

## Sharing Wisdom, Guidance and Humor

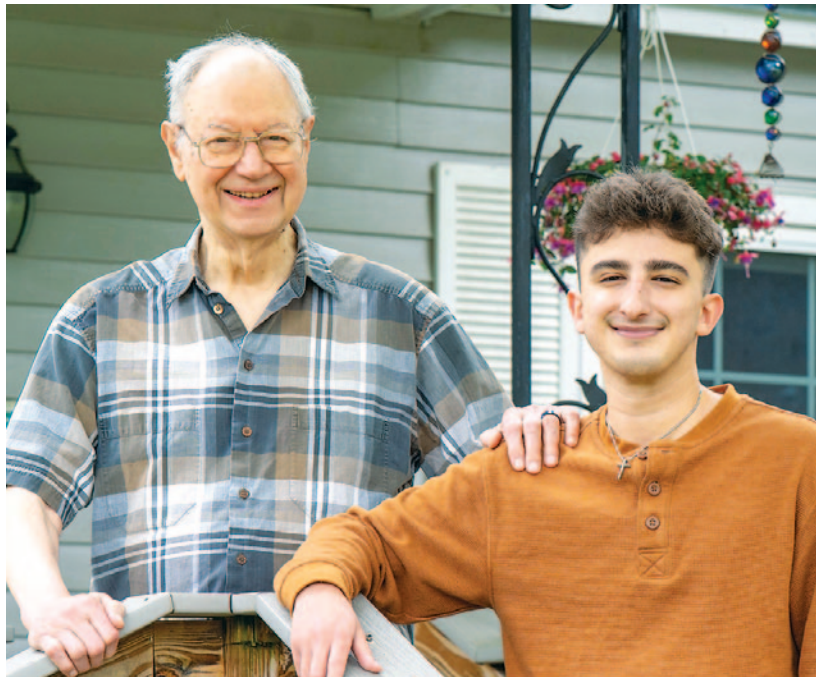
The day Adam first came to our office to learn about homesharing, it was obvious he had a lot to give. He had humor and stories to share and – after the passing of his lovely wife of 64 years, Rita – he had a home that had grown a bit more quiet and rather lonely.

“I live in a wonderful neighborhood in South Burlington with many friends around me,” Adam explained. “I didn’t want to leave it. There are four bedrooms here and I thought sharing it with an empathetic person would be a logical solution.”

Daniel is on the other end of the spectrum. A recent graduate of Texas Christian University, he was looking to launch a career in financial planning. When he was offered a job as a paraplanner in Vermont, the reality of finding a place to live set in.

“I decided to look on Facebook to find a roommate and that’s when I learned about HomeShare Vermont,” Daniel said. “I checked the website and asked my mom what she thought. She said it wouldn’t hurt to look into it. After I was interviewed by my HomeShare case manager, she seemed to have someone already in mind for me to meet.”

Daniel grew up in South Texas, close to the Rio



Adam and Daniel

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Grande and was now going from the country’s southern border to its northern one. “The only place I had been in the north or New England was Boston,” he admitted. He was definitely going to need some guidance on settling into Vermont.

Now retired, Adam spent his career as an architectural specifications writer, responsible for the finest details of design – the ideal person to help Daniel with the

transition to his new state. “When he arrived, Daniel didn’t have a car, so I drove him around to go car shopping,” Adam said. “And I was able to tell him what garage to use when it needs repairs.”

As part of their homeshare agreement, Daniel helps with chores around the house including mowing the lawn and his new-found skill of cleaning the litter box for Adam’s cat, Cinnamon. They also cook a meal together or go out to dinner at least once a week.

Daniel is focused on how we can all treat each other better. From Adam, he says, he has admired “the way he treats life and the positive way he talks about his marriage. He has shown me what I want with my family when I start one. I have him to look up to as someone who is having a long, healthy and happy life.”



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# “It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.” Irish Proverb

I’ve shared this quote with many of you. It’s also pinned to the wall in my office, so if you’ve been on a Zoom with me, you’ve likely seen these words over my shoulder. Now is a good time to lift up the wisdom contained in this one line: That we are responsible for one another.

It’s tempting to think that solving the challenges we face is the purview of our faith leaders, our elected officials or our business moguls. If HomeShare has taught me anything, it’s that neighbors, family, friends and strangers often create the solutions here in Vermont. And HomeShare is proud to be part of that tradition and that future.

So many of you have stepped up to support us. You have invited us to speak at your meetings, applied to be hosts and guests and bought tickets to our raffle (read on to see the results). Of course, so many of you support us by volunteering and donating to make sure this resource is available to others in our community. No matter where you find yourself on this list, I hope you’ll find some more evidence in this newsletter of the good lives that can be lived in the shelter of each other.

*Connor Timmons, Executive Director*



## Welcome to the Board, Christine and Blair

HomeShare Vermont is honored to have Christine Hazzard and Blair Wolston join our Board of Directors.



Christine has served as the Executive Director of the Brattleboro Housing Partnerships since 2020. She decided to join our Board after hearing of HomeShare’s partnership with the Windham & Windsor Housing Trust. “I love learning about innovative ways to meet the housing needs of everyone in our community,” she explained. “I look forward to supporting HomeShare in reaching more participants in Southern Vermont by sharing information with community members and helping my neighbors and community partners to understand what a wonderful, innovative program it is.”



Blair is a Financial Advisor at Sequoia Financial Group in Burlington. He learned of HomeShare Vermont from several of his clients who had participated over the years. “Their experiences were consistently positive and it was clear the program had made a meaningful impact on their lives,” Blair said. “As a native Vermonter from the Northeast Kingdom, I’ve seen firsthand how housing, isolation and financial pressure can affect individuals and families across our state. I’m hopeful I can contribute practical financial and organizational experience while helping expand awareness of HomeShare’s mission.”

# Here are Your 2026 Experience Vermont Raffle Winners

Thanks to everyone who purchased raffle tickets this year to support the work of HomeShare Vermont. As we've set new records in the number of matches we have made, we also set a record by selling 1,044 tickets this year, helping us to raise \$38,000 for our homesharing program.

Below is the list of this year's great prizes and the lucky

winners. Please support these generous businesses when you plan your next Vermont Experience.

Thanks also go out to our wonderful sponsors. And the committee that made this raffle a success: Meg Pond, Mary Gleason, Mary Harwood, Troi Bachmann, Joyce Touchette and Ric Cengeri.



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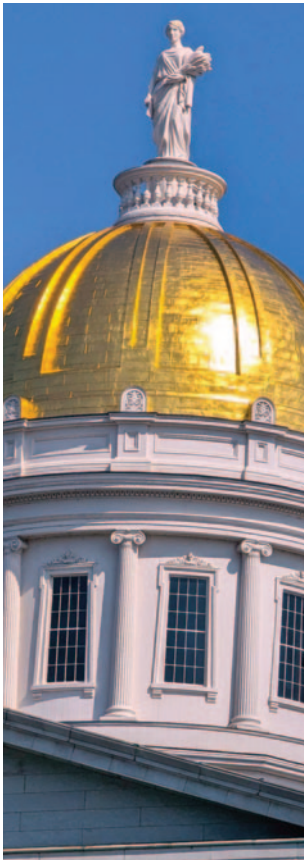
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### **Thank You Vermont Legislators!**

In our most-recent five-year strategic plan, HomeShare Vermont set a goal to serve everyone in the state by expanding to all 14 counties. That goal keeps moving closer to reality with our recent expansion into Windham, Windsor, Caledonia, Orleans and Essex Counties.

The ability to add those five counties has been made possible by funding from the State Legislature through the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL).

The State's FY27 budget will once again provide funding for HomeShare Vermont to continue serving these new areas through our partnerships with the Windham & Windsor Housing Trust and the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging.

"We're honored to be working with people from more of Vermont's communities than ever before," HomeShare Executive Director Connor Timmons noted. "We are thankful that the State continues to see the positive impact homesharing has on so many Vermonters."

### **Coming Soon to a Theater Near You**

HomeShare Vermont is reaching the big screen. Don't be surprised if you're sitting in a comfy theater seat somewhere in Vermont awaiting the start of a movie when you see the HomeShare Vermont logo flash across the screen with our homesharing message. Thanks to the Gibney Family Foundation for making this possible. Of course, you're excused if you let out a (respectful) cheer and tell those around you about HomeShare.

Just make sure to curtail the conversation once the movie starts.

And pass the popcorn!