



# Around Shepherd's Table

THE SHEPHERD'S TABLE NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2019



Fall 2004

Dear Friends,

Have you ever hit the reset button in your life? Have you ever stopped to give thanks in your life, and to say, "what is next?"

**After 15 years of service at Shepherd's Table, I have hit the reset button in my own life.** It is a bittersweet time but one which also fills me with immense gratitude, opens the door to new possibilities, and most importantly, new ways to impact our world!

Shepherd's Table and the Silver Spring/Montgomery County community have been my family for 15 years. Treasured experiences with the women and men we serve each day, with the staff, volunteers, donors, partners, and the community, have enriched my life in ways I never thought possible. **I am forever changed and most grateful!**

I am proud to have led Shepherd's Table to a place where our impact on lives has more than doubled, where the numbers of volunteers has tripled, where people who are served, and those who serve and give gifts (both financial and in-kind), find hope, joy, and love. As we say at the Table, **"It's just what we do and how we do it!"**

My life will forever be entwined with the life of Shepherd's Table. I ask for your prayers and positive thoughts as I personally take the next steps in my life. I also ask that you support Shepherd's Table during this time of transition. As the reset button is pushed, the doors are open to continue our commitment to the most vulnerable in our community, and to new possibilities.

The Shepherd's Table Board of Directors is deeply engaged in the transition process, with the Executive Committee taking the lead. A national search firm has been hired (Raffa-Marcum) to orchestrate the search for my replacement. Ideally, the next Executive Director will be able to start in early/mid-June 2019. The Board will keep everyone posted. The Executive Director job profile is posted on our website.

Thank you for the life giving difference you have made in my life. I am forever grateful!

*Jacki Coyle*

Jacki Coyle  
Executive Director



Fall 2016

...a few photos from the first few months of 2019



Top (l-r): a happy meal guest on Valentine's Day, Bonnie Kramer's Bright Meal, Erie Insurance BM

Middle (l-r): volunteers from US Bank and Jamaican Nationals

Bottom (l-r): Lunar New Year BM, Burness BM

## Staff

**Jacki Coyle**  
Executive Director  
**Scott Davison**  
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**Haile Gebregziabher**  
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**Evert Vargas**  
Director, Social Services  
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Sr. Development & Communications Associate  
**Carmen Garcia**  
Volunteer & Development Coordinator  
**Keith White**  
Lead Chef  
**Christina Moore**  
Chef  
**Gary Bullock**  
Chef  
**Mohamed Banya**  
Senior Program Assistant  
**Roberto Maravilla**  
Program Assistant  
**Sonji Owens**  
Receptionist  
**Robert Savoy**  
Program Assistant

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## Thank you, NBC4!



NBC4's Molette Green interviewing Jacki Coyle

On Tuesday, February 12th, during Random Acts of Kindness week, Molette Green of NBC4 visited Shepherd's Table with gifts for our kitchen, Resource Center and Clothes Closet. Molette interviewed Jacki Coyle and volunteer Michelle Thomas, highlighting our meal service program, and in-kind needs featured on our Amazon Wish List.

As a result of this interview, we received financial gifts as well as hundreds of dollars worth of donations of blankets, deodorant, toothbrushes, hot sauce, ponchos, and other essentials that are critical to our mission every day.

Interested in seeing our Amazon Wish List?  
Visit <http://a.co/44JoJCZ> or our website.

## Community Investment Tax Credit

Community Investment Tax Credits support 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations by awarding allocations of State tax credits for use as incentives to attract contributions from individuals and businesses to benefit local projects and services. Businesses and individuals that donate to a qualified organization's approved project can earn tax credits equal to 50% of the value of the money, goods or real property contribution.

Shepherd's Table has 4,550 CITC credits available for 2018-19, which is \$9,100 in donations, to support its Food Service Program. These credits could be utilized quickly, and are valid for donations of \$500 or more. If you are interested in participating in this program, please reach out to Scott Davison, [sdavison@shepherdstable.org](mailto:sdavison@shepherdstable.org) to check on the availability of credits, and to obtain the necessary paperwork required by the State.

**This is a first come, first serve opportunity, so act quickly!**

## Meet Genet Abesha, EagleBank Passionate Volunteer, Community Leader



Genet volunteering in the dish room with EagleBank

During the last four years, Genet Abesha, Branch Manager of EagleBank in Silver Spring, has served in many capacities, supporting the work of Shepherd's Table. She has served as a volunteer, advocate and donor. Genet has had an exceptional journey to Silver Spring and this wonderfully diverse community.

Originally from Ethiopia, she moved to Tokyo as a diplomat in 1995. She enjoyed her experience in Japan, as it was culturally enriching, and allowed her the opportunity to learn Japanese. Her husband moved to the United States in 1999, and Genet followed with her infant son three years later. They settled in the DC area, where she studied accounting at Montgomery College, followed by the University of Maryland. A friend suggested that she work at the well-known local sandwich shop, Boeymonger, to help with its payroll and accounting. Her role quickly expanded, and after a chance encounter at Starbucks, Genet was offered the position as head teller with Chevy Chase Bank in 2003. She was quickly promoted to Branch Manager in Aspen Hill.

After Chevy Chase merged with Capital One in 2011, Genet joined EagleBank as their Branch Manager in Tysons Corner. Being an integral part of its growth, the bank expanded from one single branch to several branches in and around the DMV area. In 2015, she

accepted the job as Branch Manager in Silver Spring.

That year, Genet had the opportunity to volunteer at Shepherd's Table with her team. She was grateful for the experience, and amazed at the guests' reactions. *"The look on their faces, how happy they were to be served a hot meal was remarkable."*

She went on to give credit to all the volunteers and staff for their tireless work that goes into serving our guests with compassion and dignity. *"You really need to have a big heart to be part of the Shepherd's Table family."*

As a member of our business community, Genet understands that we are all in this together, combatting homelessness and hunger one day at a time. A new enthusiastic and dedicated member of the host committee for *Surfin' for the Table*, Genet has recruited many new supporters of Shepherd's Table's mission.

Friends and community partners such as Genet enable us to be successful and to carry on our mission every day. We thank Genet for her passionate volunteer service, energy and commitment to meeting the needs of our community's most vulnerable populations. *"This is something that will always keep me going. I always want to be a part of the success of Shepherd's Table."*

*"What role can we all play? Giving back makes life more meaningful."*

Genet Abesha

Interested in volunteering?

Sign up at [shepherdstable.volunteerhub.com](http://shepherdstable.volunteerhub.com)

### In-Kind Needs

Ponchos and umbrellas

Blankets

Hot Sauce

Colored printing paper

Deodorant

Toothbrushes and toothpaste

Razors

We have more items listed on our website, and a link to our Amazon Wish List

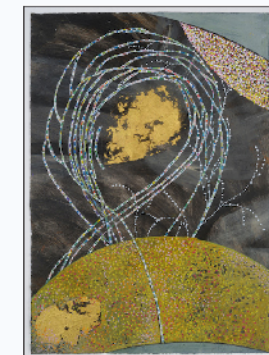
## Surfin' for the Table



**Surfin' for the Table**, presented by GEICO, is coming up on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at AFI Silver Theatre from 10am-1pm.

We will be honoring our Executive Director, Jacki Coyle, who has served and led the organization for 15 years. Join us for a fun celebration with live music by *Still Surfin'*, great brunch food, silent and live auctions, activities, and more.

We also have exciting silent and live auction items on offer, such as wine and whiskey tastings, Nationals tickets in the Diamond Club section, private boat cruise in Annapolis, a 20 x 16 framed gleece print by Silver Spring's Francie Hester (*see below*) and a handpainted (*under completion*) Whimsical Maryland chair by Elizabeth Bower (*see below*). Check our website for the complete list!



We are accepting donations of wine bottles (minimum \$15 value) for the event, and in-kind donations will be accepted until March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please email Jilna Kothary, [jilnakothary@shepherdstable.org](mailto:jilnakothary@shepherdstable.org) if you would like to make a contribution!

**General Admission is \$65, and individual and business sponsorships are also available.**

### ST At-A-Glance

	Jan - Dec 2018	Jan - Feb 2019
Dinner	51,545	8,872
Brunch	11,607	1,921
Breakfast	24,992	4,895
Lunch	29,759	5,242
Resource Center contacts	16,456	2,549
RC Unduplicated Contacts/New Clients	1,884/855	621/101
Eye Clinic exams/glasses	232/228	32/32
Prescriptions filled/# of clients	346/144	67/20
Mail logged in	30,051	5,170
Clothes Closet shopping	2,607	415