

# LOCAL SUPPORT

The student will be governed not only by the rules of the program but by the rules of your household. You are responsible for the safety of the exchange student the same as for your own children. Although you might become a bit more of the soccer mom or dad for normal everyday activities, it is not your responsibility to act as a taxi service or a tour guide. Rotarians for the hosting club will be helping in these areas.

## ROTARY SUPPORT

Your local Rotary club and district will provide support to you during your hosting experience.

Support includes:

- Local supervision by members of the local hosting Rotary club including a minimum of monthly family and student check ins.
- Training from local and district Rotary volunteers to help with meeting the needs of the family and the student.
- Financial support directly to the student in the form of a monthly stipend provided by the local Rotary club for basic expenses, typically \$75-\$100 USD.

## ROTARY DISTRICT 6000

The Rotary Youth Exchange program in our area is administered by volunteers in Rotary District 6000. These volunteers will:

- Protect the student by thoroughly vetting host family members and Rotarian volunteers with whom they interact.
- Provide orientation and training for you and your family so you can prepare for the experience of hosting an exchange student.
- Serve as a point of contact for any and all concerns.

## CONTACT YOUR LOCAL ROTARY CLUB:

# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE

## INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE HOST FAMILIES



Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) provides the opportunity for young people to be Youth Ambassadors around the world.

Rotary International has the best administered, safest and lowest cost International Youth Exchange program. And since this is a Rotary International program, students will be hosted by and have the opportunity for quality experiences with the Rotarians in the local and host Rotary Club.



# FOR PROSPECTIVE HOST FAMILIES

Rotary's long-term exchange presents opportunities for high school age students to live and study in our communities abroad.

The goal is for youth to advance their education, grow in global understanding, and contribute to local and international communities by allowing them to attend school in a different country. Students live with host families in their adopted land under the sponsorship and supervision of the local host Rotary club.

Because of the lengthy history of the Rotary Youth Exchange program, our long-term exchange program is the largest in the world. And because arrangements are made by local Rotarians, you and the student will have support during all phases of the exchange.

## WHAT MAKES A GOOD ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE HOST FAMILY?

Rotary Youth Exchange families are ambassadors for our program and our community.

Host families offer RYE students the opportunity to become a member of your household and broaden both their and your worldview.

RYE host families should:

- Accept the RYE student as a new member of your family.
- Protect the student as you would your own child.
- Share your normal family, school and community experiences with the student.
- Be willing to understand and accept new cultural experiences.
- Complete a host family application, individual background screening documents for household adults and participate in a host family interview and home inspections.

## BENEFITS OF HOSTING

- Host a student selected as a RYE student through a rigorous process with their host club and country and our District leadership team.
- Share your story, traditions and customs while learning about the student.
- Build international friendships that last a lifetime.

## HOST FAMILY REQUIREMENTS

- Host the student for:
  - A partial year with time evenly split with 1 or 2 other families.
  - The entire school year.
- Provide room and board for the student and a dedicated study space.
- Provide the student with his or her own bed and storage space. Students may share a room with a host sibling as long as they have their own accommodation and space.
- Must live within the local school district.
- Commit to actively integrating the student into the host family, the school and community.
- Be able to provide for the basic needs of an added member of the household.
- Be willing to attend and participate in orientation and training sessions with Rotarian volunteers and some Rotary activities.

Hosting a Rotary Youth Exchange student will positively impact your family and community with lifetime memories and connections!