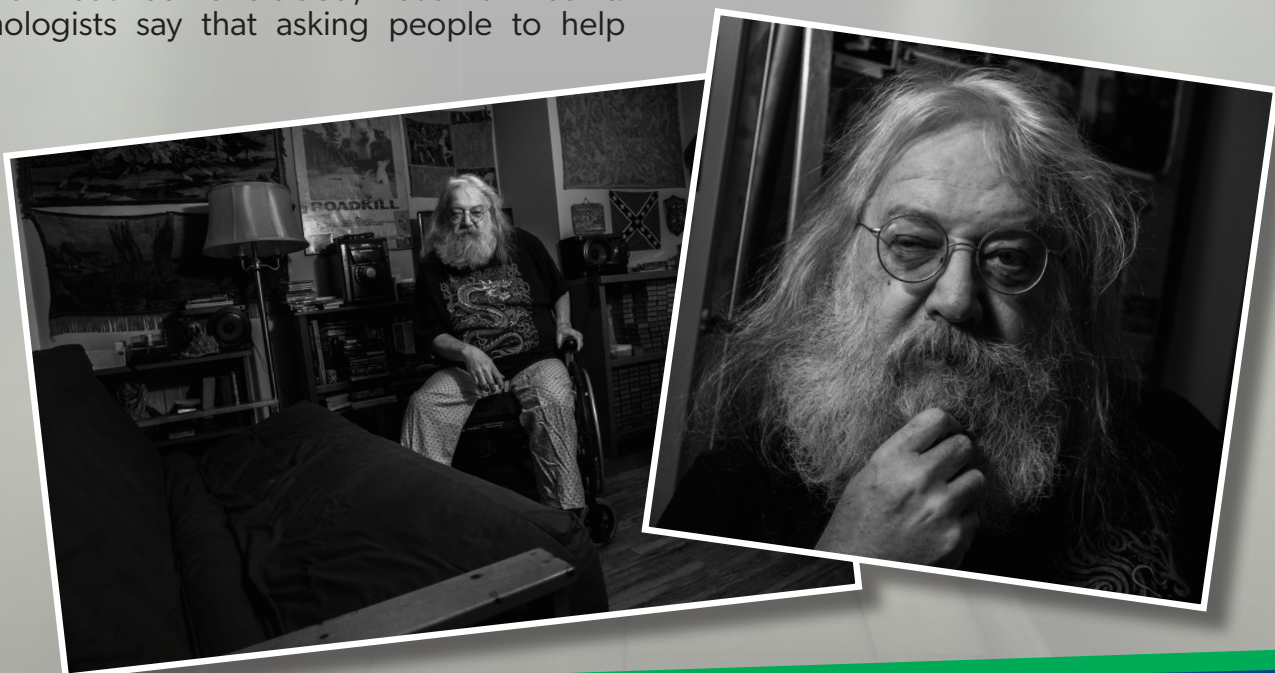
Since Larry has passed away, I've felt acutely aware of his absence. Every time I hear the elevator ding on my floor, I think it's Larry.

This all sounds one-sided, but it wasn't. Psychologists say that asking people to help

you is one of the ways that people go from acquaintances to friends. And Larry was my friend. He was a loving person. He loved his cat Titus, and that cat worshiped him.

Larry would just pop up into your life and then pop out again, but there was always a feeling that he'd pop back in any minute, usually at an inopportune time. I wish he'd call, or pop by, I wish I could talk with him again. I want to remember him cuddling up with Titus and holding that little cat like a baby.

Most of all I want to remember his happiness at the freedom he got from his scooter. He was out on that thing pretty much every day, and other people in the building would see him, dashing by, and say "Oh, there goes Larry". That's how I want to remember him. Racing down the road in the bike lane, with his long hair flying behind him, off for another adventure.



## NEW LEADERSHIP WITH A FAMILIAR FACE

### A friendly "hello" from our new Executive Director

You have been walking alongside SHOW in our journey to provide affordable and supportive housing to individuals in our community. Whether you have been supporting SHOW for one month or ten years, your opinion and dedication to our vision is essential in creating a community where affordable housing and supports are available to all.

Some of you may already know me, as I am not new to SHOW. For the past four years I have been in the role of Program Manager, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the organization. I know our tenants and their unique needs. I know tenants like Troy, who was so touched by how many of you came out to walk with us at Coldest Night of the Year in February. He told me, "I can't believe how many people care about us."

At SHOW, we understand affordable housing is just one piece of the housing equation for our residents. We know you understand that too, and with you by our side we can give everyone a

chance to reach their greatest potential.

As I settle into my role, I would encourage you to reach out to me (brian.paul@showwaterloo.org), and please stay tuned to social media for updates, stories, and opportunities to share your opinions. I would also welcome you to check out our newly launched and refreshed website – I think you will love the chance to get to know a few of our tenants more.



Brian Paul (pictured above with resident, Troy), SHOW's new Executive Director, might be bringing new leadership to SHOW however, his care and compassion for SHOW residents is well established.

I want you to know that with each gift you make, each hour you volunteer, each time you "click like" on our social media, or each time you engage in a conversation about the importance of housing, you are making a difference in the lives of so many. Most importantly, you are helping to create a home for a community of people who need one.

## CHECKING IN WITH CISCO



Former SHOW resident Cisco having lunch with Leigh-Ann (Donor Engagement Coordinator) and Nicole (Program Manager) and chatting about his new home, volunteering, and success.

### Life after SHOW isn't always easy but it is always worth it.

Many of you will remember our former resident Cisco, but for those of you that are new or don't – Cisco was a long-time resident of SHOW who suffered with an extreme addiction to alcohol. Cisco's addiction was affecting every part of his physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual wellbeing. Through the support that he received at SHOW – support that your donations make possible – and a lot of hard work and determination, Cisco was able to overcome his addiction and move out of SHOW into his own apartment.

While meeting with Cisco for lunch this week, he shared that while moving out on his own was hard, it's been so rewarding at the same time. Cisco is volunteering at local food banks through the House of Friendship, he recently got his drivers license for the first time, he's making new friends in the community, and he's approaching his 4th year of sobriety this October. Gifts from community sponsors are part of what make transformations like Cisco's possible. Your gifts allow for programs and supports to be offered that have the ability to transform someone's life, someone like Cisco.

## BACK TOGETHER AGAIN!!

It's because of your donations to the Tenant Wellbeing Support Fund and ongoing support from SHOW monthly donors that we are able to host more in-person events, like our most recent community lunch. After 2 long years SHOW residents are looking forward to reconnecting with their SHOW family.



Members of Mennonite Central Committee have introduced a "Reclaiming Beauty" program where residents are using unwanted household items to create new works of art.

**Our community rallied around SHOW's Coldest Night of the Year event and because of those efforts 24 teams registered, 125 participants walked, 455 individual donations were made, and \$45,000 was raised!**

All of us at SHOW were completely blown away by the support received from our community members during our first ever Coldest Night of the Year Walk! SHOW staff and residents want to thank you for being a caring neighbor, thank you for supporting those in our community that need it the most, thank you for trusting SHOW staff to do the work that we do, and most of all thank you for making our community one where our residents feel that they belong.

**"I can't believe all of these people came here for us"** – SHOW resident reflecting on the group of walkers leaving SHOW for the Coldest Night of the Year Walk



Brian Paul chatting with Coldest Night of the Year walkers before they set out on their 5km walk



Donor Engagement Coordinator, Leigh-Ann Christian (left) and Program Manager Nicole Pereira (2nd from the left) are joined by friends Amanda and Heather for Coldest Night of the Year



5-Year old Orson Eckhardt-Sider enjoying his first Coldest Night of the Year Walk



Walkers head out for their 5km walk from SHOW



Members of the Westvale Warmhearts setting out for their walk

**KPMG**

KPMG was our start/finish line sponsor they also graciously donated hot drinks and snacks for walkers to enjoy after the walk

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## SHOW HAS A NEW WEBSITE AND WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Through generous funding from the United Way Waterloo Region, SHOW was able to update our website. We would love for you to check it out and let us know your thoughts!!

**WWW.SHOWATERLOO.ORG**



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