

## **The Housing Crisis: How we at Foothills might be able to help**

We are all aware of the serious and growing crisis regarding the shortage of housing in our area. Though we may be concerned, we may also feel that there is absolutely nothing that we can do personally to help.

Our Justice Issues Study Group here at Foothills is encouraged by a number of efforts toward making more affordable housing available here. One such effort is that of shared housing.

This idea involves matching people needing rooms with homeowners. For example, there are many students at Foothill, as well as employees of El Camino Hospital, who are finding housing to be their greatest challenge. And there are people with homes that have the space to accommodate another person.

During the next months, we will hear more about this program. Homeowners can benefit both financially and socially through companionship with their tenant, and it is with this thought in mind—mutual benefit through an act of intentionality that moves us to support the concept of home sharing in Los Altos.

We will be learning more about this during the next months at Foothills. Please be thinking of this concept when you look around your own home, and that of friends and neighbors. We cannot help everyone, but we may be able to make housing available to someone.

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