

The **PORCHpics** Project
Richmond 2020

*In these times where we are encouraged to stay apart, we still need to stay connected. The **PORCHpics** Project is a variation of a worldwide event that is capturing family moments in these unusual times.*



Let us photograph you and your “quarantined” clan, as you wish to have this memory captured. Dress up, stay in your PJ’s, hold a sign, whatever you feel like (be creative, have fun!). We want these photos to be a positive memory, to serve as a reminder of all the time you got to spend with your families in quarantine. We are not charging anything for these photos; we are only asking that you do one thing. Before you sign up for a session, we ask that you make a **donation** (a suggested **minimum** donation of \$54) to one of these two organizations; **The Kehila Society of Richmond** or **Pathways Clubhouse**. A full tax receipt will be provided.

Professional Photographers, Lianne Cohen, Jocelyne Halle and Adele Lewin are volunteering their time (in a VERY safe way) to photograph your family in front of your home. You will be provided electronic, full-resolution, artistically shot and beautifully rendered pictures as a keepsake. Bookings at your home are available from Friday May 15th 2020 until June 7th 2020

Kehila Society link to donate:

<https://www.kehilasociety.org/content/make-donation-kehila-society-richmond>

When on the payment site once you have chosen you amount a note area will show for you to choose (if you wish) where your funds are delegated to.

Pathways link to donate:

<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/Pathways-PORCHpics-project>

To register, please email kehila@kehilasociety.org or call 604 241 9270. Times available are from May 18th – June 7th on a first come first served basis. Upon booking your time slot and a donation has been made your booking will be confirmed to you by email. Any questions please call Lynne Fader at 604 241 9270

Stay Home. Stay Safe. Stay Connected

The Kehila Society of Richmond

www.kehilasociety.org

The Kehila Society is an umbrella partnership of Jewish communal organizations in Richmond. Kehila manages and facilitates social service-based programs and amenities that meet the changing needs of the Richmond Jewish Community and its existing agencies and population. Kehila has a multitude of long established working partnerships with the larger Jewish social service agencies as well as the general Social Service based agencies located in Richmond.

By helping to facilitate programs, needs driven services, activities and events Kehila strives to appeal to the widest cross section of Jews living in the Richmond area as well as our community at large. Kehila offers a wide range of services that can help you to quickly connect to the Richmond Jewish Community. We have volunteer opportunities, community event information, community services information and more.

The Kehila Society has agreed to distribute the donations received through this initiative to the organizations they serve and support which include, Richmond Jewish Day School, The Bayit, Chabad and Beth Tikvah.

Pathways Clubhouse

www.pathwaysclubhouse.com

Pathways Clubhouse offers hope, encouragement and opportunities to people who live with mental illness. Situated in the heart of Richmond, they provide support to some of our most vulnerable members. They provide housing, meal subsidies, and employment as well as mental health public education to increase awareness and understanding of issues and concerns about mental illness and mental health.

Funds raised from the PORCHpics Project will go to 2 different services.

The majority of our Clubhouse members are on disability benefits and have relied heavily on our daily meal program. With the Clubhouse building closed, funds will be used to provide nutritional meals everyday, delivered safely to members' homes.

Our recent experience has taught us that the feeling of isolation for Clubhouse members can be significantly alleviated by regular video connections. While not a substitute for the rehabilitation benefits of working side-by-side in the clubhouse building, video conferencing daily through Zoom and Facebook Live has been reported as therapeutic by members and has reduced the feelings of isolation. The majority of Clubhouse members are unable to afford internet access or devices capable of video conferencing. Funds would be used to support this initiative.

We wish to thank Stacey Kape and Alisa Delisle of The **PORCHTRAIT** Project for inspiring us to replicate this initiative in our Richmond Community.

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