



## **HomeShare ATL is a Member of the National Shared Housing Resource Center**

The National Shared Housing Resource Center (NSHRC), run by experienced volunteers, is a clearinghouse of information for those looking to find a shared housing program in their community. NSHRC is dedicated to expanding the availability of programs around the country using collective knowledge of what works and what doesn't. As a member HomeShare ATL receives support and opportunities to exchange information with about 50 other state programs to learn and benefit from best practices over 40+ years of homesharing programs in the United States. Acknowledgement and appreciation are extended to the Board of NSHRC for assistance to help new programs get started and be successful.

The criteria to be listed in the online NSHRC Directory of homesharing programs essentially defines best practices for homesharing programs:

- Programs are nonprofit or operating under the umbrella of a nonprofit corporation.
- Programs provide homesharing matches with agency staff or volunteers who are trained to screen program applicants. This may include interviews, background checks, and reference checks.
- Programs offer a one-on-one matching service between people who have an extra room in their home with those who are looking for housing.
- Programs help define a homesharing match agreement which outlines the expectations between the parties.
- Programs provide post-match follow-up.
- Program goals are consistent with the goals of NSHRC including, but not limited to, fair housing laws.

# HomeShare ATL Vocabulary

**Homesharing:** Two or more unrelated adults share a home to their mutual benefit.

**Home Providers** (sometimes called **Hosts**): A homeowner offering an extra bedroom for rent or a service exchange.

**Home Seekers** (sometimes called **Guests**): An adult looking for affordable housing with rent and/or a service exchange.

**Homesharers:** Everyone who shares the home is a homesharer, general use of the word homesharer is to mean a guest who moves in to live with someone. A matched home seeker can be considered a guest, a housemate, or a homesharer. Just not a roommate!

## Benefits of Homesharing For Participants

### Home Provider

Ability to age in place

Decreases social isolation

Decreases family caregiver burden

Builds lasting relationships

Increased access to other community resources and benefits

Economic stability with increased income



### Home Seeker

Affordable housing solution

Ability to live in safe, stable, and prime locations/neighborhoods

Economic stability with decreased rent

Purposeful living: builds lasting relationships / sense of community

Increased access to other community resources / benefits