



Barrie HomeShare Report

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1. Executive Summary

Barrie HomeShare was initiated as part of a partnership between Barrie's Office of the Mayor and Georgian's Centre for Changemaking and Social Innovation. It is a pilot project that matches post-secondary students with older adults aged 55+ who have a spare room in their home. In exchange for reduced rent the student provides up to seven hours per week of companionship and light help with household tasks.

The partnership between the City and the College was to examine: 1) the viability and feasibility of leveraging the FlashFood app as a community solution to food insecurity and, 2) exploring a pilot project that matches post-secondary students with older adults aged 55+ who have a spare room in their home using the Toronto HomeShare Model.

In the initial partnership the pilot Barrie HomeShare project was initially aiming to create 10 student-adult 55+ matches by August 31, 2020, but was impacted by COVID-19. With the conclusion of the initial partnership agreement on August 31st, 2020 new funding was secured through the United Way Simcoe-Muskoka Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF) to extend the pilot for the Barrie HomeShare project until March 31st, 2020. In this extension, the new aim is to create a database of student-adult 55+ matches within the context of the climate of COVID-19, in an effort to address social isolation in our community.

PART ONE – Pilot Overview

2. Project Description

Barrie HomeShare is based upon the successful Toronto HomeShare program. The project is promoted and coordinated by Georgian College's Centre of Social Impact and Social Innovation's Social Impact Projects Coordinator, while working in partnership with Barrie's Office of the Mayor.

Barrie HomeShare is being run as a pilot project as a way of addressing social isolation issues in our community. It is designed to match post-secondary students with older adults aged 55+ who have a spare room in their home where in exchange for reduced rent the student provides up to seven hours per week of companionship and light help with household tasks.

The project is supported by its own Website, www.barriehomeshare.com , which provides:

- a. Highly in-depth and distinct matching online questionnaires, one for adults 55+ and one for the post-secondary students. The questionnaires' goal is to help provide the best possible matches.
- b. Contact information for the Social Impact Projects Coordinator and for the Masters of Social Work (MSW) staff assigned to perform the pre-screening.

The pre-screening involves a home visit to ensure that the home meets all safety and access criteria. The MSW staff also performs in-depth reference checks and screening interviews with both the adult 55+ and the post-secondary student. Additionally, vulnerable sector screening must be completed by both the adult 55+ and the post-secondary student.

- c. List of upcoming promotional events at which information sessions will be taking places. These range from CARP events to Adult 55+ Centres' Events to College Open Houses to numerous others.
- d. Highlights and links to recent media and various other materials where Barrie HomeShare has appeared.

Appearances have included:

Academica Group's "Today's Top 10" (February 10, 2020):

<https://www.academica.ca/top-ten/georgian-barrie-partner-launch-social-innovation-projects>

CTV Barrie's coverage of the project's launch (February 6, 2020):

<https://barrie.ctvnews.ca/pilot-project-aims-to-create-affordable-living-for-college-students-1.4800765>

Full page article in The Barrie CARP Spring 2020 Newsletter (page 14), with the additional mention of project by the local CARP Barrie Chair in the editorial section (page 3):

https://barriecarp.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/CARP-36_Barrie_spring_2020_online-2.pdf

A full page in the City of Barrie's Parkview Allandale 55+ Centres' PALS newsletter (Appendix A, page 10).

A full booth at the Georgian College Open House (February 8, 2020, Appendix B, page 11).

In Toronto, the Toronto HomeShare program on which the Barrie HomeShare program is based, has already been highly successful twice. Initially with under 20 matches and then with under 200 matches.

The Barrie HomeShare will also have an advisory committee that will include various experts, including numerous adults 55+, specializing in issues related to adults 55+. This committee will meet once a month to review Barrie HomeShare activities and to provide feedback that will be continually used to improve the program.

2. a. Project Objectives

Adults 55+ utilize a room that would otherwise be unused in their home to have increased income (rent from post-secondary student). This decreases financial pressures and money can be allocated to numerous other needs such as food, home improvements, and social activities.

Interaction between adults 55+ and post-secondary student alleviates social isolation.

The up to 7 hours of light household duties that the post-secondary student performs increases the quality of life for the adults 55+. The duties performed potentially protect health as strenuous activities (such as mowing the lawn or shoveling snow) can be

avoided. (If social distancing continues, adults 55+ now have the possibility of the post-secondary student performing the grocery getting function which reduces potential health risk hazard for the adult 55+.)

Instills the idea and the benefit of being active in the community through volunteering to be part of the Barrie HomeShare program.

2. b. Priorities

Barrie HomeShare meets three priorities that are currently a federal focus in Canada. The first two immediately and the third in a very short span of time from its start.

i. In terms of **preventing elder abuse and fraud**, including measures to reduce crimes and harm against seniors:

The post-secondary students (who are all required to have vulnerable sector screening) will act as a means to increase safety for the seniors by simply having an additional person in the home and also by being there to flag and help with issues and challenges that adults 55+ might be experiencing.

The program involves a Masters of Social Work (MSW) person who not only screens the post-secondary students and the adults 55+ (including the adult 55+'s residence) to create best matches using detailed matching questionnaires, but is also continually available whenever the adults 55+ (and/or the post-secondary students) wants to address any concerns. The MSW also performs a monthly check-in with the adult 55+ (and the post-secondary student) to ensure that the project is proceeding well.

ii. In terms of **supporting healthy aging in community, addressing dementia, including supports and intergenerational housing**:

All of the same factors as listed above (section 2.i) for the prior national priority apply to this section as well.

iii. In terms of **counteracting ageism in the workplace to promote labour market retention of seniors**:

The experience that the post-secondary students gain through their regular interaction with the adults 55+ will nurture an appreciation that the post-secondary students will develop for the skills of older workers. In turn, this appreciation will lead to the post-secondary students wanting to retain older workers which will have a strong impact in the labour market, especially as the students move through their careers. The post-secondary students who go through the Barrie HomeShare program will become champions of hiring and retaining older workers and will be able to explain to other members of their age cohort the value of the experience and skills of older workers.

3. Senior Leadership and Involvement

Input into and promotion of Barrie HomeShare program is to be continually received from groups such as CARP and the City of Barrie Seniors Advisory Committee. Barrie will also have its own eight member advisory committee that will make recommendations to Barrie HomeShare. Seniors will also be part of the Advisory Committee for Barrie HomeShare so that they have a constant opportunity to impact the project through recommendations and inputs. The Advisory Committee will be reviewing and providing project improvement inputs on a monthly basis.

4. Benefit to Adults 55+

i. As leaders:

Barrie HomeShare adult 55+ act as role models who can share wisdom and experience with the post-secondary students.

ii. As volunteers:

Barrie HomeShare adult 55+ act as advisors who help to improve the lives of other adults 55+s by contributing to the ongoing improvement of the Barrie HomeShare project by serving on the Barrie HomeShare advisory committee.

iii. As participants:

Barrie HomeShare adult 55+ utilize a room that would otherwise be unused in their home to have increased income (rent from post-secondary student). This decreases financial pressures and money can be allocated to numerous other needs such as food, home improvements, and social activities.

The interaction between adults 55+ and post-secondary student alleviates social isolation.

The up to 7 hours of light household duties that the post-secondary student performs increases the quality of life for the adults 55+, and potentially protects the seniors health as strenuous activities (such as mowing the lawn or shoveling snow) can be avoided. (If social distancing continues, adults 55+ now have the possibility of the post-secondary student performing the grocery getting function which reduces potential health risk hazard for the adults 55+.)

The program instills and promotes the idea and the benefit of being active in community through volunteering to be part of the Barrie HomeShare program.

5. Benefit to Communities

Barrie HomeShare helps seniors to increase income. Increased income can be spent on food, home improvements, social activities, and numerous other factors that improve the lives of those 55+.

The program mitigates social isolation and creates increased respect between two different generations through increased contact.

It alleviates some of the pressure on senior housing as adults 55+ can stay in their homes longer due to improved finances and the tasks performed by the post-secondary students.

It also alleviates pressure on other municipal programs as adults 55+ can receive help through post-secondary student and through the MSW position.

It increases adult 55+ home safety through having an additional person in home. This includes having an extra person in the home who can ensure that stoves and other appliances are turned off after use.

It frees up the 55+'s time (up to 7 hours per week) so that they can engage in leisure activities.

6. Budget Overview

***Barrie HomeShare Budget September through August 2020**

Contribution from Georgian College: \$14,352

Contribution from City of Barrie Mayor's Office: \$14,352

Additional Max Allotment, City of Barrie Office of the Mayor, for Masters of Social Work Personnel through separate agreement with NICE (National Initiative for the Care of the Elderly): \$5,000

Covered through CCSI (Centre of Changemaking and Social Innovation), Georgian College: Any additional miscellaneous costs

Georgian College Administrative Cost	2,100
Social Impact Projects Coordinator Salary (including benefits)	23,000
Masters of Social Work (Toronto, NICE) Student Travel Cost	City of Barrie separate budget
Barrie HomeShare Website Registration Cost (Including Domain Name) – Paid by CCSI	350
Cost of Promotional Flyers	300
Promotional Banners	900 (2 x \$450)
Social Impact Projects Coordinator Travel to Promotional Events Cost	200
Vulnerable Sector Screening Applications Cost	Not Applicable at this point
Total – Not Including MSW from NICE	\$26,850

Remainder / Miscellaneous: \$1,854

A sample of a *4 month projected future budget that would have occurred if not for COVID-19 Impact that occurred as of Mid-March 2020.

*4 month period considered as 17.381 weeks

52.143 weeks in an average year/12 months x 4 months = 17.381 weeks

Social Impact Project Coordinator Cost:

Overall project coordination, design and evaluation; social media interviews; social media design; promotion and administration including attendance of all promotional events, Website administration and maintenance banner design, and supervision of Master of Social Work person.

17.381 weeks x 3 days x \$27/hour x 8 hours = **\$11,262.99**

MERC is 8.78% of pay as Social Impact Project Coordinator position is PT Support position: 8.78% x \$11,262.99 = **\$988.89**

Total cost for Social Impact Project Coordinator including MERC (benefits pay):
\$5,631.44 + \$494.44 = **\$12,251.88**

Social Impact Projects Coordinator Travel to Promotional Events Costs:

17.381 weeks x \$113.57/week = **\$1,973.96**

Promotional Banners to be used at various promotional events:

4 x \$500 each = **\$2,000**

Masters of Social Work Student (Barrie based MSW):

Home Inspections including travel cost to, and adult 55+ and post-secondary student matching form review and screening. Includes administration related to submittal and of vulnerable sector screening forms.

Master of Social Work Student is a volunteer position. Associated cost is only for travel expenses to and from the home prescreening and the interviews for both the adults over 55+ and students. Potentially, due to the pandemic, some of the interviews will be done via Skype which will reduce costs.

Travel Costs = **\$2,700**

Vulnerable Sector Screening Applications Cost:

Based on 120 applications, with 60 from adults 55+ and 60 from post-secondary students. Goal is to have 50 matches with 50 adults 55+ and 50 post-secondary students. The additional 20 individuals, 10 for each group, are there as a safety measure in case a few do not continue with their matches or program or do not pass the vulnerable sector screening.

\$55/per application x 120 applications = **\$6,600**

PART TWO – What We Learned

7. SWOT

7. a. Strengths

Program and related programs are even more needed during COVID-19 situations as the impact of social isolation, especially for 55+ adults is increasing due to the social distancing regulations.

Participation in BarrieHome Share and other similar programs as part of student co-op experience increases bonds between adults 55+ and students.

- Positive relationship with CARP greatly increased as Barrie CARP reached out to address urgent need for updates to their WebSte

Volunteer opportunities developed for students directly through Barrie HomeShare and through partnership opportunities such as CARP. This also serves to create more opportunities for adults 55+ to interact with students.

Both groups, seniors and students, can learn from each other – covering a large variety of subjects and life experiences.

7. b. Weaknesses

COVID – 19 creates a challenge to the mitigation of social isolation.

Wide range of increased costs related to COVID-19 protocols from personal protection equipment to increased time to accomplish task due to need for constant vigilance.

Additional mental stresses for all people to deal with due to COVID-19 risks and the accompanying complications in carrying out what where previously everyday very simple tasks.

Increased stress from lack or greatly limited in person communication. Additional stress can be experienced from any technological limitations – especially as many individuals cannot afford fast internet and related hardware from phones to laptops.

Due to financial pressures on all organizations due to COVID-19, the projects immediate future is tied to finding funding through federal government related funds.

7. c. Opportunities

Opportunity to create additional safety protocols that can apply in the future, not just during COVID-19 situation, but as pertaining to the flu and any other related and potential future health threats.

Opportunity to have a Masters of Social Work student that would be Barrie based as opposed to reliance on Toronto based MSW.

- Barrie based MSW would be a volunteer position, therefore reducing project costs.
- Travel cost is greatly reduced as the MSW does not have to travel from Toronto. Availability of MSW is also increased as there is no 1.5 to 2 hour one way travel window to each in-person appointment.

Opportunity to use Georgian College Share App to help seniors with needs they might have.

Opportunity to use Custodia type model Model where students and other resources are dispatched to address specific needs that a senior (or someone else) identifies that a senior is in need of from yard work to snow clearing to delivery of groceries or prescriptions.

Opportunity to use Pandemic Visiting Model already used by some communities to help seniors. In those cases the client is visited remotely whenever possible.

Opportunity to develop a Co-op or Community Service Learning opportunity where a highly skilled group of Georgian College student volunteers responds rapidly to seniors in need in the Barrie area.

7. d. Threats

Risk due to people not adhering fully to COVID-19 protocols. Lack of funding to ensure that all program participants are able to afford communication technology.

Have to be especially vigilant to make sure that those with limited or no access to Internet and related modes can be reached and that their needs including social isolation mitigation can be addressed promptly.

8. Recommendations

Recommend that we continue promoting HomeShare to students and seniors especially through community based online channels such as the Barrie 55+ PALS Centres, CARP events, and monthly online live sessions with Georgian College students (promoted through all Georgian College social media channels). This approach will allow us to gather a strong database of great potential matches which we can apply when the COVID-19 situation is resolved.

Continue to strengthen and review all safety protocols during the ever evolving and changing COVID-19 situation.

Focus on other strategies that will mitigate social isolation for seniors and students. Focus on using the Georgian College Share App, Custodia Model and Pandemic Visiting Model.

Create a response model, where we can rapidly respond to seniors / adult 55 + needs through the use of existing Georgian College student volunteers and Co-Op opportunities that will specifically target student-senior interactions and the mitigation of social isolation while closely following COVID-19 protocols

9. Conclusion

Safety precautions and protocols in response to current COVID-19 situation have dictated that the placement of students in seniors' homes is not viable at this point. However, the situation has created tremendous opportunities for other worthwhile approaches that will serve to mitigate social isolation for both seniors and students.

The situation has also served to strengthen and create new opportunities for CCSI and the Barrie's Office of the Mayor with other community stakeholders including CARP and the United Way.

Additionally, the Barrie HomeShare program still remains viable and the current COVID-19 situation allows more time to spend on promoting the program and gathering potential senior-student matches to be implemented when the COVID-19 situation ends. The program is something that will continue to be needed in the future as not only will it be able to address and mitigate the social isolation issue needs of both students and seniors, but will also contribute to the well-being of both by creating additional monetary capital for both. The seniors will gain rental income that can help to keep seniors in their homes, and students will have increased income from the rent reduction that they will experience. These "gained" funds can be used for critical well-being necessities such as increased spending options for food and for activities that might have normally not been affordable.

The United Way grant provides us with the opportunity to now to explore a more resilient and more expansive solution - one that would not have been available under the initial terms of the project. Once the COVID-19 situation is resolved, we will also have all the foundational work in place so that we can quickly implement the original model while at the same time retaining the best of the value-added expanded approaches developed during the time of COVID-19 placed limitations.

10. Next Steps

CCSI and Barrie's Office of the Mayor will jointly develop a way forward during the challenging time of COVID-19 to benefit seniors, students and numerous other City of Barrie Stakeholders.

Georgian College's experiential learning requirements for many of its courses can be used to support students in Social Distance Community Service Learning that will benefit the lives of seniors. Georgian's recent iCo-Op revolving around Barrie HomeShare has already proven the viability of such an approach through the help that students were able to provide in an ongoing update of the Barrie CARP Website. The success of this is illustrated by the CARP Testimonial Letter – Appendix I, page 48.

There are numerous social isolation mitigation projects that can move forward and where, unlike Barrie HomeShare, can more easily adhere to social distancing protocols and can still accomplish many of the tasks that Barrie HomeShare set out to do. These would range from grocery delivery to scheduled online interactions between students and seniors that could involve various group activities and hobbies and learning opportunities to numerous other endeavours that would be indicated as needed by seniors.

Seniors interest and need for specific events can also be gaged from existing City of Barrie surveys and senior enquiries to new surveys done through the local 55+ Centres.

We will need to review the project and look at new models that will address the needs of stakeholders during COVID - 19. Followed by reconnecting with United Way to ensure that we can reallocate funds from the 2020 Emergency Community Support Fund.

Appendix A: COVID-19 and PPE Protocol for Barrie HomeShare

Introduction:

The safety and well-being of our seniors and our students is utmost and continually on our minds. As such, we have instituted the following safety protocols.

Procedure:

- Master of Social Work Student will outline COVID-19 safety procedure to students and seniors during screening interviews and will reiterate it during first matching meeting
- Molly Maid cleaning company to be hired for first 10 matches. The decision to hire Molly Maid is based on their specialization in providing service to seniors and in move-in cleaning.
- Students and seniors are provided Disinfectant Box/Kit Provided for each person, contents will include the following:
 - Masks (...With see through plastic over lip portion, to enable better communication. Should be helpful to all, not just trained lip readers.)
 - Nitrile gloves
 - Thermometer
 - Disinfectant Wipes (Clorox or Lysol)
 - Lysol Spray
 - Paper Towels
 - Biodegradable plastic bags for disposal of wipes and related items
- All items that student is bringing into house on move in, to be cleaned thoroughly by student at least 48 hours before the move-in
- Students and seniors to immediately advise health professionals if they suspect they might be experiencing any potential symptoms:
 - Health Muskoka Health Unit: Speak with a public health professional by calling Health Connection, 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 - To report an emergency that requires an immediate response (e.g. chemical spill, disease outbreak notification or other major public health incident), contact the staff on call, 1-888-225-7851
 - If you are experiencing a medical emergency, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.

- MSW is to also be advised by student and/or seniors, if this occurs, as soon as is reasonably possible
 - MSW can be reached through 705.728.1968 ext.5891
- **Links provided** (these will also be on Barrie HomeShare Website, and will be provided to the senior on a laminated magnetic card for fridge placement):
 - **Hand-washing procedure** (most up-to-the-date Ontario procedures, included pdfs and videos):
<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/health-topics/infection-prevention-control/hand-hygiene>
 - **Disinfectant Protocol** (using public setting standard of **twice a day** cleaning of most frequently touched surfaces):
<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet-covid-19-environmental-cleaning.pdf?la=en>
 - Federal list of **COVID-19 effective products**:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/disinfectants/covid-19/list.html>
 - **Physical Distancing Guidelines** <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet/factsheet-covid-19-guide-physical-distancing.pdf?la=en>
- Georgian College Residence COVID-19 Floor for student isolation use, if required - will also be available

Appendix B: Proposed Barrie HomeShare Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Barrie HomeShare Advisory Committee is to allow community members to provide direct and timely input to the Barrie HomeShare project team so that the project can continually improve to best serve the needs of the community and all of the stakeholders.

The Advisory Committee only provides input and recommendations. It does not have formal decision-making powers.

The purpose of this Terms of Reference is to ensure members of the Barrie HomeShare Advisory Committee are aware of the responsibilities and duties that their roles entail.

2. Committee Membership Representation

The advisory committee will consist of the following 8 position:

- i. City of Barrie Representative
- ii. Seniors Committee Representative (CARP member)
- iii. Student (that has been matched as part of the senior-student project pairing)
- iv. Senior (that has been matched as part of the senior-student project pairing)
- v. Barrie HomeShare Social Impact Projects Coordinator
- vi. Georgian College Student Service Staff (1 of 2)
- vii. Georgian College Student Service Staff (2 of 2)
- viii. Health Professional

3. Alternate Committee Members, Chair, Vice Chair, and Note Keeping

Each position will have a designated alternate who will be required to attend any meetings that the regular committee member cannot. It will be up to the holder of each position to notify their alternate as and if it becomes necessary. Each member of the committee will strive to give their alternate as much advance notice as possible.

The Committee will elect a chair and vice chair. The main purpose of the chair will be to keep each meeting focused and to ensure that all committee member's voices are heard in an organized and structured manner through adherence to Robert's Rules of Order.

The vice-chair role is to fill in for the chair if the chair is not available. Additionally, one member will be designated during each meeting to keep notes.

4. Time Commitment / Meeting Frequency

The committee will meet once a month. The meeting will be limited to 90 minutes. Committee members must commit to a one year term – from September 1 to following August 31.

5. Participation

If a member of the committee misses two consecutive meetings without any extenuating circumstances, they will be replaced by their alternative. A new alternative will then be appointed.

The member who missed the two consecutive meetings, can choose to serve as an alternative – if the other seven members unanimously agree to it.

6. Conduct

All members of the advisory committee must conduct themselves in a manner that is respectful to all members of the advisory committee, the Barrie HomeShare project team, Barrie HomeShare participants, and to the community at large.

Barrie HomeShare Team reserves the right to remove any member of the committee who does not adhere to the statement in the above paragraph.

7. Amendments and Revisions

The Barrie HomeShare team reserves the right to amend or revise any of the sections of this document on a regular basis. The document will be reviewed by the Barrie HomeShare team at least once a year at the end of each August.

I have read and agree to abide by these Terms of Reference:

Name: _____

Committee Role: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



**BARRIE
HOMESHARE
PILOT PROJECT**



Are You an Adult 55+ With a Spare Room In Your House?

Barrie HomeShare is a Shift Government Project partnership between **Georgian College's Centre for Changemaking and Social Innovation** and the **City of Barrie Mayor's Office**.

This pilot project matches post-secondary students with older adults who have a spare room in their home. In exchange for reduced rent, the student provides up to seven hours per week of companionship and light help with household tasks.

Is HomeShare Right for You?

To learn more about Barrie HomeShare, please contact Martin Rochon at: martin.rochon@georgiancollege.ca or 705-728-1968 ext. 5891

Apply on the Website: www.barriehomeshare.com



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Appendix D: Georgian College Open House – February 8, 2020



Appendix E – Barrie HomeShare Home Provider Matching Form

* Indicates fields that must be completed to proceed with online application

Personal Information

Full Name *

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Gender *

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Non-Binary
- ☐ Other _____

Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS)

All participants with the Barrie HomeShare Pilot Project will need to undergo a Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) police check. Our staff will assist you in completing this form and Barrie HomeShare will pay the costs. The completed VSS will be mailed to your mailing address directly from Barrie Police Services. Participants must provide a copy of a "Clear" VSS to our staff before they can be matched. This is an important, mandatory step in the process to ensure the safety of all involved.

Have you been convicted of a criminal offence for which a pardon has not been granted under the Criminal Code of Canada? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Do you have unresolved charged under the Criminal Code of Canada? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

How would you like us to contact you? Please enter all that apply

Email _____

example@example.com

Home Phone Number

Area Code _____ Phone Number _____

Cell Phone Number

Area Code _____ Phone Number _____

Address

Street Address _____

Street Address Line 2 _____

City _____ Province _____

Postal Code _____

Neighbourhood _____

Do you live near transit routes? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please specify:

ie: walking distance to Barrie Transit Bus stops, etc.

Do you live alone? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If no, please list others who live with you:

Name	Relationship
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____

Please provide at least one emergency contact:

Full Name	Relationship	Phone Number
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____

Please provide three references (family members, friends or personal contacts are okay; email is preferred OR phone number is sufficient):

Full Name	Relationship	Email Address	Phone Number
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____

In order to assist with the matching process, please describe interests, activities or hobbies that you enjoy: *

What languages do you speak?

- ☐ English
- ☐ Italian
- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ French
- ☐ German
- ☐ Portuguese
- ☐ Polish
- ☐ Dutch
- ☐ Hindi
- ☐ Urdu
- ☐ Spanish
- ☐ Ukranian
- ☐ Russian
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

References

Please note that we will need to receive replies from at least two references before a participant can be matched.

Your Home

Do you own your own home? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Type of home: *

- ☐ House
- ☐ Condominium/Apartment

Please describe the space you are offering?

Response (yes/no and applicable details)

Is the student's room private? _____

Where in your home is the room located? _____

Does the room's door have a lock? _____

Window(s) in the room? _____

Is there storage space for the student? _____

Are you offering a furnished room? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If you are offering a furnished room, please indicate what is included (leave blank if the room is totally unfurnished):

- ☐ Single bed
- ☐ Twin size bed
- ☐ Queen size bed
- ☐ Closet/wardrobe
- ☐ Bureau/dresser
- ☐ Desk/table
- ☐ Chair
- ☐ Other _____

Is your home wheelchair accessible? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Other _____

Is your home walker accessible? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Other _____

How many stairs are required to access the room?

Please indicate any amenities that will be available for the student:

- ☐ Internet
☐ Phone (landline)
☐ Television
☐ Gaming/Stereo/DVD/BluRay system
☐ Laundry
☐ Linens provided (sheets, towels, etc.)

Please indicate the bathroom facilities you are offering:

	Shared	Private	Not Available
Toilet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bathtub	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shower	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please indicate the kitchen facilities you are offering:

- ☐ Response
- ☐ Fridge
- ☐ Freezer
- ☐ Stove
- ☐ Oven
- ☐ Microwave
- ☐ Dishwasher
- ☐ Cupboard space
- ☐ Small appliances (ie: blender, toaster)

How many stairs are required to access other shared spaces?

ie: kitchen, living room, laundry facilities

Do you have any allergies or sensitivities the student should be aware of? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If you do, please explain:

Is there parking available for the student to use? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, please indicate what parking is available:

- ☐ Driveway
- ☐ Garage
- ☐ Street
- ☐ Parking Lot
- ☐ Parking Lot-Covered
- ☐ Other _____

If parking space is available, will the student need to buy a parking permit?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Are there any outdoor spaces available for the student to use?

- ☐ Balcony
- ☐ Porch
- ☐ Deck
- ☐ Garden/Yard
- ☐ Other _____

Are you planning to have anyone aside from the student residing in your household while you are participating in the HomeShare program? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, please describe:

Do you entertain guests in your home? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, how often?

Do you have overnight guests? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, how often?

Do you have any pets? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, please describe:

Please indicate how many

Cat(s) _____

Dog(s) _____

Other (please specify) _____

Have your pets bitten anyone? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, please explain:

Are there any smokes/vape users (including cannabis) in your home? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, please indicate where:

- ☐ Indoors
- ☐ Outdoors only
- ☐ In designated areas only

Do you drink alcohol? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, do you drink in the home or outside the home?

- ☐ In home
- ☐ Outside home

Barrie HomeShare Home Provider Matching Form

Student Preferences

Do you have a preference regarding the student's gender? *

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ No Preference

Are you comfortable with the student having day guests? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, please note any comments:

Are you comfortable with the student having overnight guests? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, please note any comments:

Please indicate your preferences regarding student smoking/vaping/cannabis/alcohol use:

	Yes	No
Smoking in the home is okay with me	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Smoking in designated areas only is okay with me	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor smoking only	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-smoking only	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alcohol use in the house is okay with me	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are you okay with the student bringing pets into your home? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please indicate your preferences for the student bringing pets into your home:

If yes, please indicate how many

Cat(s) _____

Dog(s) _____

Other (please specify) _____

The student has agreed to commit up to 7 hours per week assisting you with household tasks or providing companionship. Please indicate your expectations for the student's involvement in your home: *

	Required	Preferred	Neutral	Not Necessary	Companionship
Cooking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laundry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Light Housework (ie: cleaning)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Caring for Pets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Caring for plants/garden	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Errands/shopping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lifting/reaching/carrying items	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Overnight presence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Snow maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garbage & recycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are there any other tasks you would like assistance with?

Barrie HomeShare Home Provider Matching Form

HomeShare Preferences

Ideally, how long would you like your HomeShare match to last? *

- ☐ Less than 6 months
- ☐ 6-12 months
- ☐ Longer than 12 months

Would you be interested in providing short-term and/or emergency housing to students later in the year? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please indicate your preferred monthly rent *

Is there anything else you would like us to know about your application that has not been addressed?

Thank you for considering Barrie HomeShare

Preview Responses Before Submission

Appendix F – Barrie HomeShare Post-Secondary Student Matching Questionnaire

Barrie HomeShare Student Matching Form

* Indicates fields that must be completed to proceed with online application

Personal Information

Full Name *

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Gender *

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Non-Binary
- ☐ Other _____

Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS)

All participants with the Barrie HomeShare Pilot Project will need to undergo a Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) police check. Our staff will assist you in completing this form and Barrie HomeShare will pay the costs. The completed VSS will be mailed to your mailing address directly from Barrie Police Services. Please note that applicants from outside Barrie will need to independently obtain a VSS from their own jurisdiction. Participants must provide a copy of a "Clear" VSS to our staff before they can be matched. This is an important, mandatory step in the process to ensure the safety of all involved. However, the VSS can only be conducted for an individual who has lived in Canada for at least one year.

Have you lived in Canada for at least one (1) year? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Have you been convicted of a criminal offence for which a pardon has not been granted under the Criminal Code of Canada? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Do you have unresolved charges under the Criminal Code of Canada? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

All individuals seeking a home in the Barrie HomeShare program need to be enrolled in a post-secondary institution.

Are you currently enrolled as a student at a post-secondary institution (for example, at a university, college, technical or arts school or a language school)? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

How would you like us to contact you? Please enter all that apply.

Email _____
example@example.com

Home Phone Number

Area Code _____ Phone Number _____

Cell Phone Number

Area Code _____ Phone Number _____

Address

Street Address _____

Street Address Line 2 _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Preferred neighbourhood to live in:

Leave blank if no preference

Is living on a transit route important to you? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

What is the maximum length of time you would be willing to spend on transit to get to school from the shared home?

- ☐ 0 to 15 minutes
☐ 15 to 30 minutes
☐ 30 to 45 minutes
☐ 45 to 60 minutes
☐ 60+ minutes

Preferred move-in date: *

Please provide at least one emergency contact:

1. Full Name _____
Relationship _____
Phone Number _____
2. Full Name _____
Relationship _____
Phone Number _____

Please provide three references (family members and personal contacts are acceptable):

1. Full Name _____
Relationship _____
Phone Number _____
2. Full Name _____
Relationship _____
Phone Number _____
3. Full Name _____
Relationship _____
Phone Number _____

Please note that we will need to receive replies from at least two references before a participant can be matched.

What college or university are you attending?

- ☐ Georgian College
- ☐ Collège Boréal
- ☐ Other

What program/area of study are you in? *

How many hours per week do you expect to work while you are in classes (including paid and volunteer shifts?) *

In order to assist with the matching process, please describe interests, activities or hobbies that you enjoy: *

What languages do you speak? *

- ☐ English
- ☐ Italian
- ☐ French
- ☐ German
- ☐ Portuguese
- ☐ Polish
- ☐ Hindi
- ☐ Dutch
- ☐ Urdu
- ☐ Arabic
- ☐ Russian
- ☐ Ukrainian
- ☐ Spanish
- ☐ Mandarin
- ☐ Tagalog

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

Would you like to bring any pets with you? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, please describe:

If yes, please indicate how many

Cat(s) _____

Dog(s) _____

Other (please specify) _____

Have your pets bitten anyone?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, please explain?

Do you smoke, vape or use cannabis or alcohol? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes please indicate your preferences:

- ☐ Smoke or vape indoors
- ☐ Smoke or vape in designated areas only
- ☐ Smoke or vape outdoors only
- ☐ Consume alcohol in the home
- ☐ Consume alcohol outside the home only

Please note: the HomeShare Program requires all applicants to undergo a vulnerable sector screening through a Canadian police service. If you are an international student you must have lived in Canada for at least 1 year to be eligible for this screening

Barrie HomeShare Student Matching Form

Home Provider and Home Preferences

Do you have a preference regarding the home provider's gender? *

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Non-Binary
- ☐ No Preference
- ☐ Other _____

Please indicate your preferences for the space you would like to move into: *

- ☐ A private room
- ☐ Ability to lock the room
- ☐ Access to storage space
- ☐ No preference
- ☐ Other

Would you prefer a specific location in the home? *

- ☐ Main floor
- ☐ Upper floor
- ☐ Basement
- ☐ No preference

Would you like a furnished room? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, please indicate what furniture:

- ☐ Bed
- ☐ Closet/Wardrobe
- ☐ Bureau/Dresser
- ☐ Desk/Table
- ☐ Chair
- ☐ Other _____

Please indicate any accessibility needs (leave blank if not applicable):

Please include applicable details

- ☐ Wheelchair accessible? _____
- ☐ Walker/gait aid accessible? _____
- ☐ Able to climb stairs? _____
- ☐ Other? _____

Please indicate any amenities you would like:

	Required	Preferred	Not Required
Internet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parking space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Television	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gaming/Stereo/DVD/Blu-Ray system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laundry facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Linens provided (sheets, towels, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are you comfortable with sharing a bathroom? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please indicate any bathroom facilities you would like:

	Required	Preferred	Not Required
Bathtub	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shower	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are you comfortable sharing a kitchen? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please indicate any kitchen facilities you would like:

	Required	Preferred	Not Required
Fridge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Freezer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stove	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oven	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Microwave	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Dishwasher	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cupboard Space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small Appliances (i.e.: blender, toaster)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you have any allergies or sensitivities that the home provider should be aware of? *

Are you planning on having daytime guests visit you from time to time? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, please provide details:

Do you want to be able to have overnight guests? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, how often?

Are you okay to live in a home that has pets? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please indicate your preferences:

Please indicate how many

- ☐ Cat(s) _____
☐ Dog(s) _____
☐ Other (please specify) _____

Please indicate your preferences with respect to alcohol use in the home:

	Yes	No
I am comfortable living in an alcohol free home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am comfortable if alcohol is consumed in the home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are you comfortable living in a house with a home provider that smokes cannabis or cigarettes, or vapes? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please indicate your preference with respect to smoking/vaping/cannabis use at the home:

	Yes	No
Smoking or vaping in the home is okay with me	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Smoking or vaping in designated areas only is okay with me	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor smoking or vaping only is okay with me	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I want to live with a non-smoker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Students participating in the HomeShare project agree to commit up to 7 hours per week assisting home providers with household tasks or providing companionship. Please indicate your preference for the ways you would like to be involved in the home:

	Highly Preferred	Preferred	Neutral	Not Preferred	Strongly Not Preferred
Companionship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cooking/sharing meals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laundry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Light housework	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Caring for pets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Caring for plants/garden	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Errands/shopping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lifting/reaching/carrying items	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overnight presence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Snow maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garbage & recycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are there any other tasks you could contribute to or are concerned about?

Ideally, how long would you like your HomeShare match to last? *

- ☐ Less than 6 months
- ☐ 6-12 months
- ☐ Longer than 12 months

Is there anything else you would like us to know about your application that has not been addressed?

Thank you for considering Barrie HomeShare

Appendix G: Barrie HomeShare Flyer Aimed at Post Secondary Students



Are You a Student Looking for Affordable Housing?

Barrie Homeshare is a [Shift Government Project partnership](#) between Georgian College's [Centre for Changemaking and Social Innovation](#) and [Barrie's Office of the Mayor](#). The Pilot Project matches Post-secondary Students with older adults aged 55+ who have a spare room in their home. In exchange for reduced rent the student provides up to seven hours per week of companionship and light help with household tasks.

Is HomeShare Right for You?

To learn more about Barrie HomeShare, please contact Martin Rochon at: martin.rochon@georgiancollege.ca or 705-728-1968 ext. 5891
Apply on the Website: www.barriehomeshare.com



Appendix H: Barrie HomeShare Banner Aimed at Adults 55+

www.barriehomeshare.com
Contact:
Martin.Rochon@georgiancollege.ca



**Are you an adult
aged 55+ with a spare
room in your home?**



Homeshare

Post-secondary students want to help
with light household tasks and company
in exchange for reduced rent.



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Appendix I: Testimonial Letter from Barrie Carp



CARP: A New Vision of Aging for Canada
Chapter #36 Barrie and Surrounding Area

August 17, 2020

To Whom It May Concern

We would like to acknowledge the assistance we received from the Georgian College Students working through Barrie HomeShare iCo-op in our time of need this year.

Unfortunately, due to Covid 19 we had to replace the person handling and updating our website with little warning and in these challenging times our resources were limited.

I reached out to Martin Rochon, Social Impact Projects Coordinator, Centre for Changemaking and Social Innovation at Georgian College, to request his possible assistance in finding an answer to our need for updating our CARP Chapter 36, Barrie and Surrounding Areas website.

I cannot stress enough how the immediate and competent response from Martin Rochon and his students solved our dilemma in our time of need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Gwen Kavanagh', is written over a light blue grid background.

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