

Request for Appropriation from the Town of Marshfield

Name of Organization: Home Share Now

Address: 105 North Main Street Suite 103; Barre, Vermont 05641

Telephone: 802-479-8549

What type of services do you provide? Home Share Now cultivates home shares in central Vermont (Lamoille, Washington, and Orange counties plus nine adjacent towns) for home providers and home seekers to expand the possibilities for living. Home Share Now matches are often between people who need affordable housing and older adults. Instead of market rent, services are performed in exchange for housing by vetted home seekers; most matches also involve a monthly financial contribution. Matched home providers average 76 years old while matched home seekers average 50 years old.

Home Share Now sets the stage for a supportive relationship at a time of transition be it aging or a change in health, relationship, or employment status.

Many home seekers are like Phyllis who wanted to relocate to be closer to her family. Though she first attempted to live in a mobile home, she couldn't afford heating it. After a very cold winter, Phyllis came to Home Share Now as a home seeker looking to provide meal assistance in exchange for housing.

The difference between Phyllis and most home seekers is that she's 76 years old. Phyllis is part of a growing trend -- more 65+ women are in need of affordable housing. The idea of not being able to afford housing after a lifetime of working and/or raising family is very disconcerting. Change the Story Vermont recently reported that women in our state receive, on average, \$10,000/year in Social Security, half the average for men. As our Vermont population ages, this issue requires an urgent response.

The importance of Home Share Now is becoming increasingly apparent as more people like Phyllis step forward, trying to balance their own physical and emotional needs while on a fixed income in Vermont -- one of the top ten most expensive states to live in.

After an interview and a background check, Home Share Now introduced Phyllis to Marie, 92, who needed help with groceries and dinner preparation plus a bit of companionship. In return, Phyllis pays only \$100 in rent/month. A successful introduction between Phyllis and Marie was followed by a two-week trial period and a written agreement. Written agreements cover topics like how to share the kitchen, who to call in an emergency, and cleaning products used.

Home Share Now leaves no stone unturned and then provides follow up support for the life of the match, whether months or years.

Phyllis is just one of many home seekers who will provide 15,000 hours of service this year (how appropriate as we look ahead to our 15th anniversary). In return, home seekers are now able to make car repairs, purchase food, save for college or retirement, or pay off medical debt.

How do your services directly impact the citizens of Marshfield? While many of Home Share Now's participants are considered vulnerable, we have no qualifiers. Every person in Marshfield has the ability to use our services: to age safely at home, to save money, to maintain independence, to shorten a commute, to share meals, or to lessen their home energy needs.

Older adults face a myriad of challenges including reduced income, increased health impairments, increased difficulty regarding transportation and mobility—all of which threaten the security of affordable housing. In addition, the likelihood of living alone after age 50 increases, especially for women. Of those matched by Home Share Now in FY16, 88% of home providers were 55+ and 76% were single females.

For home seekers, Vermonters face a tight rental market with most counties falling significantly below a healthy 4%-6% vacancy rate. Subsidized units have a .07% vacancy rate while fair market units don't fare much better at 1.6%. Home sharing helps alleviate the tight rental market, especially for those trying to make rent in rural towns.

Home Share Now provides a parallel process to both home providers and home seekers to include an in-person interview (and home visit for home providers), references (personal/employment/housing), and a background check to ensure the safety of our participants. This information also guides our matching process.

Introductions between home providers and home seekers are always facilitated by Home Share Now staff. If two parties decide they are a match, staff draft an individualized written agreement for a two-week trial period. If both parties still agree to the match after two weeks, the written agreement is finalized and signed. For the life of the match, Home Share Now provides support services to include professional mediation.

For those who inquire but who are not appropriate or interested in our services, Home Share Now provides referrals to other housing and/or aging-related services. Home Share Now is the only organization providing home sharing services in central Vermont.

To put the preventative aspect into a dollar value in savings, last year's support from Marshfield made the following possible (all gains over FY15):

- The average rent paid in a match was \$323 which saved home seekers ~\$168,696 in rental expenses. 37% of all home seekers provided services and paid \$0 in rent.
- While new infrastructure is important in meeting housing needs, the 94 units created by home sharing by utilizing existing housing stock would cost at least \$18,955,705 to build new.
- Home sharing provided ~13,000 hours of assistance, enabling seniors and others to stay home – representing a potential savings of \$162,500 for home providers.
- Our most vulnerable seniors saved ~\$631,278 in nursing home diversion.
- FY16 data shows improved quality of life for home providers by having a home share: feeling safer in their homes, less lonely, sleeping better, and feeling happier.

How many Marshfield residents were served? Home Share Now provided services to 9 people of Marshfield and of those supported 6 people in home sharing matches.

Home Share Now served a total of 669 individuals – of these, 124 people were supported in home sharing matches (an increase over last year) with the remaining receiving general housing assistance. Home Share Now supported twice as many people in matches in FY16 over FY13.

How do you calculate or justify the amount of money that you are requesting from us? Home Share Now is asking the Town of Marshfield to contribute 5% of the total cost we expended to match the 6 persons in Marshfield. Last year municipal funding made up 5% of our total budget. This request makes up 0.2% of Home Share Now’s total budget of \$257,678. Our request is in line with our requests to other towns receiving this level of service (Worcester, Hyde Park, Wolcott, Berlin, Moretown, etc.).

This year’s appropriation request: \$400

Last year’s appropriation request: \$200

Last year’s grant: \$200

Explanation of any increase in this year’s request: Home Share Now services The services provided by Home Share Now to Marshfield doubled between FY15 and FY16. In fact, last year was a home sharing record-breaker for Marshfield since our inception in 2003.



Home Share Now, Inc.
Profit & Loss
July 2015 through June 2016

Jul '15 - Jun 16

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4600 - State General Fund	147,223.35
4601 - Municipal Allocations	5,650.00
4963 - Individual Donations	
4960 - Fundraising Events	2,051.24
4963 - Individual Donations - Other	18,619.05
Total 4963 - Individual Donations	20,670.29
4964 - Participant Fees	9,530.13
4965 - Community Organizations	3,200.00
4978 - Foundations & Corps	71,250.00
4979 - Home Share Revenue	374.99
4980 - Interest	163.70
Total Income	258,062.46
Gross Profit	258,062.46
Expense	
5000 - Salaries	148,500.18
5300 - Fringe/Payroll Benefits	31,627.62
5600 - Travel	5,685.31
6200 - Rent	11,450.00
6250 - Utilities	937.54
6500 - General Office	8,436.68
6800 - Telephone/Internet	2,587.16
7403 - Computer/Equipment	7,893.46
7700 - Business Insurance	3,964.50
8100 - Bank Fees	261.34
9000 - Education/Training	624.74
9200 - Marketing/Advertising	11,187.58
9300 - Volunteer Recognition	661.12
9401 - Printing	5,314.06
9429 - Consulting	
8000 - Accounting/Audit	5,558.44
8001 - Nat'l Background Check	2,547.45
Total 9429 - Consulting	8,105.89
9435 - Fundraising Events	533.44
9440 - Bad Debt	1,100.00
Total Expense	248,870.62
Net Ordinary Income	9,191.84
Net Income	<u>9,191.84</u>

Home Share Now

matching people
and homes

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July 1, 2015 — June 30, 2016

www.homesharenow.org
New website coming in November!

Norma & Barbara Celebrate 5 Years in a Match!

Norma, a well-known face in East Montpelier, came to us at age 85 at the suggestion of her aunt who had a positive experience herself. Now at 93, we consider Norma a home sharing pro after four successive matches, the first being in 2008. Her current match celebrated its fifth anniversary this past summer.

Barbara came to Home Share Now as a housing strategy that would allow her to take a “temporary” position with the State of Vermont. Five years later and she is looking for property in the area. Barbara says, “Home Share Now allowed me to live in a totally new town with a totally new job, and feel immediately at home. Norma and I share so many common interests — we’ve become family. Home share has been a big part of my success here.”



John Lazenby photo

“She makes me feel brilliant with a computer and channel lock pliers — what’s not to like?”



John Lazenby photo

Norma says, “Home Share Now has helped many people find a home where they could be happy. For me, having Barbara here makes me very comfortable and my family is happy, they have complete confidence in my safety and happiness.”

Norma has been a strong advocate for home sharing as a member of the Governor’s Commission on Successful Aging, at town meeting, and as a reference for a number of folks curious about home sharing. Barbara followed in Norma’s footsteps and also serves on the Commission. In 2015, Barbara joined the Home Share Now Board of Directors. In addition to being outspoken together, these ladies have shared birthdays, laughter, chores, grief, and an annual creemee.

“Barbara is really good at cleaning the fridge, she gets down on her hands and knees and everything,” says Norma. Barbara likes coming home from work and talking about her day, because Norma is “a really great listener — she’s like a mother to me, one that is eager to find out how I’m doing.”

Norma says, “my deep feeling is that to be successful in a home share, each person needs to accept the other in this new life of sharing.” We couldn’t have said it any better. Congratulations on five-plus years of friendship!

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77% of matched participants are happier thanks to home sharing.

From the Board Chair, Maggie Fox

It starts simply: a homeowner has a spare bedroom; another adult needs safe, stable housing. The reasons people home share are many, and Home Share Now’s deliberate process for matching seekers and providers results in participants consistently reporting that they worry less about money, feel happier, and have the freedom to live where and how they want to live.



100% of matches surveyed said they would recommend Home Share Now to family and friends. More, home sharing is an ingenious part of the solution to Vermont’s chronically dire rental housing market, and the challenges faced by adults navigating life transitions, such as an empty nest, divorce, aging, and reduced income. Offering supplementary services, expanding our geographical presence, and further reaching out to underserved populations are among Home Share Now’s goals to continue this successful trajectory in 2017 and beyond.

Thank you for being housing heroes.



Solid Process = Happy Home Sharers

Home Share Now uses a time-tested matching process to meet the diverse needs of those looking to share housing. Our participants aren’t the only diversity in our program — you’ll also find a variety of home sharing options, from single family homes, to duplexes, to accessory apartments.

Every Home Share Now participant benefits from an interview, personal and housing references, an employment verification, a background check, staff-directed introductions, a two-week trial period, and personalized written agreements.

In Johnson we matched Ellen and Ben. In this home share, Ellen lives in one part of the house, Ingrid and Eric (daughter and son-in-law) live adjacent, and Ben lives upstairs. Ben provides household help and a protective presence, putting Ingrid and Eric at ease when they travel. For Ben, the exchange of services instead of market rent means more time can be spent on graduate studies instead of attempting to juggle both fulltime work and school. For these four, home sharing is clearly a win-win. Just look at all those glorious smiles!

And, if for some reason this crew needs assistance with their match, Home Share Now provides all matches with ongoing support as the only home sharing organization in the country with a staff-mediator. This year we celebrated 10 years of conflict prevention and resolution services. Thanks for celebrating with us!



John Lazenby photos



Volunteers

- Laura Arnesen
- Lori Baker
- Fred Cheyette
- Gail Falk
- Joanne Fitzgerald
- Paul Fixx
- Tricia Follert
- Marie Frohlich
- Candace Fugazy
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- John Hogan
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- Christine Lilyquist
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- Jennifer Wallace

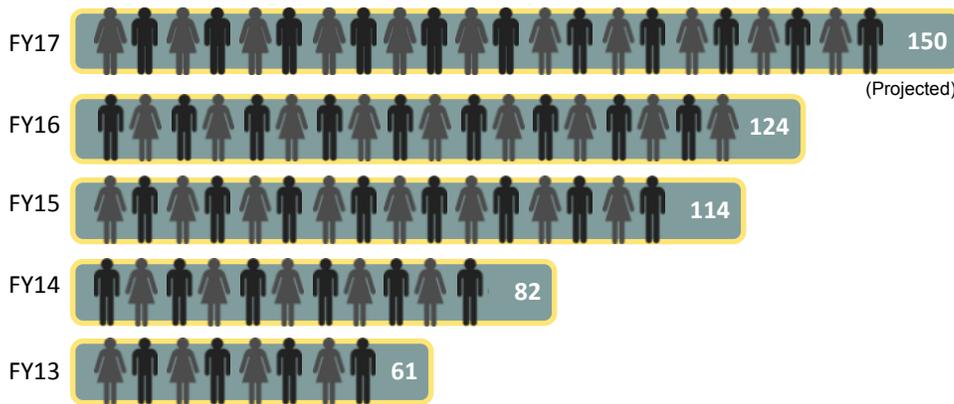


“This has been the best year of my life.”

Home Share Now made 94 affordable housing units available this year, up from 63 in FY15.



People in Matches



Barrett Jones photo

Staff as of 6/30/16

Caroline Caouette,
Program Support Provider

Kara Casey,
Program Manager
(Outgoing)

Laura Mahan,
Program Manager
(Incoming)

Roni Coleman,
Mediator

Christina Goodwin,
Executive Director

“My parents love seeing their home share match — she is a nice calming presence for them before and after work.”

Board as of 6/30/16

Barbara Donovan

Maggie Fox

Gerald Osterman

Stephen Page

Joel Rhodes

John Sayles

Beth Stern

Incoming Board

Nicole Sancibrian

Dara Torre

Outgoing Board

Martin Hahn

Rick DeAngelis

THANK YOU!

After six years as founding board members, Home Share Now has said farewell to Jerry Osterman and Beth Stern. Jerry is winding down the activities of his CPA firm, Osterman & Burke, and making plans for retirement. Beth is the executive director for the Central Vermont Council on Aging. These two have brought joy, humor, perspective, wisdom, continuity, and organizational history. They deserve our utmost appreciation and high-fives!



Pat Maza — Volunteer Extraordinaire since 2005

Home Share Now was founded on volunteers — all committed to making home sharing an option for central Vermonters. Of that original crew, Pat Maza is the longest serving volunteer having begun her service to us in 2005. Here we acknowledge her 11 years of service. Pat can also be found volunteering in Barre’s elementary schools and at Saint Monica’s Food Shelf.

At left, Pat (in blue) is joined by the original Home Share of Central Vermont team. This year we are celebrating the contributions of all involved along the way with a fresh strategic plan, a customized database, a new website, our first few bequests, and a new pilot program in partnership with Green Mountain Transit. We have much to be thankful for.



Stefan Hard/Times Argus photo

79% of home sharers are saving money each month and 41% are saving over \$400.





Home seekers provided nearly 13,000 hours of service to home providers.

Conflict Resolution Services — Now Expanded!

Thanks to the Oakland Foundation and Roni Coleman, Home Share Now’s Mediator, we have expanded our conflict resolution services in ways that benefit our community partners in housing. This year Roni has provided one-on-one conflict coaching, led small group mediation, and facilitated community meetings at senior-housing properties.

In addition, Roni has designed and implemented trainings for housing counselors, social workers, resident service coordinators, and others talking with clients about preventing and addressing conflict. 72% of attendees work directly with low income and/or senior tenants and 100% of participants said the training content was relevant to their work.



Barrett Jones photo

“Excellent training. I supervise housing counselors and this will definitely be helpful in providing support to them.”

Specific partners this year have included Alliance Property Management, Housing Vermont, the Lamoille Housing Partnership, Support and Services at Home (SASH), the Lamoille Region Chamber of Commerce, Maloney Properties, and six housing sites.

For more information about these services, call Roni at 802-479-8547.

Roni Coleman has been crafting and mediating home sharing agreements with Home Share Now since 2011. She earned her Masters in Mediation and Applied Conflict Studies from the Woodbury Institute at Champlain College (formerly Woodbury College) in 2007. Over the years she has received additional training in Advanced Elder Mediation, Senior Legal Issues, Adult Protective Services Regulations, Gerontology Topics, Bridges Out Of Poverty, Cultural Competency, Mental Health First Aid, Fair Housing Practices in Vermont, Restorative Justice Practices and Community Conferencing, Corporate Social Responsibility, and the Community Dialogue Process. Outside of her role at Home Share Now, she helps individuals and groups navigate challenging situations with her partner at RiverStone Resolutions, LLC.

“With Home Share Now a call away, I feel more secure knowing I have support around potential housemate challenges.”

Home Providers Needed in the Mad River Valley to be Seasonal Hosts!

The Mad Bus is a free, seasonal bus service that runs in the Mad River Valley via Green Mountain Transit (formerly GMTA or Green Mountain Transit Agency) Some of this year’s drivers are coming from bus companies serving Martha’s Vineyard and Alaska’s Denali National Park and they need local hosts to provide them with affordable housing. Drivers are in need of housing from mid-November until the end of the ski season. All drivers are interviewed and vetted by GMT and subject to drug and alcohol screening. Home Share Now will provide all hosts with a customized, home sharing agreement and on-going support and conflict resolution services. Call 802-479-8544 to learn more!



Home Share Now had a nearly 1 billion dollars in return on investment this year.

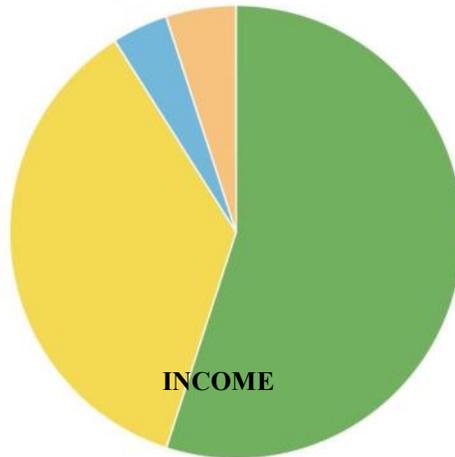
Matches lasted an average of 11.6 months with the longest running match at 5 years!



FY16 EXPENSES (\$248,857)	
Salaries	\$148,300
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	\$31,724
Travel	\$5,675
Rent, Utilities & Upkeep	\$14,948
Postage/Printing/Office	\$10,515
Technology & Telephone	\$10,911
Accounting & Insurance	\$11,038
Events & Miscellaneous	\$813
Education & Recognition	\$1,121
Advertising	\$11,345
Background Screening	\$2,467

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Note, FY16 financial audit not complete at time of printing.

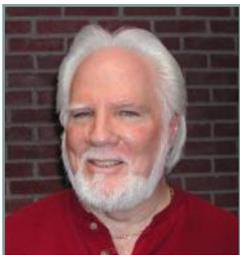


FY2016 INCOME (\$265,443)	
55%	State of Vermont
36%	Private Funds
4%	Fee for Service
5%	Municipal Allocations

ASSETS	
Checking/Savings	\$27,868
Board Designated Reserve	\$45,037
Accounts Receivable	\$19,623
Other Current Assets	\$3,401
TOTAL ASSETS	\$95,930
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$1,806
Other Current Liabilities	\$8,657
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$10,463
EQUITY	
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$68,881
Net Income	\$16,586
TOTAL EQUITY	\$85,467
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$95,930

“I feel more hopeful for a brighter future thanks to home sharing.”

Join the Home Sharing Trust — an Invitation from John Gardner



Hello friends and neighbors,

It is an honor to have such a wonderful life where I can help others. Home Share Now is a good match for my charitable gifts because it helps people have a better quality of life. I’ve been an annual donor to Home Share Now since 2007. I made a bequest to Home Share Now a priority because each day is a blessing. That being said, if I kept putting it off, it might not have gotten done.

I know the need for affordable and secure housing will increase over the next 20 years. Together our bequest pledges mean Home Share Now can continue to be one of the options. I feel good about that.

Once you have provided for your loved ones in your will, please include Home Share Now. Your gift will be a lasting tribute that ensures Home Share Now will remain a vibrant organization far into the future. I take a lot of joy in hearing the home sharing stories — to hear how my gifts have made a real difference for others.

With my annual gift to Home Share Now I can make a difference for someone today.

With my bequest commitment, I can make a difference for many, many years to come.

Thank you to Home Share Now for being such good stewards of my gifts and for helping me create change in the world.

To join me, John Sayles, Maggie Fox, Roni Coleman, and Christina Goodwin in the Home Sharing Trust, call Christina at 802-479-8549.

John Gardner, Housing Hero

93% of matched home seekers worry less about money.



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Claire & David Duke	Judith Hoermann	★ Donors for at least 5 consistent years...keep it up!!!	
		★ Members of the Home Sharing Trust, our committed bequests!!!	

Gifts received after 6/30/16 (thank you!) will be included in next year's annual report.

Omissions and errors are unintentional. If you'd prefer to be anonymous, please let us know.

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77% of matched home seekers and home providers feel more financially stable.

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86% of new enrollments fell within Vermont's low income limits.





Here is your FY16 Annual Report!



John Lazenby photo

“We have a special connection.” -Jeremy

In addition to bringing folks through the matching process from start to finish, Home Share Now offers stand-alone agreements where people can pick-and-choose services depending on their needs. Jeremy and his family found Lee via Front Porch Forum to share Jeremy’s Montpelier apartment but wanted the assurance of Home Share Now’s screening and agreement writing services.

In a recent conversation with Jeremy he shared that home sharing is good for fostering mutual respect and a sharing mentality and is helping him be a better problem solver. Lee helps Jeremy create daily structure around chores, meals, and exercise.

In addition to providing daily support, Lee is certainly enriching Jeremy’s life — most recently Lee has started taking Jeremy through guided meditation. Lee’s background as a coach and caregiver and her cooking skills make her well-suited for this particular home share. Lee says, this is “a match made in heaven.”

Both agree there is a special, unspoken connection and together they have cultivated a very unique rapport. For fun they can be found at the movies, out to dinner, attending live music, or just being silly together. We are glad to know them both.

Janna Clar, Jeremy’s sister and Executive Director for the Montpelier Senior Activity Center says, “I feel incredible relief that my brother is getting the support he now needs while staying in his own place and expanding his team. I’ve been so grateful for the support of Home Share Now’s process.”



97% of matched participants had an increased quality of life thanks to home sharing.