

What's co-op housing?

Co-operative housing means a democratic housing community, ruled and managed by the house members themselves. Members buy their own "share" which makes them partial home-owners (and when they leave, a new member can take their place).



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As homeowners, the members will be responsible for the property and what happens to it. This localized member control means better living, tailored to the actual needs of the residents. It also means that the money paid for rent will pay off the mortgage of the house we own – rather than lining a rich landlord's pockets. *Our goals include cheaper rent and an alternative to the near-monopolies of local landlords.*

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Co-op links:

*National Association of Students of
Co-Operation, www.nasco.coop*

*National Association of Housing
Co-Operatives,
www.coophousing.org*

*National Co-Operative Business
Association, www.ncba.coop*

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Where can you find a
**community-based,
democratic,
inexpensive
alternative housing**
option in
Charlottesville?



*You can find it all with
CHUVA....*

Look us up at
www.student.virginia.edu/~chuva

CHUVA is a non-profit corporation dedicated to providing occupant-managed, democratically run housing for low and moderate-income people.

We also provide opportunities for service, education, management, and community life to our members and friends.

We aim to create co-op housing in Charlottesville, and to increase the number of co-ops here as our organization continues to grow.

CHUVAites

CHUVA's current members are UVA graduate students, undergraduate students, and university affiliates from a variety of fields and disciplines. Many of us have several years of school ahead of us, so we decided to create our own good, permanent home. We welcome non-students as well. Anyone interested in co-operative housing is welcome to join us!

CHUVA's yearly events include a summer yard sale, spring field trips, and educational speakers. We also host several pot-luck dinners throughout the year.

So far so good...

Since our inception in late January of 2003, CHUVA has made great strides towards our goal. We have incorporated as a non-profit and are currently pursuing tax-exempt status. We have established ourselves as a student group at the University and have made connections with Student Council, the Graduate Labor Union, and Graduate Student Council. We have extensively researched the real estate market and the world of mortgage loans and property taxes.

We're currently renting two properties near the UVA campus, and are developing a co-operative community network between them. But the exciting part is yet to come. We are just beginning the search for a suitable building to house our co-op. It won't be easy to find an ideal situation: we want something big, cheap, and close to the University. But we're trying to think creatively in our housing options and in our finances, and we expect to achieve our goal of a co-op owned building in the next few years.

Want to Help Out?

Donations – we need everything, from money to furniture to real estate to office supplies. If you have any items (or properties!) you're interested in donating, please contact us. Your donations are tax-exempt – just ask for details.

Help Out – there is a lot of work to be done before our co-op dream can become reality. We need people to help with financial and business planning, publicity and outreach, fundraising, and many other important tasks. If you have some time, please donate your skilled or unskilled labor. Feel free to come to one of our weekly meetings (check the website for time and location) or just get in touch with us.

Talk It Up – And please help spread the word! We're working on creating a broad base of support, and we rely on word-of-mouth publicity.

Thanks for your interest and support!

