

# Lets Share Housing

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# What is Shared Housing?

- ◆ Two or more unrelated people sharing a home.
- ◆ Examples MIGHT be a homeowner renting out a vacant bedroom or two or more people sharing a residence together.
- ◆ The options are as varied as the people who own or are seeking shared housing.

THE PURPOSE OF Lets Share Housing IS TO GIVE users the tools and connections to create healthy & supported shared housing arrangements.



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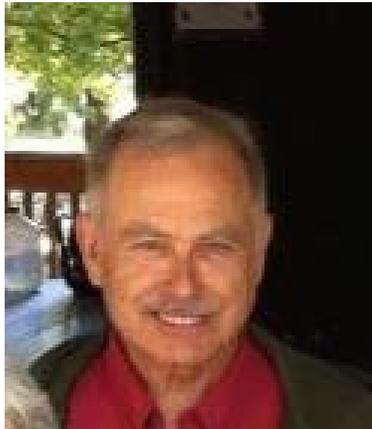


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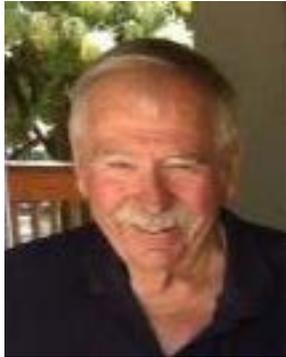
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“I travel A LOT to see family and friends. Sharing lets me have a home-base & the ability to afford my lifestyle.”

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“I like helping others! I’d like to find a place where I have someone who appreciates having a companion but is independent too. That would be a happy household.”

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“I’m tired of eating meals alone & living on my own. I’d like someone to have conversation with who would enjoy my home and spending time with me.”

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"I like helping others! I'd like to find a place where I have someone who appreciates having a companion but is independent too. We could be a happy community."



[LetsShareHousing.com](http://LetsShareHousing.com)

# Benefits of Shared Housing

- ◆ Affordability factor of stretching every dollar
- ◆ Increases sense of safety and security
- ◆ Saves the government money on building affordable housing
- ◆ Encourages people to become proactive in planning for their future
- ◆ Offers an alternative way of aging in place



# Benefits of Shared Housing



- ◆ Encourages healthy social relationships to avoid isolation

# Communication

The website is a tool that lets users communicate confidentially



# Common Concerns with the Shared Housing Concept

- ◆ What do I do with my extra stuff?
- ◆ How do I know my potential housemate is responsible and honest?
- ◆ What happens when we disagree?
- ◆ How do I protect my belongings?
- ◆ What happens if our housing arrangement doesn't work and I need legal advice?



# Workshops

Designed to give users the tools and resources to create their unique community through shared housing.



# Workshops

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4 Sessions. Will include an introductory session to help participants complete a personal assessment.

Curriculum for the 4 sessions helps users prepare for successful shared housing.



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## Session One

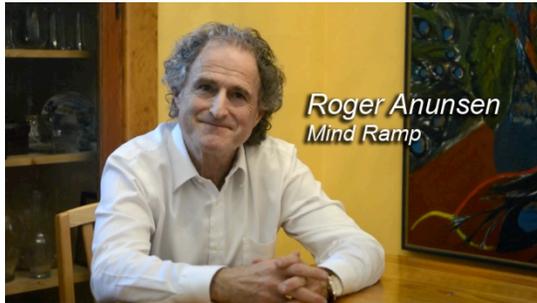
- Introduction to Shared Housing/Best Practices
- Who, What, How, Why
- Profile Process: Personality Profile: Who is a good fit for shared housing
- What are the pitfalls
- Questions and Answers
- Networking



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# Workshops

## Session One: Support Resources



Mind Ramp:  
Your Brain on Sharing



Villages NW:  
Creating Community



Senior Specific Resource Group:  
On Change



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## Session 2:

- Profile completion
- Who are you? Who lights you up?
- Getting Ready: Making way: Downsizing
- Case Example
- Keeping the Peace: Communication and Tools for Success
- Creating a covenant
- Support services



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## Session Two: Support Resources



A Clear Place:  
Downsizing



Genesis Mediation:  
Covenant



Neutral Ground Mediation Services  
Communication



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## Session 3:

- The Nitty Gritty:
- Legal
- Insurance
- Safety
- Resource Guide
- Success stories
- Assessment of Program



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## Session Three: Support Resources



Legal Shield



Frank Insurance:  
Coverage



Take Care of Us:  
Making Room



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# Due Diligence



Provider and Seeker Recommended

- Criminal Background
- Financial Background
- Eviction Report

**\$24.95**



# Due Diligence

Recommended 2 Week Trial Period



# Support Resources

Roger Anunsen, Mind Ramp

Chana Andler, VillagesNW

Shari Bandes, Meeting in the Middle

Matthew Cronin, Genesis Mediation

Troy Farnsworth, Farnsworth Home Design

Dave Frank, Frank Insurance Group

Sara Garrett, MotiveSpace

Jane Green, A Clear Place

Reese Matye, EAP/Legal Shield

Rachel Mohlere, Senior Specific Resource Group

Bill Smith, Take Care Moving

Holly Wells, Neutral Ground Mediation Services





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