

## HomeShare Sarasota brings Home Providers & Renters together

**HomeShare Sarasota** facilitates an attainable housing option that matches homeowners with home renters.

It is managed by the Sarasota Housing Funding Corporation, a 501c3 non-profit community housing organization.

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**Room to Spare —  
Room to Share**



## A home to share is a place to call “home.”

HomeShare Sarasota recognizes the importance of “home” to **owners and renters**, alike.

**HomeShare Providers** own a home, but may struggle with the costs associated with their mortgage, taxes, insurance & maintenance. Finding a reliable, trustworthy renter can be difficult and costly.

**HomeShare Renters** need an affordable home that allows them to live independently and affordably. They have income resources, but may be restricted by the high local housing costs.

HomeShare Sarasota matches Providers and Renters based on their mutual needs and interests.

**Many participants find companionship and friendship in the process.**

## How our program works

If you are a homeowner with space to rent, or someone who needs affordable space to rent, you may request an **application**.

The right match is in the details. HomeShare **interviews** applicants to determine each participant’s needs, interests and lifestyle preferences.

**Background & reference checks** are conducted on both providers and renters for your safety and peace of mind.

**Home inspections** are made to verify a safe & comfortable living environment.

**Prospective home providers and renters meet**. The match and monthly rent must be mutually satisfactory; the decision to move forward is theirs, not ours.

**Lease Agreement** is signed. The **first month’s rent** is paid at this time: Fifty percent (50%) of the first month’s rent is paid to HomeShare Sarasota as a **one-time fee**, with the remaining fifty percent (50%) payable to the home provider. Each subsequent month’s rent is paid 100%, directly to the home provider.

The matching process is complete... yet...

HomeShare Sarasota will **follow up** periodically with both parties in an effort to sustain satisfaction and improve the HomeShare Sarasota program experience.

## What we know about homesharing

- ◆ Companionship can remedy loneliness and isolation, leading to better overall health for all parties.
- ◆ Many older adults want to stay longer in homes they paid for and cared for, and where great memories were made.
- ◆ Homesharing makes economic sense. It’s an affordable solution in areas where housing is expensive, and demand high.



*Home sharing is people living together for mutual benefit.*

## What our participants say

- ◆ *As far as I’m concerned, “home” is a place where you feel comfortable, at peace, and safe.*
- ◆ *Renters get more “bang for the buck.” I was paying close to double for a small one bedroom and bath.*
- ◆ *Privacy is important, but my landlady is such a good match, I don’t feel any lack of privacy—in fact, I’ve found myself a lifelong friend!!*