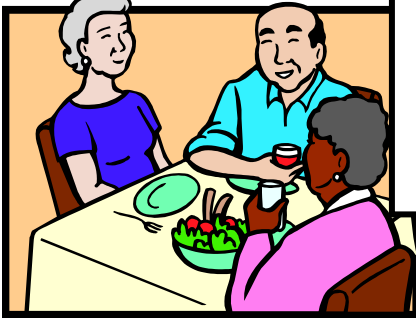


Real Homesharing Stories

We have had many people benefit from being matched through our program over the last 24 years. Here are just a few examples:



Helga is a 100 year old woman who has had many tenants over the years live with her. A significant bond of friendship was made with each one, so much so that each year, when she celebrates another birthday, her former tenants come to her party! She has had all female tenants, but they vary in age and ethnicity. She feels that having a tenant live with her has enriched her life, and her tenants say the same.

Esther is 84 and lived on her own until she had knee surgery, which made it difficult for her to navigate the stairs in her house. This made doing some chores difficult. She really wanted to stay in her home, but didn't know how she'd be able to, until we found a tenant for her. She is now matched with a vivacious 81 year old woman, April, who through unfortunate circumstances beyond her control found herself alone and without enough of an income to pay rent. She and Esther are thrilled to be together. They enjoy the friendship that has developed, and both like to maintain the same degree of "alone time". April is more than happy to do a few chores in exchange for a good place to live.

Luis is a 78 year old man who lived in a large home, but following a serious illness had to move. He was so unhappy in the institution where he next lived, that his friends decided they would see if Homesharing might be the solution to allow him to move back in his home. He previously had no family, but he now has 3 students living with him who are very close. Two of them provide help with meal preparation, grocery shopping and laundry. They are grateful to provide services in exchange for lower rent, as they live on limited incomes. The other pays rent, providing him with a little additional income to help Luis with his expenses. Luis enjoys having their youthful energy around the home. It keeps it "alive", he says. The students in turn have developed quite an attachment to Luis.



There are countless other good situations that have developed over the years thanks to the Homesharing Program, and many positive and lasting relationships that have been formed. We are excited about the work we do, and hope that now you will be too. We are always looking for new homeowners (or apartment renters) and tenants for our program. Please remember us if you hear of someone who might benefit from our services, and tell them about us.

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