

HOUSING

Although the actual accommodations may vary from region to region, shared-roof & apartment-style housing is the norm. As mentioned, it is our experience that living in community is a very important part of the year, however every so often it is necessary for members to live in their own housing. This is determined in the application process. With some placements, housing is on site and provided directly through your service site. The key is to be flexible!

CVIF staff selects housing based on safety, distance from service sites for all volunteers, quality, amenities, and affordability. Our goal is to provide safe housing within 30 miles of your service site. Prior to your arrival, CVIF requires a \$500 security deposit from each volunteer to secure housing. If this is a hardship, CVIF is sometimes able to work with you to determine a sliding scale security deposit amount. This deposit will be returned in full upon successful completion of the service year pending any deductions made by the landlord or monies outstanding due CVIF.

The community is responsible for their own utilities, and utilities are shared among volunteers. As a community you must decide who will be responsible for being the contact for each of the utilities. Each community decides if and how to share expenses for Wifi, or other expenses. It is important to discuss these needs and wants prior to moving in together and we will provide opportunities (generally at orientation) for communication before your move-in date.



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