



# FAITH PARTNERS FOR HOUSING

A Home For Everyone

## Faith Community News

Our mission -- is to expand affordable housing in Clark County, Washington by mobilizing faith based resources.

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### WHO ARE FAITH PARTNERS FOR HOUSING?

We are a coalition of faith-based communities and individuals, open to all faiths. The role of Faith Partners for Housing (FP4H) is to connect people who have resources: land, buildings, homes, and expertise with organizations who can effectively transform those resources into low income, affordable and shared housing; for families, singles, and seniors. We want to live in a community where all hard working people can afford a safe, and decent home for themselves, and/or their families. A community where seniors know they have a place to live, and the most vulnerable among us need not live in tents.

**We Can Make This Happen. It's Our Community!**

### Increased Need for Affordable Housing During COVID-19

The **COVID-19** pandemic has resulted in creating enormous impacts on our local economy. Businesses have closed or furloughed employees as a result of the loss of revenue from the stay at home directives. High unemployment numbers have resulted in the loss of jobs, evictions, or defaults on mortgages. The need to use the existing housing stock in new ways is necessary to stave off evictions. Here's a short video about it. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZSJqIIMDRg&t=3s> COVID-19 has reminded us that loneliness and isolation are major issues for seniors, and those with varying abilities in our community. Isolation has a negative impact on everyone. *Please see our featured articles on home sharing, which addresses loneliness more fully.*

### Faith Partners for Housing Is Ready for Your Tax Deductible Donations.

Faith Partners for Housing has recently registered with the state of Washington as well as the federal government as a non-profit **501 (c)(3)**. This status allows FP4H to solicit and receive tax deductible contributions. If you would like to make a donation, please send your tax deductible check to: Faith Partners for Housing, c/o St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 5607 Gher Rd., Vancouver, WA 98662 or contact Denny Scott @ email [rdennyscott@aol.com](mailto:rdennyscott@aol.com).



**THANKS TO ST. ANDREW Lutheran Church FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND WILLINGNESS TO DO OUR FINANCIALS DURING OUR START UP YEARS!!**

## HOME SHARE PROGRAMS

### **A Home Share Program for Clark County**



Faith Partners for Housing recently completed a proposal for a home share program in Clark County. The report is being circulated among a variety of county agencies and funding sources in effort to build partners and funding. We have used the Shared Housing Services of Tacoma as a Model for a Home Share Program in Clark County. If you would like a copy of the report, please contact: Helen Elder, volunteer, via email [helenelder1@gmail.com](mailto:helenelder1@gmail.com) and a report can be emailed to you. In addition to providing affordable housing the Clark County Home Share Program also addresses loneliness and isolation, which is discussed in our article on Loneliness.



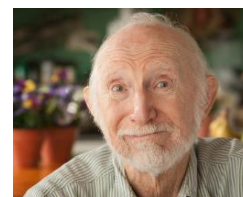
### **Tacoma Home Share A Model for Clark County**

The Tacoma Adult Home Share Program has been matching home seekers and home providers since 1991. Home seekers in need of affordable housing are matched with home providers who are willing to provide a private room in exchange for rent or assistance. Rents average well below market rates at about \$550 per month although, negotiations based on individual matches can be made. Home providers might be senior citizens, persons with disabilities, working professionals, those at-risk of homelessness, single parents, or simply persons wishing to share their life and home with others. Home Sharing offers companionship, affordable housing, security, mutual support and much more. *Here's a link to view a short video on the Tacoma Home Share Program.* <https://youtu.be/nUupkU5NuQA?v=IZSfiqIMDRg>

## Home Share Programs Address Loneliness

Home share programs can address loneliness in addition to providing affordable housing. Studies have shown that loneliness is as damaging to an individual's health as smoking. A senior may find they are left with extra living space. Home share programs allow the home provider and home seeker to self-select each other and draft a mutually acceptable agreement which can result in a thriving companionship.

*"Loneliness is the hardest part."*



Part of the success of the program is the creation of a Home Share Community. This is based on volunteers, home seekers, home providers, and community supporters coming together to create a community that supports and nurtures the program. Many of the volunteers will be retired social workers, therapist, administrators and managers. As seniors themselves they may be looking to fill a void by volunteering. The community will help provide support to make matches successful and to provide social opportunities, events, and more. Here's a short video that shows how a home share program can help companionships thrive.

[https://youtu.be/C8cwAaSZ\\_Bc](https://youtu.be/C8cwAaSZ_Bc)



## ***CAN INDIVIDUALS IN YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY BENEFIT FROM A HOME SHARE PROGRAM?***

Do you know someone who has a home to share? Seniors in need of additional income, and/or companionship, and has space to rent below market rates? Please contact [helenelder1@gmail.com](mailto:helenelder1@gmail.com) to be placed on our email list.

# Can Religious Charities Take the Place of the Welfare State?

By: EMMA GREEN

The Atlantic MARCH 26, 2017

“In their private lives, religious Americans are extremely generous. According to the Lake Institute on Faith and Giving at Indiana University, donations to congregations, denominations, mission board, and TV and radio ministries account for roughly one-third of all annual giving in the U.S. The impact of this money is difficult to calculate, but it’s large: In 2001, the University of Pennsylvania professor Ram Cnaan tried to tally the financial value of all congregational social services in Philadelphia, estimating that it added up to roughly \$247 million. When all social-service organizations with a religious mission are taken into account, the value of those services in many communities would likely be much higher.”

**We Are:**



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Denny Scott, Chair of “**Faith Partners for Housing**” presents a *Supporting Partner Certificate* to members of **St. Paul Lutheran Church** ~ Geri Hiller, Delores Ruge and Sally Schlachtenhaufen.



**First Row** (Lt. to Rt.) - **Immanuel Lutheran** ~ Dorothy Klaudt and Pastor Adrienne Strehlow; **St. John's Catholic** ~ Kathy Iberle; **Memorial Lutheran** ~ Judy Tiffany; and **Immanuel Lutheran** ~Sheila Osheroff

**Second Row** (Lt. to Rt.) - **St. Paul Lutheran** ~ Delores Ruge, Geri Hiller, and Sally Schlachtenhaufen; **Orchards United Methodist** ~ Terry Eaton; **St. Andrew Lutheran** ~ Joann Derie; **Community Volunteer** ~ Carrie Parks

**Back Row** (Lt. to Rt.) - **St. Andrew Lutheran**~ Denny Scott; **St Joseph and St Thomas Catholic** ~ David Lester; **Memorial Lutheran** ~ Mark Maggoria; **Council for the Homeless**~ Brenda Schallberger

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*COVID-19 and Housing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZSjigIMDRg&t=3s>*

*Tacoma Home Share Program: <https://youtu.be/nUupkU5NuQA>*

*Home Share and Loneliness [https://youtu.be/C8cwAaSZ\\_Bc](https://youtu.be/C8cwAaSZ_Bc)*