

## What is Cohousing?

“Cohousing is community designed to foster connection. Physical spaces allow neighbors to easily interact with others just outside private homes. Common areas—including kitchen, dining space, and gardens—bring people together.” Yet, we each have our own full kitchens and respect each other’s privacy. Collaborative decision-making builds relationships. — Cohousing.org



*"When I come home from school, I have a lot of friends to play with. If I lived in a regular house, it would feel weird to go outside and ask someone for help. Here, I can ask any grownup because I know they would help me."*

11-year-old Ani



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## Yulupa Cohousing

A Great Place for Kids



1346 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa, CA

## Values Support Families

In our inclusive community, older kids teach younger ones. This is no accident. The Yulupa community is built around values that support children and parents.

### *Raising Sensitive Children Takes Parents and Neighbors*

- Respect
- Safety
- Consideration
- Tolerance
- Peaceful Resolution
- Neighbors



## Neighbors Know Neighbors

Children feel safe here. All units face the courtyard and kids know they can knock on any door or give a shout and a friendly neighbor will show up.



The Common House and community kitchen provide a great space for extended family, classmates and neighbors to celebrate together.

*“It’s always easy to get help if you need it. There are lots of aunts and uncles here.”*

-YCH Parent



## Always Something to Do

When kids come home from school or have time off, there’s always something to do. The Common House has a piano, ping-pong table, foosball, and a room full of toys, art supplies, and costumes. Our library holds games and books for all ages. Outdoors, we have a grassy area and play structure, fruit trees, veggie gardens, a fleet of skitters, a basketball hoop, room for hide and seek, and sidewalks that invite chalk art.

Everyone is on a first-name basis. Kids interact with adults in the courtyard, at common meals, game and movie nights, and informal encounters. Field trips have included swim parties, camp outs, excursions to the mountains and theater. Neighbors get together for art projects, music, and drumming.