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## Benefits of the Home Sharing Program

- Offers affordable housing
- Enhances financial well-being
- Promotes companionship
- Relieves feelings of loneliness and isolation
- Maintains independence in a community setting
- Helps provide security

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## How the Home Sharing Program is funded

Funding is received through New York State legislators, New York State Office for the Aging, New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, New York City Department for the Aging, New York City Council Members' and Borough Presidents' discretionary funds as well as private contributions.

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For further information,  
please visit [www.nyfsc.org](http://www.nyfsc.org)  
or call 212.962.7559

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## New York Foundation for Senior Citizens (NYFSC)

Established in 1968, New York Foundation for Senior Citizens is the only non-profit, non-sectarian organization serving New York's seniors in all five boroughs. The Foundation's mission is dedicated to helping New York City's older adults enjoy healthier, safer, productive and dignified lives in their own homes and communities and avoid the need for premature institutionalization.

Always eager to undertake innovative programs that benefit the senior population, NYFSC provides a wide range of services with the support of Federal, State, City and private funding. The many NYFSC social service programs and buildings that have been serving New York City's elderly for more than three decades include: Home Sharing, Respite Care, Home Care, Subsidized, Enriched and Homeless Housing, Project C.A.R.T. Transportation, Case Management, Home Repairs, Home Safety Audits, Senior Citizen Centers, Community Guardian and Ombudsman.

And, with rapid expansion of the population over 60 years old, New York Foundation for Senior Citizens continues to find new solutions that work.



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## New York Foundation for Senior Citizens

## Home Sharing Program

**A unique and affordable housing option**



*“An amazing program that helps hundreds of New Yorkers.”*

- NBC News 4 New York

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## Services provided by the Home Sharing Program:

Free of charge and the only service of its kind in New York City, New York Foundation for Senior Citizens' Home Sharing Program is a matching service that pairs "hosts" who have extra private spaces in their houses or apartments to share with responsible, compatible "guests" seeking suitable housing.

Adults age 18 or older are eligible, but at least one of the participants must be age 60 or older. The program seeks to match persons for whom shared living arrangements would enhance their financial and/or social well-being, to promote companionship and to relieve feelings of isolation.

The program also serves adult "hosts" age 55 or older, who are interested in sharing their homes with "guests" living with developmental disabilities age 18 and older capable of independent living.

### Professional social work staff provide:

- Comprehensive, confidential intake screening and matching services
- Assistance with negotiating home sharing arrangements
- Referral to appropriate program-related government entitlements and social service programs

*"Home sharing is the miracle for which I was waiting. And my match is just perfect."*

- Home Sharing Program Participant

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## Free of charge

There is no charge for the Home Sharing Program's services. When a match takes place, home sharing guests are responsible for a monthly contribution toward mutually agreed upon household expenses and/or provision of household services.

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## Eligibility

Prospective hosts and guests are adults ages 18 and older, with at least one of the match mates being 60 years or older. Hosts must own or rent apartments or houses in one of New York City's five boroughs and be willing to share part of their dwelling with at least one other compatible person.

Hosts must also provide homes that are appropriate and safe for the placement of guests. Guests must be able to live independently. Both hosts and guests must be willing to make reasonable financial and social arrangements.



*A successfully matched guest and host are among the hundreds who have benefited from the Home Sharing Program.*

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## A prospective host must provide:

- Three professional character reference letters (not from friends or family) on signed letterheads
- Copy of their current lease or proof of ownership of their residence
- Current photo ID
- Appropriate space to accommodate a guest

## A prospective guest must provide:

- Three professional character reference letters (not from friends or family) on signed letterheads
- Proof of income
- Current photo ID

## A prospective guest living with a developmental disability must have a Care Manager and provide:

- A medical evaluation within the past year
- Psychological and psychosocial evaluations within the past three years
- Proof of income
- TAB number

*"I like the fact that I am helping my guest by sharing my home, while my guest is helping me to financially afford to maintain my home and adding companionship to my life."*

- Home Sharing Program Participant

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