

HomeShareSLO Connections 2018

Creating housing solutions by connecting people & homes



2017-2018 PROGRAM IMPACTS

66 Clients Matched

181 In-Home Visits

174 Enrolled Clients (89% low income)

1,692 Attendees at Outreach & Skills Training Events

881 Introductions Made

15 Animals Housed (11 dogs, 2 cats, 2 desert tortoises)

7,800 Community Connections (phone calls, emails, texts, social media)

\$550,000 Financial Benefit to Matched Clients in income to Providers and rent savings to Seekers, appr. total 2017-2018

"I Want to Stay at Home"

Henry admitted he was lonely since his wife passed, but he wanted to stay in the home they'd built together. His children were nervous about him living alone at age 86.



HomeShareSLO introduced him to Janet, 74, and they agreed to share Henry's home. Henry told us, "I hit the jackpot." Janet agreed—she had a private bath and a walk-in closet at an affordable price, and she connected with a sociable, pleasant new friend in Henry. Both loved sharing stories about their lives and travels. When Henry's health declined and he moved to hospice, Janet visited him regularly until he passed in Dec. 2017. Henry's children were so grateful. "This program is a godsend,' they said. Janet found a new match through HomeShareSLO and now shares with Teressa in Paso Robles. Godspeed, Henry!

Note from our Board Chair

I'm proud of the benefit HomeShareSLO brings to our community by helping seniors, preventing homelessness and creating more affordable, safe housing choices for everyone using existing housing resources. Since our launch in 2017, 48 housing units were created in private homes at a tiny fraction of the \$14.4 million that new construction of 48 units would cost.

More good news: as the connection between housing and health is better understood, homesharing's getting attention at the national level for contributing positively to the upstream social determinants of health.

Your continued support makes our progress possible. For that, our staff, Board and clients are deeply grateful.

In service, Marcia Alter

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- Homeowner Judith's financial pressures eased after her new housemate Laura moved in. Laura's thrilled to have housing she can afford and room to garden.
- Rose's landlord drastically raised the rent on her 2 bd/1 ba cottage, but she can afford to stay now that she shares with Marilyn, a retired teacher.
- Living alone, Beverly fell and spent three days on the kitchen floor. Her concerned children urged her to contact HomeShareSLO. The credit check, background check and in-person interview gave everyone peace of mind. Now, with her new match, Beverly and her family are relieved she can safely age-in-place and stay in their beloved family home.
- Thomas was a veteran needing housing. Jack's finances were stretched to the limit. Now they're housemates, sharing rides to the doctor and watching football together.



















From our homeshare community:

"Today Frank and I have been housemates, thanks to this wonderful organization, for one year! Thank you, it has been a great fit ... you have made a difference in both of our lives." --Dennice, Morro Bay

"I'm a retired nurse living on social security. Rent was draining my savings. HomeShareSLO came along just in time. They were a huge help putting together our Living Together Agreement and guiding me with training." —Diann, Morrro Bay

"The help HomeShareSLO offered in connecting us, drawing up an agreement and facilitating the signing was incredibly helpful and gives me security knowing I'm in a good situation. Knowing my home provider was background-checked gives me comfort as well."

--Jenae, Atascadero

Join us in helping seniors, preventing homelessness and making efficient use of existing housing resources



- \$25 Provides Screening Fee Assistance for 1 Client
- \$50 Supports Housing Education/Mentoring for 3 Clients
- \$100 Provides 5 Assessment/Intake Visits to Isolated Seniors
- \$1000 Sponsors a Housing Options Training Event for 75-100 County Residents
- \$2000 Creates a Safe Affordable Home through Full Sponsorship of a HomeShare Match

A donation of any amount is greatly appreciated and valued.

Please make checks payable to HomeShareSLO and mail to our P.O. Box, or donate through our website. Thank you!

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Projected Year-End Financials 2018

Full financials available after March 15th

Income 2018

Fees for service: \$15,000 Contributions: \$50,000 Grants: \$15,000 Government Grants: \$33,000*

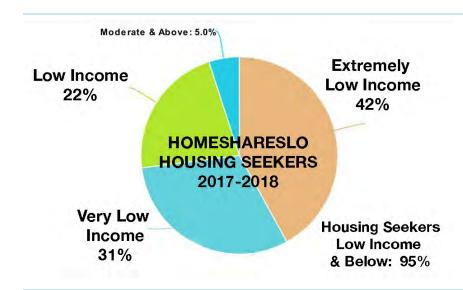
Total: \$113,000

*With thanks to SLO County, Cities of Pismo Beach, Grover Beach, Morro Bay, SLO Expenses 2018

Screening: \$10,000
Administration costs: \$5,000
Program Staff: \$90,000
Marketing/Outreach: \$2,000

Total: \$107,000

We comply with Fair Housing laws. Our programs and services are available to all people regardless of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, place of birth, ancestry or national origin.



Homesharing: an Important Housing Option

Rent for a one-bedroom apartment now averages from \$1400-\$1800 per month in SLO county, out of reach for many. Waiting lists for affordable housing projects are often 2-5 years long. House shares through HomeShareSLO run from \$600-\$950 for a private bedroom with house privileges, a cost reduction that can mean the difference between staying in the area and having to leave. A range of housing options encourages diversity and community connection.

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Since Jan 2017, we've held 48 Coffee Chat events throughout the county. We offer housing option training, mentoring and a supportive place to connect and share stories.



What We Do: Facilitate Homeshare Matches Homesharing helps single seniors and others afford their housing costs, add social connections to their lives and stay in their homes longer. Finding an appropriate housemate and setting up a share can be a challenge, especially for those who've never shared before. HomeShareSLO's multi-step process starts with background screening, compatibility matching and introductions and helps with everything from interviews to signing a detailed homesharing agreement.

Who We Serve:

Home Providers Dec. 2018

Age range: 49-98 yrs. (avg age: 70)

Single Senior Women: 86%

Housing Seekers Dec. 2018

Age range: 25-85 yrs. (avg age: 47)

Single Senior Women: 55%



HomeShareSLO's Executive Director Anne Wyatt named to board of National Shared Housing Resource Center

WE have a DREAM

At HomeShareSLO and our parent organization Smart Share Housing Solutions Inc, we have a dream of a thriving, inclusive community where all can afford housing. Where vacant houses, empty commercial buildings, and weed-filled lots blossom into affordable homes and apartments. Where seniors don't suffer from the stress of housing insecurity and isolation. Where teachers, firefighters, hospitality and retail workers can live near their work. Where people don't sleep by a creek and have to choose between eating, proper medication and shelter. Where artists, musicians and dancers can afford to live and create. Where we open extra rooms in our homes to our neighbors, and make efficient use of our existing housing resources. Where tiny house villages grow and folks who want to live alone can afford their own little sanctuary. Where? Right here in our beautiful SLO county, a place that compassion and community connection can make more beautiful and sustainable for us and those who come after.

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