



## Reasons to host Rotary Exchange Students



- Hosting an exchange student is an amazing experience, far more wonderful than could ever have imagined.
- Expose daughter(s) and or son(s) to folks from other places and cultures around the world.
- Learning & sharing foreign languages is a byproduct for both Host Family and the Exchange Student.
- An Exchange Student can become a sibling for a single child.
- Hosting creates an opportunity to teach a student about American traditions.
- Rotary Exchange Students go through a thorough screening process before being selected.
- Youth Exchange allows someone the opportunity that many dream of at that age.
- The rewards of hosting a student through your local Rotary Youth Exchange program are great. They include expanded views, international understanding, and the development of long-term friendships, to name a few.
- Youth Exchange promises to enrich the lives of the student and every member of your family.

## What is Rotary Youth Exchange Program?

Since 1929, students and host families all over the world have had their horizons broadened and their lives enriched by the generosity of Rotary's Youth Exchange program.

Administered by Rotary clubs, districts and multi-district groups, the program today involves more than 82 countries and more than 8,000 students each year.

Youth Exchange provides thousands of young people with the opportunity to meet people from other lands and to experience their cultures, thus planting the seeds for a lifetime of international understanding.

**For more information go to the link below:**

<http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/YouthPrograms/RotaryYouthExchange/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

## What are the responsibilities of a host family?

- Each Exchange Student will have 2-3 Host families during their 11-month stay.
- In addition to providing room and board, host parents are expected to exercise general parental supervision
- The student should have his or her own bed in a bedroom or shared room with another person of the same gender and similar age.
- A place should also be designated in the house that allows the student privacy, to study and bathe.
- Ensure that the student is in a safe, respectful, and appropriate environment at all times.
- Involve the student in chores, responsibilities, and activities similar to those of your own family members.
- Monitor the student's performance at school.
- Be tolerant of differences and willing to change your own ideas.
- The Host Family is the first line of communication for the student when problems or concerns arise.
- Assist in transportation, as the students are not permitted to drive.

## What involvement with Rotary can a Host Family expect?

- Host families fill out an application and are interviewed and required to allow the YE Officer and or Counselor to do a home inspection and pictures of the areas where the student will be.
- Host families and any other occupants (over the age of 18) of the home will have a CBC (criminal background check)
- Each student has a YE Counselor who will be the first line of contact for the Host Family.
- The YE Counselor will check in and follow up at least once a month.
- Host Families and exchange students are invited to attend **The Rotary Club of Humble Intercontinental** meetings every Wednesday at noon at the Humble Civic Center.
- Students are required to and have their own medical insurance.
- Humble Rotary provides a \$150 per month stipends for each exchange student.
- Rotarians will entertain the Exchange Student from time to time.

**For more information and to arrange an interview please contact:**

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