

# Shared Housing



Marin County  
San Francisco County

# What Is HomeShare by Episcopal Senior Communities?

- It's an alternative way of meeting housing needs with numerous benefits to renters and homeowners alike
- HomeSharing is an arrangement where two or more unrelated people share a dwelling, each having her or his own private space and sharing certain common areas.

# A formal Shared Housing Program Offers:

- Personal interviews and needs assessments.
- Facilitation of potential matches.
- Matching and selection tips.
- Writing of shared housing agreements.
- Monthly check-ins.
- Conflict resolution.

# Why HomeShare?

- Home owners may be living in a house too large now that everyone has left and they may find it difficult to cope with all the responsibilities of maintaining themselves or their household alone.
- Renters may be newly divorced or widowed, foreclosed upon, recently new to the area or anyone in need of low cost housing who enjoys living with others.

# People share for different reasons:

- Companionship
- personal safety
- added security
- help with chores
- to offset the rising cost of rents, taxes, utilities and maintenance

# Our goal is to help residents select a compatible housemate:

- **Provide Structure, Reassurance and a Third Party to Help.**
- **Interview:** Visit landlord to view space for rent, interview landlord to determine their expectations, fill out application, interview tenants to assess prospective matches.
- **Referrals:** We will review our files to determine potential matches, educate both parties on discussion points and things to look for on both sides, facilitate a meeting and be present if needed.

# Our goal is to help residents select a compatible housemate:

- **Execute an agreement:** A successful match can be formalized by a written agreement on the details of the arrangement and signed by both parties if desired.
- **Provide on-going support:** We will check in periodically with both parties to make sure things are going well and that the match is satisfactory.
- **Facilitate disputes:** We will be available to mediate and/or negotiate any troublesome issues that may arise.

## Other Housing Options:

- Section 8 Housing
- Subsidized Senior Housing
- Junior Second Units
- Independent Living Options
- Assisted Living Options
- Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Below Market Rate Home Ownership Program
- Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program