



**Improving Lives and Communities  
by Bringing Vermonters Together to Share Homes**

**WHAT:** HomeShare Vermont helps the State of Vermont meet two important goals by assisting our aging neighbors to stay at home, where they want to be, while simultaneously helping others find an affordable place to live.

**WHO:** While there are no age or income restrictions for homesharing, most people sharing their homes (homeshare hosts) are elders or persons with a disability while most people looking for housing (homeshare guests) can't afford market rents.



Those Who.....	Shared Their Home	Found Housing
Age Range	27 - 99	23 - 71
Average Age	68	46
% Low Income (HUD)	78%	93%

**HOW:** We provide a comprehensive screening and matching service with ongoing support to those persons matched.

**FY 16 HomeShare Vermont - Results Based Accountability (RBA) Outcomes**

How Much?	Unduplicated # of Persons in Match	159
	# of Housing Units Created	105 homes available to share
	# of Service Hours Exchanged	26,208 hours of assistance to seniors & others

How Well?	Homeshare Average Match Length	405 days
	Participant Satisfaction	100% very or somewhat satisfied 96% would recommend us to family or friends

Is Anyone Better off?	Affordability of Housing	Average Rent	\$221	
	Ability of Seniors to Stay Safely at Home	Over 38% of those sharing their home reported they would not be able to live safely and comfortably at home without a homesharer.		
	Improved Quality of Life: Those having someone live with them report they.....	Feel Safer in their Home	85%	
		Feel Happier	82%	
		Feel Less Lonely	77%	
		Sleep Better	64%	
Feel Healthier	56%			

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## FY 16 Return on Investment

In FY 2016 the State of Vermont provided \$77,545 of General Fund dollars (level funding since 2007) and \$102,395 of matching federal funds to HomeShare Vermont. **This investment of state funding allowed Vermonters to save a total of over \$ 776,000.**



Homeshare Guests provided approximately 26,208 hours of assistance to seniors and others. This represents a **savings of nearly \$ 305,000 for those sharing their home and their families if they had to hire help.**<sup>1</sup>

By sharing their homes, low income seniors and others received over **\$ 111,000 in rental income to help them make ends meet.**

The average rent of a homesharing match was \$221 with 30% of matches paying \$0 rent. Using the difference between market rents and homeshare actual rents, it is estimated that **HomeShare Hosts saved over \$471,000 in rental expenses.**<sup>2</sup>



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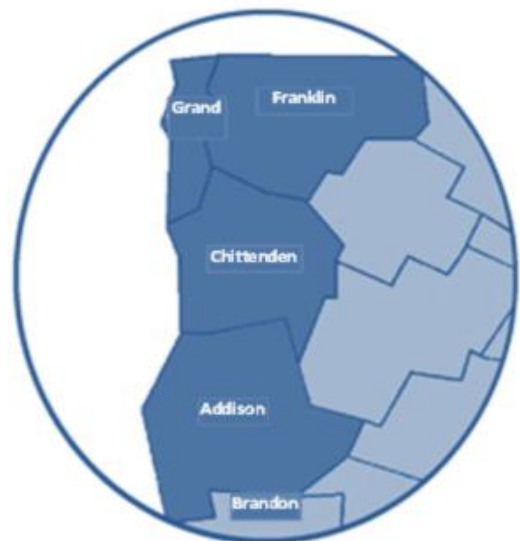
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**HomeShare Vermont** currently provides service to Addison, Chittenden, Franklin and Grand Isle counties. Homesharing programs are few across the United States, and Vermont has the largest geographic coverage of any state in the country.

### ***Other HomeSharing Resources***

**Home Share Now** provides service to Washington, Lamoille, Orange counties and adjacent towns. They can be reached by calling 802-479-8544.

***A Vermonter's Guide to Homesharing*** is a do-it-yourself guidebook that we provide to assist Vermonters outside of our service areas. In addition, we are available to provide consultation to all Vermonters who call with questions or need guidance.



<sup>1</sup> Calculation based on personal care assistant median wage - Bureau of Labor Statistics, VT State Occupation & Employment Wage Estimates

<sup>2</sup> Calculation based on fair markets rents for Addison, Chittenden, Franklin & Grand Isle Counties - VT Housing Finance Agency