

REAL HOMESHARING STORIES



ERIN LAUGHLIN

Erin is an artist who had a thriving business before she developed a non-operable tumor. Her illness left her unable to work, and her medical bills quickly started piling up. Faced with losing her home, Erin began renting out a room in her house as a short-term rental. As her condition worsened, she needed more space for in-home care. She moved out of her home in Berry Hill and began to rent it out full-time as a non-owner occupied short-term rental. She also continued to rent out a room in her new home in East Nashville. When Berry Hill passed a ban on short-term rentals, Erin planned on moving back into her home there so that she could rent out her East Nashville home and continue to support herself. But when Nashville also passed a ban on non-owner occupied short-term rentals, Erin was stuck. Now, she is faced with losing both homes, while also being unable to work and caring for serious medical needs. Erin desperately needs your help.

Alece ran a non-profit in South Africa for 13 years with her husband. When a devastating affair and divorce led to her moving back to the states, Alece had to start all over with nothing. She launched a new business in Nashville where she provides consulting services for small non-profits with limited budgets. To supplement her work, Alece began renting out a room in her home as a short-term rental. Eventually, Alece saved enough money to purchase another home, which she now rents out full-time as a short-term rental. She has had no complaints, and the money she earns has allowed her to build a new life as a single woman.



ALECE RONZINO



MARK AND KELLY GOVEA

Mark is a Hendersonville native and moved back to Nashville with his wife Kelly from Austin a few years ago. They have been Airbnb hosts for the last two years. They initially began renting out a room in their home then later bought another property that they rent out full-time where they have had no issues or complaints. The Airbnb rental has allowed Mark and Kelly to start a family, and the financial flexibility allowed Kelly to leave her full-time job to be a stay at home mom while still making more money than she did previously. Kelly's dad also recently purchased a home in Nashville where he stays when he comes to visit his kids and grandkids. When he is not there, he rents out the home as a non-owner occupied Airbnb, which Kelly manages for him. Mark volunteers on the board of the neighborhood group, and the couple regularly organizes community activities to clean and care for their neighborhood.