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Why adults are embracing communal living

Angela Fox and her teenage son are voluntarily opting to share a home with 170 strangers. They've been residents at a coliving space called WeLive, in Arlington, Virginia, since April. "My world is about adventures," Fox, 48, told CNNMoney.

When she and her son, Tatton, step outside the door of their "studio max" apartment, there's an entire community inside WeLive, owned by collaborative workspace behemoth¹ WeWork. There's a communal kitchen, coffee bar, laundry room, TV area, yoga studio and even a mini-convenience store. Fox, who described herself as an introvert, said WeLive provides the best of both worlds. "I can close the door of our unit and hear nothing," said Fox. "This works for me."

Fox's apartment came fully furnished with everything from beds to linens and towels. She didn't have to worry about things like setting up an electricity account. She also had peace of mind when leaving her apartment unattended for two weeks this summer while on vacation.

For her son, who is 13, the benefits include having surrogate siblings.² "He's connected with the younger millennials in the building," she said. "Almost like they've adopted him as their little brother."

WeWork, a six-year-old startup, popularized coworking with its shared office spaces around the world. [...] In April, it got into residential communities with two WeLive locations in Arlington and New York City. Apartments range from studios to three bedrooms, attracting a range of people. [...]

The concept of cohabitation isn't exactly novel, but it has been riding a new wave. [...]

This summer, I stopped by Sunday night dinner at another coliving community called Common. It has five coliving buildings in Brooklyn and San Francisco, and is slated³ to open a Washington, D.C. location this year.

Some members were new to New York, some had literally Googled to find communal living situations, some were newly single. Rent isn't cheap (Common rent ranges from \$1,340 to \$2,700 a month), but it's not comparable to traditional housing. "You're paying for an active landlord," Common resident Roneesh Vashisht told me. "Normally, you have a landlord who just takes rent."

There are some coordinated events like this dinner, and members have created other groups themselves, like a book club and movie nights.

Residents of Common range from writers and finance workers to lawyers and photographers, much to the surprise of founder Brad Hargreaves [...]. "Frankly, I was expecting most people to be from the tech world," said Hargreaves. [...]

Sara Ashley O'Brien, *money.cnn.com*, November 4, 2016 (abridged)

¹ behemoth = (*here*) a large and powerful organization or company

² surrogate siblings = substitute brothers and sisters

³ slated = (*American English*) planned, scheduled

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