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Cape Elizabeth

VRBO Listing #24623

Twenty years ago I added an apartment to my home for my aging parents. Neither one of them survived long enough to occupy the space. We built the space with the same aesthetic and materials as the rest of the house so that it could be easily made back into a single family home. After our daughter left for college we found the help for her tuition (Vassar tuition \$100,000.00 with a scholarship over 4 years) a big benefit from renting the apartment. We continued to rent the apartment as a "home stay", the term for an owner occupied residence attached to the rental. What we have found over the last 20 years is that 80% of our guests have family in this town or nearby. They are returning to care for their elderly parents, attend weddings and graduations, family reunions, etc. The only hotel in town is the Inn by the Sea and it is priced out of the average persons budget, especially if an entire family is traveling together. My guests have been so grateful to find a home away from home in the location of their choice. We have made great friends and helped many families have great vacations in a home like setting. At this point, and after all these years with repeat guests, I feel I am providing a service to families who come back to see their friends and family and that slice of our community, although transient, is part of the heart of our town.

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