



*Connecting people and fostering independence through innovative and affordable housing, because everyone needs a place to call home.*

Hello Community Provider (or Partner),

We hope this email finds you safe and healthy. While there are still many unknowns around the COVID-19 virus, and the mandated Stay at Home Order, we do know the restrictions and business closures put in place to curb the spread of the virus are having a devastating effect on many of our citizens.

Right now the focus is on keeping people healthy and fed, and on supporting first responders and our healthcare system. Rightfully so. However, the actions being taken to curb the spreading of the COVID-19 virus are having a financial impact on many of our families, friends and neighbors. Individuals and households affected by mandated closures and restrictions will make them become unstable and/or homeless in the coming months. The coming wave of households, who may enter into homelessness if safeguards are not put into place, will crash and decimate our homelessness and social services network.

Here at Shared Housing Services, we are formulating strategies today about how our services can be of help during the post COVID-19 recovery. We know there will be no one-size-fits-all for folks finding themselves unstably housed because of the pandemic. It is going to take herculean efforts by Local/State/Federal agencies, and community members themselves, to get through the difficult times ahead.

Shared Housing Services' Homesharing programs assist community members who are becoming unstable and/or housing insecure to stabilize by utilizing their extra bedroom(s) to remain in their homes. At the same time these extra bedrooms become safe, affordable housing options for those who may already be experiencing homelessness or have become unstable and do not have an extra bedroom to rent out. Having operated our Homesharing Model for nearly 29-years, we have the best practices and infrastructure already in place to immediately assist those needing help to stabilize in their home.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP** to get information about our Homesharing programs out to the general public to prevent households from entering into homelessness and the social services network. We are happy to facilitate conversations by phone, or Zoom conference call. We look forward to being a trusted resource to help as many as we can during the recovery from this pandemic and its aftermath.

Thank you for your help during these unprecedented times.

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