

HOMESHARE MACARTHUR

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What is Homeshare?

Homeshare is an innovative program that brings together older householders, or householders with a disability, who could benefit from help in the home and companionship with people of integrity prepared to lend a hand in return for affordable accommodation. The Householder provides a bedroom and shared facilities. In exchange, the Homesharer provides approximately 10 hours per week of practical assistance such as cooking, cleaning, shopping and gardening, as well as providing company and the added security of having someone else sleeping in the home.

What are the benefits of Homeshare?

Some of the benefits of Homeshare include:

- Homeshare assists young people find affordable housing while helping older people remain at home rather than in an aged care facility;
- It is care and help that is match based on needs, preferences and personalities of the Householder and Homesharer;
- It helps keep older people connected to their community, including local neighbours, services, religious and social networks.

MDSI and Homeshare

MDSI is very interested in the Homeshare program and the possibility of implementing it in the Macarthur area. To assist us gauge interest we would appreciate you completing an anonymous survey which can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NL6VX6S>.

Thank you.



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