



SHARED LIVING. COMMON GROUND.



A Front Porch
Community Service

SOMETIMES THE SMARTEST MOVE IS NOT MOVING AT ALL.

Meet Home Match.

Home Match reshapes today's housing dynamics. By connecting people with a spare room or ADU to those looking for an affordable space to live, we help both parties find the ideal fit. Shared spaces evolve into lively communities and the cost of living is more reasonable for all involved. This is the way to stay.

With a streamlined and simplified process, Home Match combats loneliness, fosters connections and creates a financially impactful and fulfilling lifestyle. Through our program we:

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- List and prepare rooms to rent

 - Screen participants thoroughly

 - Make personal introductions

 - Facilitate lease agreements

 - Provide ongoing support

WHY HOME MATCH?

Financial Stability

Sharing living expenses significantly reduces financial strain. By sharing rent, utilities and other costs, participants enjoy a more affordable lifestyle allowing them to stay in their communities.

Social Connections

Connecting individuals with compatible homemates reduces social isolation and loneliness which has a direct impact on physical, mental and emotional wellbeing. Shared living spaces foster companionship, interaction and emotional support.

Shared Experiences

Living with a homemate goes beyond cost-sharing; it's about creating a supportive and enriching living environment. Shared experiences, responsibilities and spaces contribute to a sense of community and belonging, positively impacting our participants.

Task Exchange

With our program, providers can request up to 10 hours a week of help with tasks in exchange for reduced rent. This shared benefit can include anything from grocery shopping to household chores, creating a cooperative and mutually beneficial living arrangement.

HOW MATCHING WORKS

Home Match simplifies the process of finding a compatible homemate. We create profiles outlining participants' preferences, interests and living habits. We then make introductions based on compatibility. Participants can choose potential homemates to meet, take the time to get to know home seekers and make informed decisions about sharing their living space.

Living Together Agreement

To ensure a harmonious living environment, our program supports users in creating a "Living Together Agreement." This document outlines shared responsibilities, expectations and guidelines, including guest and cleaning policies. This proactive approach helps avoid surprises and misunderstandings and promotes open communication between homemates.

Room Readiness

We offer tips and guidelines on creating a welcoming space, ensuring that both the home provider and incoming homemate feel comfortable and at home from day one. This can include setting up common areas, establishing shared storage spaces, ensuring the room is clean and has a permanent heat source, as well as discussing individual preferences.

Ongoing Support

We stay with the match from beginning to end, providing support not only during the matching process but through the end of the arrangement. We help address any issues creating a strain on the shared housing relationship through problem solving. This can include resource navigation, empowering healthy communication, mediation services and support in transitioning to a new housing situation when a match comes to an end.





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