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Building healthy neighborhoods
by providing creative, affordable
housing opportunities in
Grand Rapids.

New Development Corporation



- Housing Renovation and Sale
- Homebuyer Education
- Financial Education and Coaching
- GRHomeShare

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Only 266 single-family homes are currently for sale in the City of Grand Rapids, regardless of price - 1/5th of the market needed for a healthy housing environment.*



*"Market Rate Rent: 'a Problem That Needs to Be Solved'." *Grand Rapids Business Journal*. N.p., 1 Jan. 2016. Web. 17 Mar. 2017.

"Grand Rapids Real Estate Search." Grand Rapids Association of Realtors. GRAR, 11 Sept 2017. Web. 11 Sept. 2017.

A Crisis in Real Estate

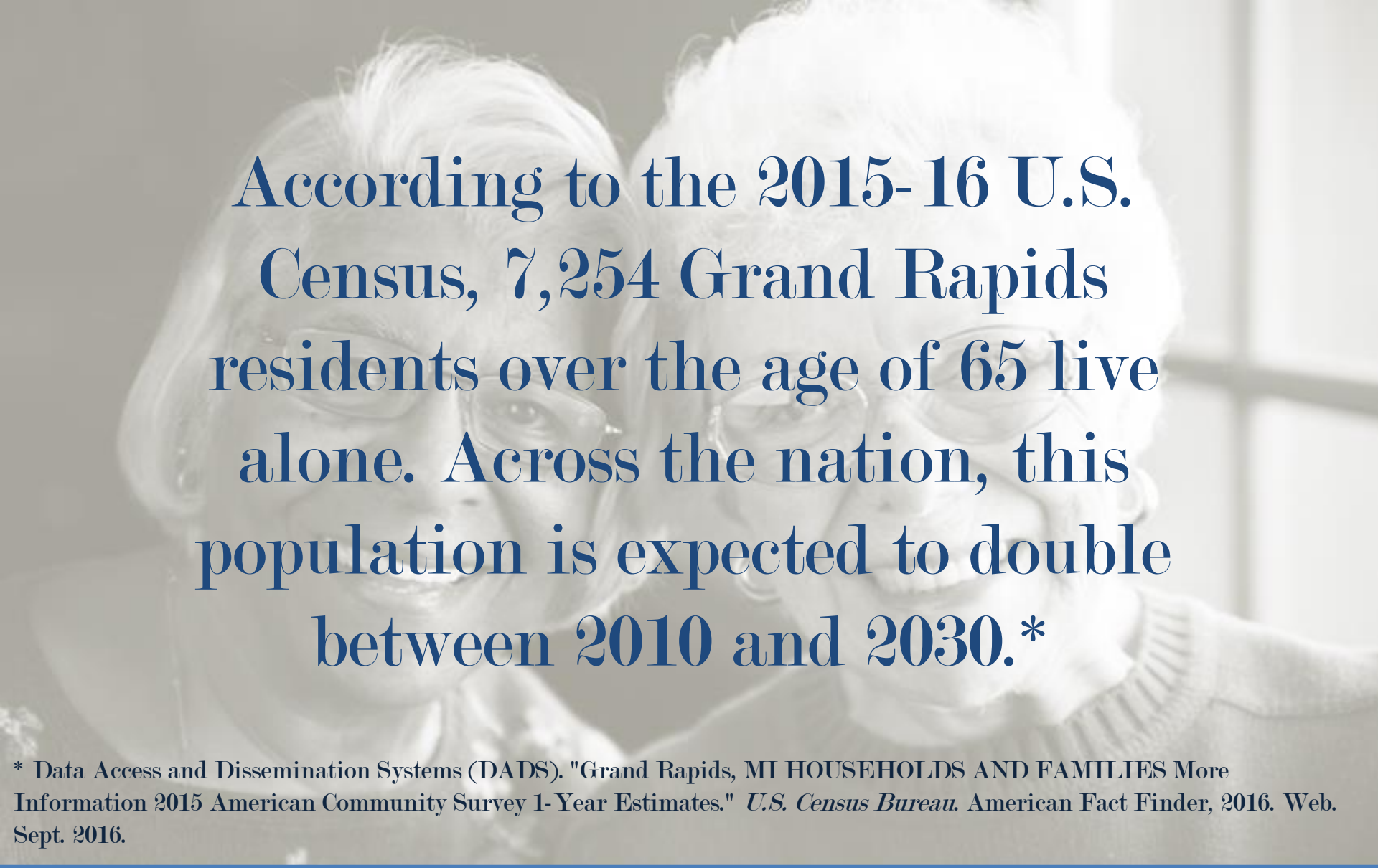
98% of all rental properties in
Grand Rapids are occupied.
Average rent in the City of Grand
Rapids is \$966 per month.*



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Francis, Derek. "Grand Rapids' Rental Vacancy Rates Lowest in Country." Fox17. N.p., 17 Mar. 2015. Web. 17 Mar. 2017.

A Crisis in Rental Affordability



According to the 2015-16 U.S. Census, 7,254 Grand Rapids residents over the age of 65 live alone. Across the nation, this population is expected to double between 2010 and 2030.*

* Data Access and Dissemination Systems (DADS). "Grand Rapids, MI HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES More Information 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates." *U.S. Census Bureau*. American Fact Finder, 2016. Web. Sept. 2016.

Rising Senior Population



Aging in Place



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GRHomeShare is the result of collaboration between a diverse group of Grand Rapids organizations.



- Karen Leppek, AAAWM
- Ann Thomas, Advocates for Senior Issues
- Helen Lehman, New Development Corporation
- Lily Fossel, New Development Corporation
- Annette Vandenberg, West Grand Neighborhood Organization
- Ada Mbuno, West Grand Neighborhood Organization
- Margaret Freund, Ask Margaret
- Disability Advocates of Kent County
- Jayme Vosovic, MSW

GRHomeShare Collaborators

The GRHomeShare model is based on existing and thriving home share programs in Ann Arbor, New York, and Vermont.



A Proven Method...

Home-sharing was a popular way to stretch a family budget, secure extra household help or childcare, or maintain the expenses of a large home during and after both World Wars and the Great Depression. Many of our senior participants home-shared in their childhood or later in life.

...Based on an Old Idea

GRHomeShare serves housing “seekers” in search of affordable shared homes with existing live-in homeowners (“providers”) searching for companionship, security, or support for the physical and financial maintenance of their home.

Who will GRHomeShare serve?

GRHomeShare is open to
seekers and providers of any
income level. At least one
member of every match must
be 55 or older.



Who does GRHomeShare serve?

Application Process



Guided Match



Maintenance and Assessment

How does the program work?

Seeker Application – Phase 1

This application allows the GRHomeShare to verify your eligibility for the program. The GRHomeShare welcomes applicants with a variety of backgrounds and experiences, and seeks to facilitate safe, healthy, and affordable housing matches. The consideration of this application by GRHomeShare staff requires the payment of a \$25 application fee. See "Applicant Processing Fees" for more information. Once completed:

Please mail application materials (completed) to:
New Development Corporation
205 Carrier Street NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49505



Please scan and email application materials (completed) to:
info@newdevelopmentcorp.org

Name (First, Last):		Application Date:	
Street Address (Physical):		City:	State: Zip Code:
Mailing Address (if different from above):		City:	State: Zip Code:
Home Phone Number: () -	Cell Phone Number: () -	Email Address:	
Date of Birth: / /	Age:	Sex:	Marital Status:
Number of People Seeking Housing Together:		Relationship to Seeker:	
How did you hear about GRHomeShare:			
Do You Live in the Grand Rapids City Limits:	Housing Needed From: / /	Housing Needed Until: / /	

Application Process

Phase I Application – Eligibility

- Background Check
- Credit Check
- Property Check
- Personal References

Phase II Interview/Home Visit – Compatibility

- Personal Preferences
- Lifestyle
- Needs

Application Process

To ensure the sustainability of the program, GRHomeShare applicants pay a **\$25.00 application fee** as well as an **income-based match fee** in exchange for a successful match. Both fees cover up to two matches within a year of application. Some discretionary funds are available to support program costs for low-income applicants.

Client Costs

Matches are made based on complementary needs and compatible lifestyles.

- All matches are guided by trained social workers.
- Each match must be jointly approved by both parties.
- Meeting and creation of a living agreement is guided by GRHomeShare staff.
- GRHomeShare requires use of a month-to-month lease for the first 3 months of home sharing.

Guided Matching Process

Living with a new housemate can be an adjustment.

We offer mediation with an MSW to address and assuage any challenges that arise as seekers and providers settle into their home share experience.



Mediation

How do we grow and improve as a program?

All clients participate in regular surveys , as well as joint and individual interviews to monitor and support the success of each match. Client data is also gathered to track the program's effects on health, comfort, community engagement, financial status, and access to community resources.

Data Assessment and Guidance



Expected Outputs and Outcomes

Client Benefits

- Affordable housing options in an unaffordable market
- Aging in place – GRHomeShare facilitates financial and maintenance support for senior homeowners.
- Comfort and Security
- Cross-generational understanding
- Increased Community Engagement



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Community Benefits

- Creative housing solutions in an increasingly untenable housing market
- Mitigating the systemic cost of long-term care
- Preservation of homeownership
- Community engagement



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- **Finding a good match takes time.** Be ready for a slow start!
- **Trust** is paramount for all participants.
- **Clarity of service** helps to avoid confusion and liability. Know your limitations.
- **Referral partnerships and targeted marketing:**
 - CALL Program
 - Neighborhood Associations
 - Local Bulletins
 - Social Media
 - Churches

— **Best Practices and Bumps in the Road** —

Share your home. Share your help. Share your life.

Be a Supporter. Be a Partner.

Join us in bringing affordable housing to those who need it most. Let us know who else should hear about GRHomeShare, or contact us directly to donate, request an application, ask questions, or refer friends.

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