

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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Meet "June"

"June" was very nearly at her breaking point when she first learned about HomeSharing. A long series of family tragedies, job losses, and health problems had left her alone, depressed, and unable to pay for even absolute necessities. Having fallen further and further behind on the rent for her apartment and facing imminent eviction, June was preparing to live in her car because she knew of no acceptable alternative. Fortunately both her doctor and her therapist were determined to find another solution, and while researching possibilities, they discovered HomeSharing.



June was "ready to give up," but HomeSharing's Social Worker Claudia "worked and worked and worked" on her behalf. The first match they tried was not a good fit, nor was the second, but Claudia refused to allow June to live in her car.

Luckily, a third place became available after another HomeSharing client moved out. When Claudia introduced June to that Provider, the two formed a bond based on the importance of their religious beliefs, and the meeting was a success! June was able to move in to this last place a month after her first contact with HomeSharing and now shares a small guesthouse in a beautiful woodland setting with another HomeSharing Seeker. The two women lead very independent lives and seldom see one another, but they get along very well because each respects the other's privacy. June loves seeing nature, including deer, just outside her door and says her new home is "the perfect place" for her.

Two months after June moved into the cottage, she found a job she loves working for people who appreciate her. Now in her early 60's, June had been gainfully employed all her life until recently and says, "It is a very good feeling" to be able to begin saving again. June calls HomeSharing her Guardian Angel and has the following advice for others: "When you feel there is no way out, go to HomeSharing. They will work with you, and they don't give up on you."

By Wendy Argent Belcher, HomeSharing Volunteer

From Our President



Andriette Mathews

As I sit in my yard pulling up crab grass, watching my neighbor's kids play next door, I can only smile at the thought that some of HomeSharing's matches, of elderly home owners with seekers, have created new supportive families who are also enjoying the last of days of summer before school starts.

HomeSharing is only limited by the number of social workers that they can hire to make these matches. Please join and support HomeSharing by attending their fundraising gala (The Harvest Jubilee) in November to show appreciation for our community honorees, Detlef Felschow, CEO and President of Roselle Bank and Charles Huck, Senior Industrial Designer at MPR, Inc. The gala allows you to meet the families we serve, hear their stories and meet corporate and community HomeSharing supporters.

If you are unable to attend a HomeSharing event, you can still support us. Please send a donation to HomeSharing Inc. (PeopleCare Center, 120 Finderne Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ 08807) or volunteer for answering our phones or assisting in the office or at an event by contacting Lisa Blum, Executive Director at 908-526-HOME (4663). Our communities need HomeSharing and HomeSharing needs your support. Have a wonderful summer and I hope to see you at the gala.

Thank you,

Andriette L. Mathews

President, HomeSharing Board of Trustees

Upcoming Events

HomeSharing's Harvest Jubilee November 15, 2018 Raritan Valley Country Club



On Thursday, November 15, 2018, HomeSharing will host the 14th Annual Harvest Jubilee, honoring
Detlef Felschow,
CEO and President of Roselle Bank
with the Shuey Horowitz Humanitarian Award
and
Charles Huck,
Senior Industrial Designer at MPR Associates, Inc.
with the Frank Semcer, Sr. Outstanding Volunteer Leadership Award.



Sponsorship and Ticket Information are enclosed.

HomeSharing for the Holidays

HomeSharing's volunteers are in the midst of planning and organizing the annual Thanksgiving and Christmas Basket programs. The Thanksgiving program provides clients in need with a complete dinner of holiday fare. For Christmas, in addition to providing food, Homesharing gives clients, both Providers and Seekers, desired and useful gifts.

If you're interested in participating, we are in need of Shop Rite, Costco, Target and Walmart gift cards to purchase food. In addition, we need people or groups of people willing to provide the items requested by the clients. We will provide you with particulars. Please bring some holiday joy into the lives of our clients by contacting HomeSharing's office and let us know how you would like to donate to these worthy programs.

By Roz Olman, HomeSharing Volunteer

HomeSharing Welcomes New Staff Members

Jill Stein-Collins



Some of you may remember Jill, as she previously worked at HomeSharing in 2011-2012. Jill returned to us in June, excited to continue to help homeowners and those seeking affordable housing and secure stable long term homes.

Before joining HomeSharing, Jill spent over ten years working for a non profit developing affordable housing in New York City. She worked directly with clients, established policy, provided training to stakeholders and advocated to improve access to permanent housing for survivors of domestic violence.

Jill states, “I’m so glad to be back doing this important work and helping all who come through our door seeking to have stable long term housing”.

Lori Herpen

Lori joins the HomeSharing staff as our Financial Administrator.

Lori resides in Annandale, New Jersey and has been the Administrative Assistant/Media Specialist at United Reformed Church in Somerville since 2014. She is a graduate of Somerville High School and holds degree in Environmental Science from Raritan Valley Community College/Rutgers University.

Lori has worked in the non-profit sector for more than twenty years serving in various administrative and development roles. She has worked for the AmeriCorps Program (domestic peace corps) as a Corps Supervisor, the Sierra Club as a Chapter Coordinator and SAFE in Hunterdon as a Major Gifts Manager. In addition, she has

served on several fundraising boards and has facilitated workshops on organizational effectiveness and volunteer recruitment and retention. Lori has one adult son, Ryan and she enjoys hiking and the outdoors in her spare time.

Due to her morning responsibilities at United Reformed Church, Lori is in our office a few days per week in the afternoons.





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