

HomeShare Woodstock is here!

Are you a homeowner with an extra room in your house or cottage on your property?

Are you a local employee, volunteer or senior in need of affordable rent ?

Home sharing has been helping homeowners and renters for decades across the US. Family of Woodstock is launching a home sharing program in Woodstock that

- carefully matches a Host (with an extra space) and a Guest (renter)
- builds compatible living situations based on shared Agreements.
- encourages rent reductions by valuing a Guest task exchange.

Home sharing is a great solution for both homeowners and renters who are "cost burdened" by the high cost of housing. Matching is a careful process but a successful match can have a powerful impact on two lives.



THOUGHTS
FROM A LOCAL HOME SHARER:

"Make what is important to you known. Once you put down rules that are agreeable to both people and you get to know the other person then the fears leave."



WE ARE SEEKING HOST APPLICATIONS

from homes within
10 miles of the center of Woodstock.

We are seeking
Guest applications from people
living in or outside of Woodstock.

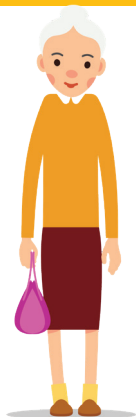


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THOUGHTS FROM A LOCAL HOME SHARER:

"I've been able to put down roots in Woodstock. That has been due to being able to have a stable home, to make a life."



Could you be a HOMESHARE HOST?

- Would you benefit from having a few hours of help in the kitchen, yard work or just a bit of companionship?
- Do you have a separate room in your home, an apartment or cottage?

During our pilot phase we prioritize applications from homes within 10 miles of the center of Woodstock. This will help ease the critical housing shortage for local employees, volunteers and renters.

CONSIDER HOW HOME SHARING MIGHT WORK FOR YOU WHILE PROVIDING SOMEONE A STABLE, AFFORDABLE RENTAL

INCREASED SECURITY AND CONNECTION

HELP AROUND YOUR HOME

PEACE OF MIND

REDUCED ISOLATION

All participants are interviewed for compatibility and go through background checks. HomeShare Woodstock Agreements establish expectations and trained Family staff remain connected to help if changes are needed. Homesharing participants report less stress on their finances, better health outcomes and greater stability.



Are you a potential HOMESHARE GUEST?

- Are you looking for a moderately priced rental and have some time and skills to share with a homeowner?
- Do you currently have a place to live and a stable income?
- Could you be a respectful presence in someone else's home?

During our initial matches, HomeShare Woodstock will give priority consideration to people who work or volunteer in Woodstock, currently live here or have been forced to leave due to rising rents. Carefully negotiated Agreements include task exchanges, basic household expectations, the length of stay and exit plans for emergency situations.

Potential matches begin with the Host and Guest meeting, followed by a two-week Trial Period. *Guests must have a living situation to return to should the match not be acceptable to either party after the Trial Period.* No money is exchanged at this point.

HomeShare Woodstock's commitment to quality includes:

- thorough Intake Process with personal interviews
- background and credit checks
- careful attention to compatibility and needs
- a 2-week Trial Match
- ongoing support from our trained HomeShare staff

CONSIDER HOW YOU MIGHT HELP SOMEONE IN EXCHANGE FOR A REDUCED RENT

LIGHT HOUSEWORK

YARD WORK

PET CARE

RIDES TO APPOINTMENTS

GROCERY PICKUPS

COMPUTER HELP

COMPANIONSHIP

THOUGHTS FROM A LOCAL HOME SHARER:

"I am paying less rent in exchange for help around the house, arrangement that helps us both."

Applications are available at Family of Woodstock, 16 Rock City Road, Woodstock, Woodstock Library, and the Woodstock Town Clerk.

Call Family at **845.679.2485** to get one by mail.

There are more than 70 successful home share programs operating in the US today! HomeShare Woodstock is the first in upstate New York. You can help create affordable housing that is critically missing in our town.

Help us spread the word!