



HomeShareSLO Connections 2017

Changing Lives | Connecting People & Homes

What We Do

HomeShareSLO is a nonprofit that facilitates matches between people with an extra room in their home and those seeking affordable, safe housing. Services include:

- Background Screening
- Compatibility Matching
- Homeshare Skills Training
- Mediation & Mentoring
- Assistance with Leases

Who We Serve

While our clients range in age from mid-20's to 97, the majority (80%) are seniors.

Approximately 80% of our clients are lower income.

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Client Testimonials:

“Being a single senior female on a limited income, my stress level was over the top trying to find housing. Thank you for the wonderful attention to detail and matching me in the absolute best situation.”

—Dennice C., Los Osos

“I’m very happy to have Janet here. I hit the jackpot.”

—Henry T., Atascadero

From Plan to Reality: Our First Year in Operation

by Jo Oliver, HomeShareSLO Board of Directors Chair

Welcome to our first annual newsletter! We’re excited to be wrapping up our launch year and very pleased with the solid foundation we’ve established in 2017.

- Outreach & Skills Training: 800+ people reached
- Housing Mentoring: 370 people counseled
- Enrolled Clients: 90
- Currently in Matches: 28

Education about homesharing was a priority throughout the year, as was homeshare skills training for those who’d never shared housing before. Reaching our most vulnerable potential clients, isolated seniors, required a significant push for press coverage to get the word out, and also motivated us to create partnerships with other senior-serving agencies and

HomeShareSLO vs. New Construction

Homesharing is a community-empowering, cost-effective way to address our housing issues. In our first year, 28 clients have been matched and helped with housing needs, creating 14 safe, affordable homes for residents. At \$300,000 per unit, the 14 housing units created by HomeShareSLO in 2017 would have cost \$4,200,000 to construct.



Client Testimonial: “I live in a larger home and I had some extra space. I’d been alone in the home for about 5 years and I thought well, maybe I should give it a try. I think they do a good job of checking people’s credentials. That was a good safety factor for me.

I think HSSLO does a real good job of matching people up. We get along really well. We make each other laugh. I would recommend it for others.”

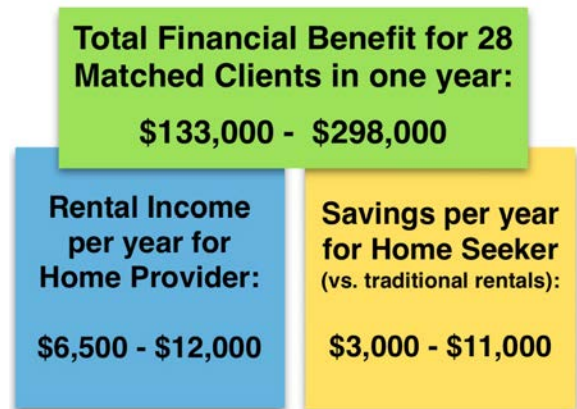
—Beth W., Grover Beach

Big thanks to Ecologistics, our fiscal sponsor in 2017. This group helps new community-serving organizations get their start. HomeShareSLO was one of 16 programs under their umbrella in 2017, all of us working toward building a more environmentally and economically sustainable community. We’re pleased to start 2018 with our own nonprofit status.

nonprofits.

With this solid groundwork, we look forward to continuing to build our client base and track record of successful matches in 2018. Our deepest gratitude to the individual and business donors who helped with financial and in-kind support, and to the cities of Grover Beach, Pismo Beach, Morro Bay and the City and County of SLO which provided grant funding and affordable housing in-lieu funds to support the first year of HomeShareSLO’s community work. Thank you!

—Jo Oliver, Chair



Our programs and services are available to all people regardless of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, place of birth, ancestry or national origin.

Join Us In:

- Helping Elders
- Preventing Homelessness
- Making Efficient Use of Existing Housing Resources



\$25 Provides Screening Fee Assistance for 1 Client

\$50 Supports Housing Education/Mentoring for 3 Clients

\$100 Provides 5 Assessment/Intake Visits to Isolated Seniors

\$1000 Sponsors a Housing Options Training Event for 75-100 County Residents

\$2000 Creates a Safe Affordable Home through Full Sponsorship of a HomeShare Match

A donation of any amount is greatly appreciated and valued. We welcome your partnership as together we change lives by connecting people and homes.

Please make checks payable to HomeShareSLO and mail to our p.o. box, or donate online. Thank you!

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