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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: A Year in Photos



HomeSharing's 30th Anniversary Get-Together:
A Year of Friendraising and Fundraising



A New Fundraiser: Dinner and Swing



Harvest Jubilee Honoring Marie Hughes
and Domenick Cama



We welcome Melissa Braxton, our Montclair Social
Worker. Pictured (L to R) Edie Grauer, Melissa
Braxton, Lisa Blum, Noa Margolin



HomeSharing Receives Outstanding
Achievement in Affordable Housing Award



Volunteer Brunch at HomeSharing



Designer
Handbag
Bingo



President's Message
Summer 2015

Dear Friend of HomeSharing,

As summer draws to close, many of us have already enjoyed a vacation where we've left behind our everyday cares and concerns. But for many of our neighbors, vacations are just a dream. They have to work as many hours as possible so they can earn enough money to get by in a world that is relentlessly more and more expensive. **For those people, there is also never a vacation from their worries about where the next meal is coming from or how they can afford to keep a roof over their heads.**

That's where we at HomeSharing can help. For three decades we have been helping those in need avoid homelessness and remain independent without government assistance through our unique program that matches housing providers with housing seekers. We assist people in finding safe and affordable housing by using a shared housing model, which matches "providers" – residents who need to share their homes or apartments in order to maintain them, with "seekers" – individuals searching for affordable housing in the community. HomeSharing's social workers work with both providers and seekers to facilitate the matches.

A typical HomeSharing match is an older adult on a fixed income who needs extra money or services to remain at home, with a younger housemate facing employment or relationship changes. **Our goal is to help people live normal, everyday lives without being burdened by the worry that they may have to struggle to find a place to sleep at the end of the day or a place to stay dry in a late summer thunderstorm.**

That's why we need your help. HomeSharing is not a big organization. We do not build or maintain housing. Based at the PeopleCare Center in Bridgewater, we have little overhead. About ninety percent of our budget is used to provide the services to our clients so they can have a home and maintain their independence.

For more on HomeSharing, you can visit homesharing.org or call 908-526-HOME (4663). We welcome your questions and input. **Any contribution, large or small, is appreciated. Every dollar will be dedicated to helping one of your neighbors in Central Jersey keep a roof over their heads and insure the dignity that comes with independence.**

Warm regards,
Michael Deak
President HomeSharing Board of Trustees

Aging in Place: In Montclair, New Options are Offered by HomeSharing (Reprinted from the Jersey Tomato Press)



A creative avenue for expanding housing options for individuals of all ages is now available in Montclair and neighboring communities, with a particular focus on helping Township seniors to "age in place." The effort will be spearheaded by HomeSharing, Inc., an organization with more than 30 years of experience. It is being funded by a three-year grant totaling \$227,000 from the Partners for Health Foundation.

HomeSharing adds to Montclair's affordable housing stock by matching "providers," residents who wish to share their homes or apartments in order to keep them, with "seekers," individuals searching for affordable housing in their communities. HomeSharing also assists its clients in locating and utilizing other resources such as area food pantries, low-cost medical care, and other support services. The organization's services are provided free of charge.

Providers benefit by being able to stay in their homes without leaving the community and without needing to utilize public assistance, or, in the case of many older adults, being institutionalized. Seekers benefit by finding below market-rate rents that are more within their means. All clients benefit from these shared affordable housing relationships, which provide increased income for food, medications and clothing.

In some cases, providers arrange for an exchange of service with seekers, such as meal preparation, errands, or house cleaning in lieu of rent payments.

Ann Lippel, Chair of Montclair's Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC), states, "Both formal (2013 SCAC Survey) and informal testimony demonstrate that the lack of appropriate housing for seniors is the most critical impediment to aging in place in our town. The presence of HomeSharing is a first step toward alleviating that shortage for providers whose large homes with many empty rooms are tax burdens, as well as home seekers who cannot identify affordable and compatible housing options within the conventional housing market. We are grateful that HomeSharing is here."

"HomeSharing is an outside-of-the-box way to address affordable housing in Montclair," says Katie York, Project Director of Lifelong Montclair, Montclair's aging in place initiative. "They will provide valuable opportunities for individuals to develop mutually beneficial housing arrangements with the support of a longstanding organization. Lifelong Montclair's partner organizations will be working closely with Homesharing to help ensure its success."

Designer Handbag

Friday, September 25, 2015
Nutley Elks Club
242 Chestnut Street
Nutley, NJ 07110



DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM
COLD BUFFET OPENS
AT 6:45 PM
FIRST GAME WILL BE
CALLED AT 7:30 PM

ADMISSION: \$40 via
Ticketleap / \$45 by phone,
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Includes: bingo board for
each game, cold buffet,
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be purchased

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Three Ways to Purchase Tickets

* Pay at Ticketleap: <https://homesharing.ticketleap.com>
* Return form with check or
credit card information.
* Contact HomeSharing at
(908) 526-4663 to pay by
credit card.

* Please list number of people
in your party with names
when you purchase tickets.

Name: _____ E-Mail (required) _____

Address: _____ Phone : _____

I am enclosing a check of \$ _____ for (number of tickets) _____ @ \$ _____ each

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and
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and
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Two 2015 Harvest Jubilee tickets; listing in Event Journal (copy deadline Oct. 22)

Individual Ticket \$225

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