**Learn about Shared Housing: A new way to solve homelessness!**

Associated Ministries of Pierce County is a Tacoma nonprofit working towards homelessness relief and prevention. In recent years, the agency has added two new programs that offer preventative solutions for our neighbors living with housing insecurity and experiencing homelessness. For many, not knowing where to find stable shelter is a massive barrier to moving forward with life. The idea of Youth Host Homes and Adult Home Share is to make use of the excess space we have throughout Pierce County; turning a spare room into a fresh start.

The Adult Home Share program eases the financial difficulties that arise with the increase in the cost of living across Pierce County. AHS is a living arrangement that pairs a home seeker with a home provider who has a spare room. In exchange, a monthly rental agreement is established for the home seeker to pay at a fraction of the cost of an apartment. After a thorough matchmaking process, successful move-ins result in secure housing for the home seeker while the homeowner is provided with extra income and companionship.

Similar to Adult Home Share, the Youth Host Homes program pairs a young person experiencing homelessness with a caring household that wants to make a difference. The goal of YHH is to give at-risk youth the chance to focus on becoming self-sufficient. Although home providers are given the opportunity to offer light mentorship, each youth is assigned a caseworker to guide them in progressing with goals outside the home. For many young people, this could be finding employment, continuing education, or getting a place of their own. The household is also compensated financially for the space they provide. This program is highly effective in preventing chronic homelessness among youth in our community.

**Have a spare room? Here's how you can make an impact!**

We are seeking those with a community-oriented mindset who see their empty room as an opportunity to change their lives. If this sounds like a good fit for you or someone you know, then scan the QR Code below to learn more!

Youth Host Homes: Adult Home Share;

 

If you are interested in having an Associated Ministries representative share more about our resources, please contact Annika Fraga our Community Outreach Lead schedule a presentation at your congregation, service club, neighborhood association, workplace, local event, or other community gathering.

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