

Our Mission

HIP Housing's mission is to invest in human potential by improving the housing and lives of people in our community.

Founded in 1972, HIP Housing (Human Investment Project) is a private, non-profit organization serving San Mateo County. Funding is provided by the County of San Mateo, various cities in the county and by private donations from individuals, businesses and foundations. Volunteers assist HIP Housing's staff by donating their time, skills and services.

The Home Sharing Program was started by HIP Housing in 1979 in response to the need for affordable housing. Today it is the largest Home Sharing program in the nation and serves as a model for other non-profit organizations who wish to bring this program to their community.

How You Can Help

- Share Your Home
- Volunteer Your Time
- Make a Financial Contribution

For more information, visit our website at www.hiphousing.org.

HIPhousing A Place to Call Home

HIP Housing creates a place to call home for thousands of people in San Mateo County every year through its programs:

- Home Sharing
- Home Equity Conversion
- Self-Sufficiency
- Property Development

Main Office:

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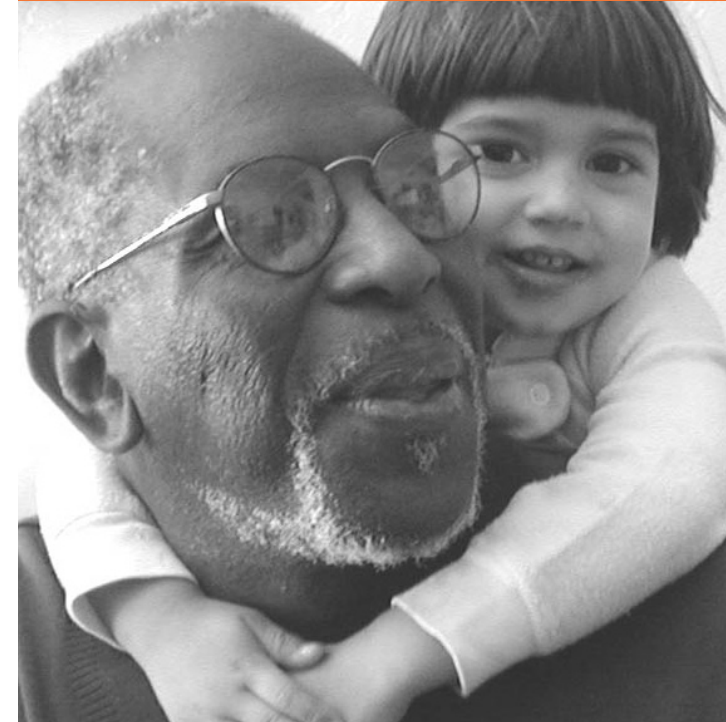
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Home Sharing

Matching Persons Seeking Shared Living



Program Description



How it Works

HIP Housing's **Home Sharing Program** is a living arrangement in which two or more unrelated people share a home or apartment. Each has his/her private room and shares the common areas.

Home sharing reduces costs, promotes independence, provides companionship and increases security for both home provider and seeker.

Home Sharing services include:

- Personal housing consultants
- Service exchange arrangements
- Facilitation of Living Together Agreement
- Home sharing match follow up
- Linkage to alternate community services
- Home visits to home bound and disabled seniors

HIP Housing can facilitate two types of home sharing arrangements:

Rent Exchange

A home provider is matched with a home seeker who pays rent, in order to reduce housing and utility costs for both parties. The majority of matches facilitated by HIP Housing involve exchange of rent.

Service Exchange

Typically involving seniors and entails a home seeker who agrees to provide services in lieu of rent or for reduced rent. Service exchanges do not involve medical, hands-on care, but rather an exchange of light cooking, cleaning and chores.

To arrange for an interview at one of HIP Housing's four offices, call our main office in San Mateo at 650.348.6660. You will be given an appointment with one of our Housing Consultants to complete an application. HIP Housing has field offices in Daly City, Redwood City and South San Francisco. Home visits are available to home bound clients when needed.

At your appointment you must have:

- Names and phone numbers of three references
- Written verification of your income
- Photo I.D.



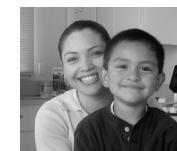
"Thanks to home sharing I now have a place to call home that I can afford."

Frank



"It's nice to know someone is coming home at the end of the day."

Nadia & Lee



"I was able to find a stable and safe home for me and my son. Thank you."

Marisol