

## This is what's happening in Cohousing Now!



# Roots and Wings

By Trish Becker

I attended a fellow communitarian's Seder dinner last weekend – an interfaith gathering of community organizers, activists and dreamers, held in the common space of the host's cohousing community. We took turns reading the Haggadah aloud and one particular phrase brought me to tears. It read that "there are only two lasting requests we can hope to give our children. One is roots, the other is wings." As I sat in a space where children have been welcomed, celebrated, educated and heard, it occurred to me that cohousing offers just that to our youngest members: roots and wings.

Living in community provides our children with the nourishment they need to grow strong roots. They learn who they are in relation to others, how to connect and support one another, and the importance of nurturing and caring for our collective wellbeing. The fibers of our community are often invisible – it's made up of late night check ins, tears and laughter and countless shared meals. It's this connective tissue that gives us the



strength, love, sense of self and community that allows us each to bloom.

Spring is a time of rebirth, celebration and renewal. It is my firm belief that each generation needs the support and guidance of those that come before them. Cohousing provides a space for intergenerational connection that allows us each to flourish. We derive deep meaning from our interactions across the generations, and our communities thrive when we are invested in the wellbeing of one another.

As a parent, I wonder what it would be like to raise a child without the support I found within my cohousing community. Parents in the US are routinely left feeling overwhelmed, under resourced and isolated. Our culture leads us to believe that we can, and should, be able to do this alone.

I hope we can create more space for young families in our growing movement, and revisit the way we imagine, launch and grow our communities. CohoUS is pleased to offer childcare at the <u>National Cohousing Conference</u> in August, and we encourage young families to complete our <u>childcare survey</u>. We need the help of each generation to build the village of the future. May we be rooted, and take flight.



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#### By: Zev Paiss, Nomad Cohousing

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By: Janey Williams, Cohousing ABQ

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