

A Letter from HOME

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

This has been another busy year for HomeShare Vermont. This year our small four-person staff worked with over 950 program participants. Many thanks to our amazing Staff Volunteers who helped us to meet the growing need for our services. We couldn't do it without you!

Calendar year 2012 is HomeShare's 30th Anniversary. In light of this milestone we have taken on some new projects to highlight our 30 years of service. We are in the midst of a major reworking of our website which will include an on-line application which has required us to go from four different forms down to one.

We are also in the midst of a major revision of our do it yourself (DIY) manual, *A Vermonter's Guide to Homesharing*. This guide is for people who want to make a homesharing match on their own or for those living in parts of the state with no access to a comprehensive matching service.

In February we began offering monthly 30 minute informational sessions targeted to home providers and family members, giving people an opportunity to learn about our services and ask questions. These sessions have given potential home providers, care receivers and their families a sense of confidence in who we are before they fill out an application. This has been so successful we are thinking of offering these weekly this fall.

Homesharing Resurgence

This year, HomeShare Vermont has advised groups from California to Newfoundland, Canada about best practices and successful homesharing matchmaking. The aging of the population, the financial downturn and the cuts in government programs have all led to more places looking to start up homesharing programs again.

Closer to home we have been talking with individuals in Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire about homesharing and caregiving. Because of our work, volunteers in Hartland, Vermont have a homesharing match going; a new program has been launched in St. John's Newfoundland; and an agency in N.H. is doing an assessment to see if a statewide program is viable there. Sharing is a big part of what we do for each other.



HomeShare staff: Holly Reed, Kirby Dunn, MaryLou Thorpe, Amy Jelen

HomeShare Vermont Partners with the State of Vermont

HomeShare Vermont has received funding from the State for Vermont for many years. This year Commissioner Susan Wehry, Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living, invited HomeShare Vermont and the Central Vermont program, Home Share Now, to apply for a new source of funding

to increase the number of people who can access homesharing services in Vermont. The result of this new partnership is that the funding that comes to us from the State of Vermont will leverage federal dollars for our organizations in FY 13. As part of this increased funding we will be required to meet specific outcomes and work to expand services based on feasibility and cost effectiveness. 🏠

30 years



HomeShare Vermont is a non-profit agency that enables elders and persons with disabilities to remain independently in their homes by bringing them together with people seeking affordable housing and/or caregiving opportunities.



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We wish to acknowledge Steve Alexander and Phyllis Bartling of Futura Design in Shelburne for donating their time for the design/production of this Newsletter.

Rent Levels Increasing

One of the trends we are seeing in homesharing over the last few years is that our average rent for new matches is increasing. Rents are an indicator of how affordable housing is but also what financial need the person offering a home may have. We have a cap of \$400/month for rent to keep housing affordable. We do allow exceptions to this for people who have a financial hardship such as foreclosure or bankruptcy. We are seeing a growing dichotomy among the people coming to us—they have high needs for one or the other: service or rent.

Year	Average Rent	% Matches Service Only, No Rent
FY 12	\$202	17%
FY 11	\$189	37%
FY 10	\$114	57%

National Background Checks Now Required

Another change this year was a new policy on background checks. For the first time we required national background checks for all home seekers, caregivers and non-vulnerable home providers in addition to the other checks we were already doing (adult abuse, VT Criminal, child abuse, sex offender, Medicare fraud). We spent considerable time researching the various options and learning what other organizations were doing. Requiring national checks gives us a better sense of confidence for recommending clients who have come from out of state.

Trainings & Support Groups

This year we continued to offer free monthly support groups to caregivers and homesharers under the facilitation of Louise Dietzel, a licensed psychologist. We also offered a series of trainings. Special thanks to the individuals and organizational partners listed below who provided these trainings.

- Disease Prevention taught by Peg Slagle, Visiting Nurse Association (VNA).
- Dementia Care taught by Carrie Shamel, Choices for Care Case Manager.
- Spend Smart taught by Gillian Franks, CVOEO Growing Money Program.
- Transfer Training taught by Martha Brown, Physical Therapist & Trainer at the VNA.
- Medication Safety taught by Peg Slagle, VNA.

Participants in our
Transfer Training
with Martha Brown.



Accomplishments for FY 12

This year we worked with over 950 customers who were looking to stay in their home, find affordable housing and/or find a job providing personal non-medical care in the home.

- 71% of the people who applied for services this year are considered very-low income by federal standards.
- We helped 147 people stay in their home through the help of a homesharer or caregiver. Of these, 65 were elders or persons with disabilities who stayed at home or returned home from a nursing home or hospital with the help of personal non-medical caregivers of their choice.
- We helped 87 people find an affordable place to live.
- The average length of a homesharing match this year was 419 days.
- We helped 86 people find jobs providing personal non-medical care in the home.

To do this, 14 staff volunteers, our 4 person staff and 1 AmeriCorps member processed 318 applications, made over 900 reference checks, performed over 1,800 background checks, interviewed 284 customers (many in their homes) and facilitated 255 in-home introductions.

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A Personalized Service: In both Homesharing and Caregiving our services are tailor made to the individual and we stay actively involved in all our matches to help with changing needs or any issues which may arise. We provide comprehensive screening including six different background checks and require at least three positive references.



Homesharing is an old fashioned bartering arrangement where someone with a spare room in the home needs a little help, such as companionship, help with meals or simply a protective presence in the home, and is matched with someone who is looking for an affordable place to live and can offer an average of ten hours a week of service. An affordable rent or help with utilities can also be part of the exchange.

Caregiving serves people who need more help than a homesharer can provide and they hire a caregiver to provide personal, non-medical care in the home on either an hourly basis, or as a live-in companion who works full-time in exchange for a salary plus room and board. Our Caregiving Program is unique in that it is based on the self-directed model of care where the caregiver works directly for the person receiving care.

Our Screening & Matching Process

With thirty years of experience, HomeShare Vermont has developed a comprehensive and client driven process to make the best in-home matches possible.

- Each applicant completes a written **Application**.
- A comprehensive **Interview** is scheduled to get to know what the person's needs are.
- **Background checks** are done and references are checked.
- If approved for the program, we start to look for a match.
- When we have someone we think might be a fit, we call and tell them about each other.
- If they would like to meet, we arrange an **Introduction** with staff present. Very often several Introductions might occur before the right person is found.
- If both agree, a **Trial Match** is set up, typically for two weeks.
- If that succeeds, a **Match Agreement** is signed, outlining the expectations of both parties.
- HomeShare staff stay in regular contact and are available if needs change or issues arise.

A Home for Two

4 Tucked away in a wooded yard in Milton is a small house where two extraordinary women live together in an unlikely pairing. Meet homeowner Grace who celebrated her 100th birthday last October and her caregiver, 24 year old Ashina from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Born and raised on a farm in South Hero, Grace is a fifth-generation Vermonter. She lives in her mother's home now, a stone's throw from the house where she raised her two sons, and ran an oil delivery business with her husband.

Two years ago, Grace's grandson reached out to HomeShare Vermont to help her come home from a nursing home. Ashina was the first and only caregiver that Grace met, and it was apparent from the first meeting that the two shared a special connection. Having been in the United States less than a year, Grace's English was rudimentary at best. But that didn't

seem to matter—even with the language barrier, Ashina seemed somehow able to intuitively understand Grace's needs.

Two years later Ashina is able to clearly recount in English (her sixth

the afternoon. Grace loves to visit her neighbors, and also enjoys visits from her extensive family. Grace was an avid gardener in her youth, and Ashina helped her to plant a garden this year, and they look forward to enjoying the homegrown produce in their meals. Ashina speculates that perhaps this summer she would try cooking some traditional dishes from the Congo for Grace.

Having grown up in the city, and coming from a very large family, Ashina appreciates the peace and quiet of rural living. She hopes to eventually become a licensed nurse. She is as grateful for the work experience as she is to have the opportunity to know

Grace. The two women have been gifts to each other and they look forward to celebrating Grace's 101st birthday in the fall. 🏠



Karen Pike Photography

Ashina and Grace

language) many of the details of the life that she and Grace share, whom she fondly calls "Gram." Days pass quietly. Ashina tends to the household, and prepares meals for Grace. The two enjoy watching television together, and go for daily walks in

30 YEARS OF VOLUNTEERING

One of the reasons for 30 years of success is the unique role of volunteers at HomeShare Vermont. While most non-profits rely on volunteers, HomeShare Vermont's volunteers serve as case managers with their own clients. These volunteers, often retired professionals, provide donated services equivalent to that of a social worker, conducting in-depth interviews, facilitating introductions, negotiating homesharing agreements and providing ongoing support to those in matches. Dot Black, a veteran volunteer who became involved 30 years ago at the very start of the organization and continues to volunteer today, tells a bit about her experience.



Q: How did you get started?

A: Gail Feitelberg recruited me to volunteer at Fleming Museum. I tried it and it wasn't a fit for me, but she said she knew of something else. And here I am!

Q: How has volunteering at HomeShare Vermont changed in 30 years?

A: Years ago, Monday was my day in the office. Today, volunteers schedule appointments throughout the week as needed. Also, we delve deeper in our interviews today. And people show up for their appointments more today, since we started charging an application fee!

Q: What has stayed the same?

A: The volunteers are so dedicated to the clients and the program. And, as always, volunteers are continually improving their skills.

Q: What keeps you coming back?

A: The people! Everyone gets along. I look forward to our Wednesday meeting every week.

You might recognize Dottie or Joanne from our homesharing video or a previous newsletter. Both are veteran homesharers who have had great matches with us in the past, and are now in a match together.

Dottie first looked into homesharing five years ago when she was caring for her mother at home and wanted to find someone to stay with her Mom when she went out to meetings or social events. HomeShare matched them with a wonderful college student from Japan who fit the bill perfectly and shared their home for over a year. Last January, Dottie's mother passed away at 104 years of age. For the first time that she could remember, Dottie found herself truly alone and wanted more life in the house so she reached out to HomeShare Vermont again.

Joanne's no newcomer to this either. Over the past several years, she has been a devoted homesharer, first to a young woman with a disability and later to a senior couple. She came back to HomeShare when she found herself needing affordable housing with hopes of building another wonderful friendship in the bargain.

It was an easy match. Dottie and Joanne have many common interests, among them gardening, cooking, shopping (particularly for shoes), and going out to eat. That's not to say that they spend all their time in each other's company. During the day, Joanne works at Fletcher Allen, and Dottie, who has a real green thumb, tends her extensive garden. Both are active in their community.

Dottie volunteers for Meals on Wheels and the thrift store at her church. Joanne mentors a 7 year old with the King Street Youth Center and helps to organize events for the Salvation Army.

While the companionship stands out as a highlight for both women, Dottie also expresses an appreciation for the added security of having someone

come and go throughout the day and be a presence at night. For Joanne, she loves living somewhere that "actually feels like home." Both agree that living together has been a change for the better. "We have a lot in common, and we have a lot of fun together," said Dottie. "Life is too short to not have fun." 🏠



Dottie and Joanne

Karen Pike Photography

VOLUNTEERS OVER THE YEARS





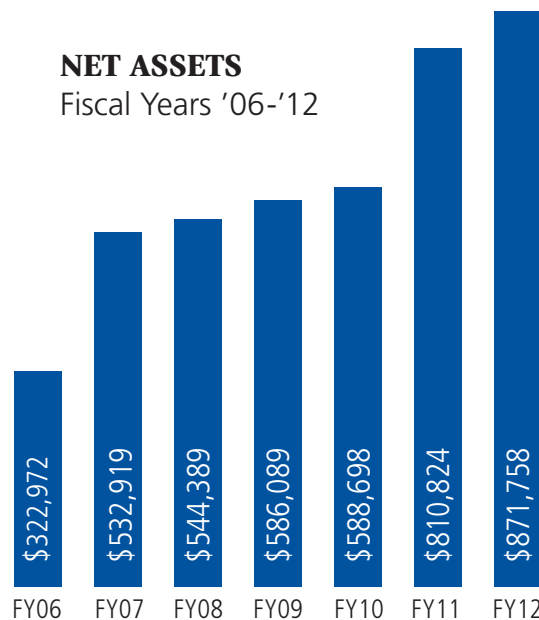
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Highlights of the History of HomeShare Vermont

- 1981** RSVP volunteers begin planning a home-grown homesharing program
- 1982** Project HOME is launched
- 1985** Project HOME moves from RSVP to the Cathedral Square Corporation
- 1986** Helen Head serves in her first of twelve years as Executive Director
Live-In Caregiving program starts
The first Advisory Board is formed
Project HOME becomes a Member Agency of the United Way
- 1988** The Respite Program (hourly caregiving) created
First direct State of Vermont appropriation
- 1991** *No Place Like Home*, a five-year study by Nicholas Danigelis & Alfred Fengler, published
- 1993** First Inns Raffle fundraiser
- 1997** *A Vermonter's Guide to Homesharing and Help at Home* published
- 1998** Moved from 3 Cathedral Square to 187 Saint Paul Street
- 2000** First AmeriCorps partnership with VT Housing & Conservation Board (VHCB)
- 2002** Project Home becomes HomeShare Vermont
Polly Rowe Memorial Fund started
- 2003** Central Vermont Program launched
HomeShare Vermont expands into Grand Isle County
- 2005** HomeShare Vermont becomes an independent non-profit corporation
- 2006** HomeShare expands service area to include Addison County
- 2007** HomeShare Vermont purchases our new office in South Burlington
- 2010** HomeShare Vermont Board of Directors seeds the HomeShare Vermont Fund with the Vermont Community Foundation
- 2012** 30th Anniversary!!!!

Growth in Assets

One of the indicators of our strength has been the growth in assets over the last few years. It all started in the 1990's with then long time Advisory Board member Connie Carpenter focusing on greater fundraising efforts and developing a "rainy day fund" to fall back on. Then the purchase of our office space, the Alex Ribak bequest, the Polly Rowe Fund and the new Fund at the Vermont Community Foundation have further contributed to our financial stability under the leadership of our Board of Directors and Finance Committee. Thank you Connie and all the board members and donors who have written letters, sold raffle tickets, bought silent auction items and contributed to us.



How Did We

Looking back on our 30 year history there are many people, organizations and perfect alignments that have happened to get us where we are today. Here are just a few of those who nurtured and supported us over the years.

RSVP volunteers and staff came up with the idea of homesharing, implemented it from scratch and made our very first matches. It was not just about the services but about meaningful volunteer experiences, and that is still a core component of our mission today.

Cathedral Square Corporation sponsored us as a program for many years without regard to cost, liability or micro-managing. They let us evolve and grow while they provided us a supportive home. They had a generosity of vision. We would not be here today if it were not for them.

United Way of Chittenden County, only four years into our existence, became an early and important funder and continues to fund us today. Not only do they provide a key source of revenue, they have provided volunteers, technical assistance and training, and so much more.

Helen Head was Executive Director at a pivotal time in our growth and provided the continuity of leadership needed. She professionalized the staffing and built the public base of support which we rely on today.

Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB) sponsored the AmeriCorps program for many housing and conservation groups around the state including HomeShare Vermont starting



We Get Here?

in 2001. Over the years we have had many fabulous AmeriCorps members: Leonora, Will, Jane, Becky, Kira, Ali, Stephanie, Alexis and Anne. So many things would not have happened if not for their energy and hard work.

Volunteers, board members and staff too numerous to mention-over a thousand individuals who have helped us in so many ways. HomeShare Vermont has attracted the best, brightest and most dedicated, and without each of them we would not be as strong as we are today.

Drs. Nick Danigelis and Fred Fengler, University of Vermont Sociology professors, volunteered, researched, and supported us in so many ways over the entire 30 years, including writing a book about our early days, helping us with our initial and outcomes evaluations, and conducting a recent study on how we use volunteers. They are always there for us.

Futura Design has donated professional design services for over fifteen years, each year doing slightly more. It started with the Annual Report, then the newsletters, the brochure, the new logo and various fundraising materials.

The State of Vermont started funding us in 1988 and has been a crucial partner in our growth and development. With a new source of funding for FY13, they will be a key reason we will continue to grow and expand in our next decade.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped us succeed and thrive.

30th Anniversary Campaign Is Well On Its Way

The Board of Directors voted to launch a 30th Anniversary Campaign to raise \$300,000 to support the services of HomeShare Vermont. This fund, established in December 2011, will help us meet the growing demand for our services, especially for people who seek a “match” but cannot afford our fee for services.

Amy Tarrant, a long time HomeShare supporter and friend, agreed to donate the lead gift to the Campaign. The 30th Anniversary Fund has been supported by initial and generous gifts from several community members including Lois McClure and Dr. Arnold & Virginia Golodetz.

As of June 30th, the Campaign had raised \$214,582 in gifts and pledges. This includes Amy Tarrant’s wonderful challenge gift of \$100,000. We are looking forward to our 30th Anniversary Celebration in October to share more news and perhaps make the final progress toward \$300,000!

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“HomeShare is one of the best organizations out there. It’s a win-win for both, and runs incredibly efficiently.”

AMY TARRANT, PHILANTHROPIST

HomeShare Vermont Dedicated Funds

July 1, 2011–June 30, 2012

THE BUILDING FUND

As part of our 2007 Capital Campaign to build a new home for HomeShare Vermont we included a healthy reserve account, a dedicated fund now called The Building Fund. This fund can be used for building/office related expenses as approved by the Finance Committee.



THE POLLY ROWE FUND

The Polly Rowe Fund was developed in 2002 after the passing of one of our founders and long-time volunteers, Polly Rowe. Polly volunteered for HomeShare for over eighteen years. She not only volunteered her time but was also a home-sharer herself. The goal of The Polly Rowe Fund is to generate income to help sustain HomeShare Vermont. To reach that goal, a portion of The Polly Rowe Fund has been placed in the HomeShare Vermont Fund at the Vermont Community Foundation. Special thanks to the donors listed as part of our annual appeal or 30th Anniversary Campaign who have dedicated their gift to the Polly Rowe Fund. They are listed with an * next to their name.



THE BUILDING FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 86,941.53
Interest	1,952.23
Expenses	(4,071.49)
Ending Balance	<u>\$84,822.27</u>

THE POLLY ROWE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$390,538.29
Interest	3,961.48
Donations & Bequests	20,501.41
Loss/Gain on Investments	4,729.87
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 419,731.05</u>

SPECIAL GIFTS

Some donors have listed their annual or 30th gift in honor of or in memory of someone special. Many of these people have close ties to HomeShare Vermont. We are pleased to recognize them here. **Contributions have been given in honor or memory of:**

Grandma Mildred Aube
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Financial Report

July 1, 2011–June 30, 2012

This is HomeShare's seventh year since becoming an independent non-profit corporation, and during each of those years we have enjoyed positive cash flow. This year, a major financial focus was the kickoff of the 30th Anniversary Fund campaign which had a positive impact on our net income and will support growth in HomeShare's programs, staffing and operations in the coming year. The Finance Committee also spent considerable time monitoring our assets which continue to grow. In FY 12 we made considerable contributions to the HomeShare

Vermont Fund at the Vermont Community Foundation, now totaling nearly one-third of our total assets. Again this year we wish to thank Cathedral Square Corporation for their continued collaboration and for providing bookkeeping services to HomeShare Vermont. This helps us provide a segregation of duties and an additional level of financial controls that are often difficult to achieve in small organizations.

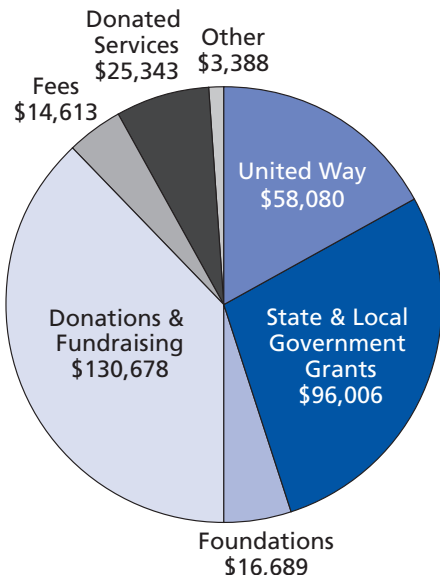


John Draper, Board Treasurer

EXPENSES

Salaries	\$165,368
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	43,991
Donated Services	25,343
Advertising	11,217
Occupancy & Tech	11,228
Postage	5,047
AmeriCorps	6,745
Fundraising Exp.	6,261
Audit/Legal/Ins.	10,885
Services & Training	2,279
Printing	11,825
Supplies	3,884
Mileage	2,890
Misc.	3,683
Total	<u>\$310,646</u>

INCOME



Total	<u>\$344,797</u>
Net Surplus	<u>\$34,151</u>

Audited Statement of Financial Position 6/30/12

ASSETS:

Cash & cash equivalents	\$409,229
Fund held by VT Community Foundation	280,524
Office facility, at cost	202,352
Office furniture & equipment	14,525
Accumulated depreciation	(34,872)
Total Assets	<u>\$871,758</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:

Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	5,889
Accrued payroll	<u>7,299</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>13,188</u>
Net Assets	
Unrestricted net assets	
Undesignated	172,012
Designated by Board	139,206
Used for office facility, furn. & equip., less depreciation	<u>182,005</u>
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	493,223
Fund Held by VT Community Foundation	280,524
Restricted Net Assets for building related expenditures	84,823
Total Net Assets	<u>858,570</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	<u>\$871,758</u>

Thank You! *We'd like to thank our donors at all levels of giving who have faithfully supported us again this year. HomeShare Vermont gives a special thank you to the staff, volunteers and donors of the United Way of Chittenden County.*



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Kirby Dunn in Newfoundland with Andrew Harvey, Shari Ritter, and Kathleen Connors.

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Jim Geier has generously donated a Vermont Folk Rocker in honor of HomeShare Vermont's 30th Anniversary. We will be selling up to 150 raffle tickets at \$20 each and drawing the winning ticket at our 30th Anniversary party on October 12th with the help of Willem Lange. The rocker is valued at \$1,575.

The Vermont Folk Rocker is constructed with heirloom quality out of solid Cherry. The rocker's seat and back conforms to your body. The all-wood seat and back feel like a quilted cushion because of the lively support of interlocking blocks that are suspended through the frame with nylon rope. As a result, you will relax in exquisite comfort. Your back will love it!

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