



HOST HOMES PROGRAM

You Can Help End Youth Homelessness!

Become a Host Home for up to 12+ months
to help a young adult facing housing instability.



Our Mission:

We believe that the housing crisis is a complicated problem that requires creative community solutions. HPC's Host Homes Program seeks to **empower** young people aged 18-24 by providing tools, resources, and guidance to achieve stability through an individualized approach.

The Host Home provides safe, stable, short-term housing for young adults as they work with a Case Manager to pursue long-term housing and life goals. This model helps to prevent the cycle of homelessness in its early stages.

What is a Host Home?

A household on the Cape or Islands that provides a private room to a young adult facing housing instability for up to 12+ months.

Host Homes Receive:

Comprehensive training Ongoing support from HPC staff A monthly monetary stipend

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About Host Homes:

HPC's Host Homes Program pairs young people aged 18-24 experiencing housing instability with community members who have underutilized space in their homes. HPC's Host Homes Coordinator matches each young adult with a host, based on living style compatibility, for a stay of up to 12+ months. The host home serves as a steppingstone, allowing young adults to save up their income while safely engaging in their long-term housing search. Each participant works closely with an HPC Case Manager to focus not only on future housing, but also on academic, employment, budgeting, and other individualized goals.

There are many unknowns when it comes to hosting a young adult. It requires trust, hope, vulnerability, commitment, communication, healthy boundaries, and flexibility.

Program Details:

Host Requirements:

- Live on Cape Cod or the Islands
- Commit to hosting a young adult for an agreed upon period of time
- Provide a bedroom or private space in their home with access to a shared or private bathroom and kitchen where the young adult can prepare meals and store food
- Complete an application, two interviews, background check (CORI), and home inspection
- Provide three character references
- Provide proof of homeowners or renters insurance
- Participate in host orientation training and ongoing training opportunities as they arise
- Attend monthly check-ins with HPC staff

How Hosts are Supported by HPC:

- Hosts in need of financial support to offset the cost of adding an additional person to their household can opt in to receive a taxable, monetary monthly stipend.
- Hosts are required to participate in monthly check-ins with HPC's Host Homes Coordinator. These check-ins are host-lead and individualized to best support each respective host's needs.
- Access will be provided to additional training sessions and educational opportunities as and when needed.
- Hosts are welcome to attend optional host peer group meetings to share experiences and discuss questions or concerns in a safe space with other hosts.