



NORTHERN NEVADA HOMESHARE

What is it and what's the benefit?

A PROGRAM OF THE CENTER FOR HEALTHY AGING



WHAT IS HOMESHARING?

- A living arrangement where unrelated people share a home.
- A matching process – programs facilitate compatibility, safety checks and background/credit screening
- Mutual benefit – the householder gains help and companionship, the seeker gains affordable often below market housing
- A "Shared Life" model – typically involves companionship, such as sharing meals or chatting not just tenants.



WHO ARE WE?

- Center for Healthy Aging (CHA) was founded in 2008 to 'add life to years' for older adults.
- CHA's mission is "to develop innovative, effective, and efficient programs through research, education, and services designed to improve the quality of life and to promote easy access to these programs."
- Northern Nevada HomeShare (NNHS) is the newest program developed by CHA.



WHAT HOMESHARING IS NOT . . .

- Professional Caregiving - HomeShare is not a care service, nursing or intense personal care
- A Rental Service (only) - unlike renting an apartment it is relationship based, shared living arrangement not just a financial arrangement
- A Hostel or Short-Term Rental – it is a stable long-term living arrangement, not a temporary tourist accommodation.
- Unsupervised – it generally relies on facilitated agreed upon arrangement



HOW DOES IT WORK?

- The program solicits 'Hosts' (persons with extra space) and 'Guests' (persons needing a place)
 - Hosts do not have to do any soliciting of their space
 - Providing security/safety from fraud
- The program 'matches' Hosts and Guests
 - Both Host and Guest are interviewed and screened by program prior to initial meetings
 - Program facilitates initial meeting, rent/lease and living agreements



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS

- A practical solution to our housing challenges
 - An efficient use of existing housing
- Benefits to the participants
 - Host is able to remain in their home
 - Reduced financial stress
 - Affordable housing for the guest
 - Money saved
 - Companionship and/or assistance for participants
 - Reduced isolation
 - Increased independence for participants
 - Transportation
 - Increased security
 - Reduced exposure to fraud/scams



WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

- Application
- One-on-One interviews
- Background/Credit checks
- Matching
- Shared living together agreement
- Ongoing support



WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Host – do you have space in your home that you would like to share with someone else?
- Guest – are you looking for affordable space to create a new home?
- Volunteer – are you looking to help others establish a new home?
- Identify and refer Hosts/Guests/Volunteers





WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE?



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