

# SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

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## A True Gift From the Heart

Ever wonder how you can give back to society and receive countless amounts of gratitude in return? How about giving a gift that brings you countless benefits as well? The answer is through giving a gift from the heart by hosting a foreign exchange student.

Students hope to be included as a part of the family and to live as American teenagers. Becoming a host family is just as rewarding an experience for the host family as it is for the student.

*"We choose to host exchange students to broaden the horizons of our young children. We want them to know that the world is big with many wonderful cultures. Our boys have embraced that. They love looking at the map of the world to point out where our exchange students call home."*

*– Kelly Leippandt*

"BEAUTY ISN'T ABOUT HAVING A PRETTY FACE. IT'S ABOUT HAVING A PRETTY MIND, A PRETTY HEART, AND A PRETTY SOUL."



## The benefits of hosting exchange students are many and varied, but here are a few:

- Gives you an opportunity to learn about other cultures and customs first-hand.
- Encourages you to grow closer to your family while developing a lasting connection with your new exchange son/daughter.
- Opens doors for your own children to participate in exchange programs.
- Allows you to see your culture and traditions with new eyes.
- Gives you a chance to help a young person grow into a more confident, mature and world savvy adult.
- Gives your child an edge on the future! Hosting looks great on college and employment applications!

## Host Family Responsibilities

By opening their homes and their hearts to our exchange students, host families are helping to break down cultural barriers and bring our world closer together, one relationship at a time.

- Provide a separate bed for the student and a place to study
- Provide family meals
- Provide some transportation to activities and events
- Guide and assist their new family member as they adapt to their new surroundings
- Share American culture and their family traditions

Students arrive with medical coverage and a monthly allowance from their natural parents that covers school expenses, toiletries, entertainment, etc.

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## EXCHANGE Student.

