

## HOMESHARING, INC.

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### HOMESHARING'S MISSION

*HomeSharing's mission is to create affordable housing solutions. We match those seeking housing with those who need additional income or services to maintain their homes, while fostering independence and dignity.*

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# HomeSharing NEWSLETTER

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## HomeSharing: We Do More Than Matching



"Anna" came to HomeSharing as she was being discharged from a rehab after a broken hip. It seems that while Anna was hospitalized and in the rehab, her roommate (privately arranged, not through HomeSharing) was evicted. All of Anna's things were gone and she was suddenly homeless. We made a match through HomeSharing in the same town. The Provider had a furnished room for Anna and we got her clothing donations (her only remaining belongings were at the rehab with her).

However, Anna was having trouble getting into the bed at the Provider's home and had to sleep on the couch. When this lasted more than a month the Provider no longer wanted Anna to stay there, but agreed to let her stay until we found something else for her. We began looking for subsidized senior housing for Anna. Accompanied by the social worker, she put in applications at any place that would accept them. The HomeSharing social worker used her contacts to get Anna moved up on the list and an apartment became available within weeks.

To make matters worse, all of Anna's documentation was lost during the eviction and these documents were needed to complete the move into the senior housing. The social worker helped Anna obtain her birth certificate and social security card, which required in-person visits to get done in a timely manner.

We solicited donations of clothing, household items and gift cards (for other essentials) for Anna to set up housekeeping. We made a contact with College Hunks Hauling Junk to furnish her apartment for free, including the delivery and set up of the furniture (bedroom, kitchen, living room).

Though she was not in a HomeSharing match, we continued to follow up with Anna for a couple of months to ensure she was thriving in her apartment,

**Please help us help seniors like Anna continue to live independently and age with dignity.** Thanks to your support, in 2016, we were able to serve 1,000 seniors in the Central Jersey area. **Please donate today and help us continue providing these vital services.**

## How HomeSharing Helps

- Home Providers can remain in their homes through extra income or help around the house.
- Home Seekers receive safe and affordable housing.
- Both parties have extra income, companionship and security.
- Family members have peace of mind.
- Background and reference checks are done on all parties.
- A Shared Living Agreement covering all aspects of living together is facilitated by HomeSharing.
- HomeSharing follows the match and is available should any needs or problems arise.

## From Our Presidents



### Andriette Mathews President

I am honored to be elected as President of HomeSharing. I have been a member of HomeSharing's Board of Directors and committees for over five years and its Vice President for four years.

I am also the Executive Vice President and CFO of Glen Rock Savings Bank and a past president of Financial Managers Society of NY/NJ, a not-for-profit which supports education. I bring over 30 years of career experience working for financial institutions and CPA firms.

I thank Michael Deak, our Past President, for his work that has allowed HomeSharing to grow in this tough economy with little funding from government or grants. I would also like to thank Lisa Blum, our Executive Director, and social workers Edie Grauer and Claudia Yurecko. Their hard work and dedication allows HomeSharing to reach multiple counties and match housing providers with housing seekers.

The Board of Directors and I would like to thank you, our supporters. Without your continued financial support, sponsorship of our events, volunteer time, and food donations, HomeSharing could not continue to do their work in our communities.

Imagine not eating for a day or being locked out of your house in the cold or rain because you lost your key. You know this day will finally turn out all right. While this may be a short day for you, it is not for a family whose main provider has lost their job or their home. They don't know what will happen to their children and family, for how long, and if they will survive.

Your support allows our social workers to find housing by matching a housing provider with a housing seeker. After the social worker matches a seeker and a provider, they continue to communicate with both to ensure that additional services are obtained and the match is a success. As HomeSharing is not a national but a local not-for-profit it needs continued support from all of us to allow all children and families to have what fortunate families take for granted.



### Michael Deak Past President

You already know we live in precarious times. Every morning we wake to an uncertain world with fresh and unexpected calamities lurking both far and near.

Even as we at HomeSharing work to help people remove the uncertainty of where to find a safe and affordable home, we, like all nonprofits, are engaged in our own struggle against uncertainty. With the economy still redefining itself, the traditional and reliable sources of funding for nonprofits are changing. We at HomeSharing must expend far too much energy looking for new sources of funding while we would rather concentrate our efforts helping those who are at risk of losing their homes or those who do not know where home is.

Like most nonprofits, HomeSharing realizes that our most reliable source of support are those individuals who understand our mission. We seek to avoid homelessness through a unique model of matching housing providers with housing seekers. We want to maintain our clients' dignity and foster their independence without becoming reliant on a government program.

Making a match is not as easy as it sounds. Our professional social workers work closely and patiently with our clients to evaluate their needs and determine, based on what they have learned, what potential matches best fit their needs. But our job is not finished; we work with both provider and seeker to create a shared housing agreement that both can be comfortable with. And even then our work is not over. We follow up on our matches to make sure they're working and our clients are not in danger of homelessness.

That's why we are so thankful for your generous support. The sense of community and compassion you show by supporting HomeSharing's mission is truly heartening. You are helping to give the gift of a home and that is one of the most precious gifts of all.

There are a few things that are certain in this world. Homelessness will always be an unwelcome presence in our communities. And thanks to your continuing and generous support, HomeSharing will be here to help.

## Who does HomeSharing help?

- People experiencing a job or relationship change who can't afford market rates for housing or to maintain their mortgages/taxes
- People seeking companionship or who need assistance in their homes
- We serve:
  - \* Senior Citizens \* People with Disabilities \* Veterans \* Single Parents \* Students \* and more!

**BECOME A HOME PROVIDER TODAY! Call 908-526-4663**

### Upcoming Events

# Designer Handbag **BINGO**

Friday, September 15 6:00 pm at the Somerville Elks

## CRAFT BEER TASTING AND TOUR

Sunday, October 15 3:00 pm at Trap Rock Restaurant and Brewery



*See inserts for registration information on these events.  
Sponsorship Opportunities Available.*

### HomeSharing's Harvest Jubilee: October 26, 2017 Raritan Valley Country Club



On Thursday, October 26, 2017, HomeSharing will host the 13th Annual Harvest Jubilee, honoring **Daniel J. Hayes, Jr., Mayor of Bridgewater Township** with the Shuey Horowitz Humanitarian Award and **Matt Montellione, CEO of Royce Brook Media** with the Frank Semcer, Sr. Outstanding Volunteer Leadership Award.



### Sponsorship Opportunities

We ask you to join us in honoring Daniel J. Hayes, Jr. and Matt Montellione by sponsoring a table at the event or by advertising in our journal. Your participation will provide an affordable housing alternative to those in need.

**Platinum Sponsor \$10,000**

Two 2017 Harvest Jubilee Platinum tables for 10; full inside front/back cover page in Event Journal; acknowledgement in first paragraph of Event press releases; special recognition at the Event; listing on Event signage

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**Bronze Sponsor \$2,000**

2017 Harvest Jubilee Bronze table for 8; listing in Event Journal

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Two 2017 Harvest Jubilee tickets; listing in Event Journal

**Individual Ticket \$225 Per Person**

**Event Journal Only Opportunities: Copy due by October 2, 2017**

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Quarter Page \$250** 2 3/4 x 2"

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If not, please write ad copy on a piece of paper and mail.

For additional information,

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