



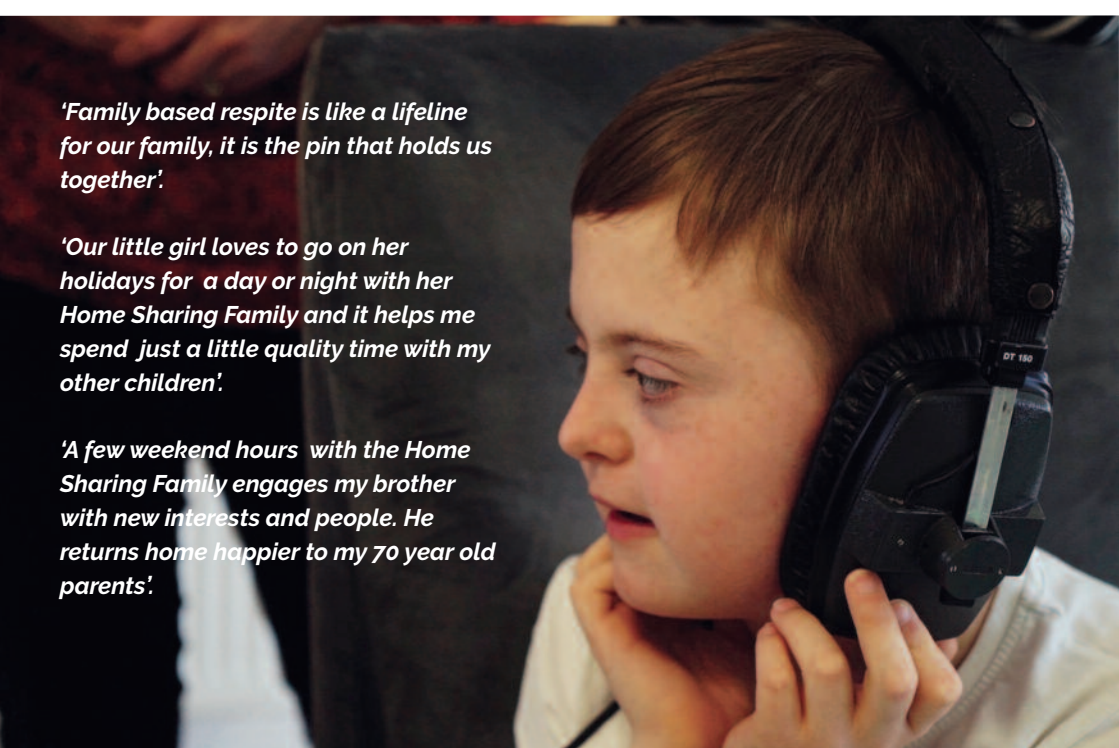
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More Information on support
and rates visit www.smh.ie

Watch our Home Sharing Family Videos on www.smh.ie



'Family based respite is like a lifeline for our family, it is the pin that holds us together.'

'Our little girl loves to go on her holidays for a day or night with her Home Sharing Family and it helps me spend just a little quality time with my other children.'

'A few weekend hours with the Home Sharing Family engages my brother with new interests and people. He returns home happier to my 70 year old parents.'



Home Sharing
Is there room in
your house?
Room in your
heart?



ST. MICHAEL'S HOUSE
HOME SHARING
HOST FAMILY SHORT BREAKS

St. Michael's House
Services for People with Disabilities



A Home Sharing Family refers to any household providing primarily short breaks to a person with intellectual disability in their own home.

COULD YOU BE A HOME SHARING FAMILY?

Could you support a person to make new friends, develop new interests, broaden their experience of community life and become more independent ?

WHY DO FAMILIES NEED A BREAK?

Caring for a child or adult with a learning disability can be demanding and stressful at times. When the Carers get a break they can take time for themselves to relax, spend time with other members of the family.

WHO CAN BECOME A HOME SHARE FAMILY?

Anyone who is caring, energetic and enthusiastic. We welcome all, single or in a relationship, young or old, with or without children. Your home can vary from an apartment to a mansion.

About St. Michael's House

St. Michael's House provides a comprehensive range of services and supports to men, women, and children with intellectual disabilities and their families in 170 locations in the greater Dublin Area. It supports 1,782 people and this has an impact on thousands of family members. St. Michael's House is a company funded by the Health Service Executive (HSE) and the Department of Education and Skills.

We require community support for the people who use our service.

There are different types of Home Sharing Families. Which one will work for you?

HOME SHARING "SHORT BREAKS" FAMILIES

- A Home Sharing Family provides short breaks such as day care breaks, short overnight break, or breaks over holiday periods.
- An allowance is paid per break in line with Tusla Fostering rates. Current rates on www.smh.ie

HOME SHARING "CONTRACT" FAMILIES

- A Home Sharing Family provides significant experience in the caring field and are recruited to provide short break support.

- Contract families are expected to provide a number of short breaks per month.
- An allowance is paid. Current rates on www.smh.ie

HOME SHARING "SHARED LIVING" FAMILIES

- A Home Sharing Family "Shared Living" provides full time care to a person with an intellectual disability, similar to, a fostering placement.
- An allowance is paid. Current rates on www.smh.ie

There is an Assessment Process, Training Support and Financial Support for all Home Sharing Families.