

Hosting families for short term stays is a valuable asset to communities. Hosting brings people to the community, which in turn brings business to local shops, restaurants and funding to other events. I have been hosting for over 5 years, and I get guests from all over the world! They come to this small town to experience the culture, or to escape the city for a quick recharge. Many guests are returning home to visit family, attend weddings or funerals and want a space to themselves that feels more like home than a cold motel. In a world of "disconnect" with all the technology and lacking of real person to person communication, hosting brings people together. My B&B is an old fashioned experience of home cooked all natural breakfast with eggs from my chickens. Guests enjoy meeting other guests at meal time. Children love to play with the horses, cats and chickens. It is an affordable way for families to experience country living for a few days. The income helps me to pay my bills while sharing my place with others who appreciate the environment.

I would be more than happy to elaborate further to lawmakers or local and state government officials on the benefits and positive impact short term rentals do for the community.

Sincerely,
Michelle Graef