

# TO CREATE MEMORIES!

## Past Host Families Share...

We've had the pleasure of hosting Milla, a 17-year-old, from Finland. My 13-year-old daughter, Camille, and I had the very best experience... beyond our expectations!



We are a small family, and my daughter has always wished for a sibling. Milla and Camille have developed a bond that will remain for a lifetime, extending beyond Milla's year in Eden Prairie. The other day, Camille said she wishes Milla was her forever, real sister. I think that speaks for itself.

The success of our experience, I believe, is due to the foundation provided through Rotary Youth Exchange. A good fit is made due to careful selection, screening and orientation for both students and host families, and clear expectations of everyone's roles and responsibilities. In addition, the support system provided by our local Rotary club was amazing. I could always count on other Rotarians to help out. We look forward to being hosts in the future, and also to a continuing relationship with Milla and her family that will be everlasting.

**Pam and Camille Hursh**  
Eden Prairie, MN

Give a little, gain a lot! Hosting an exchange student while our son participated in an exchange was like living in three countries at once.



While our son Charlie was adapting to the Italian culture, my husband and I had the luxury of sharing a slice of Spain via our Spanish exchange student. Little did we know we would also get to view the American culture through the eyes of a teenager. Life doesn't get any richer!

**MJ Crocker**  
Eden Prairie, MN

Share The American Experience.

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## OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

[www.NorthStarYouthExchange.com](http://www.NorthStarYouthExchange.com)

# BECOME A HOST FAMILY TODAY!

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Expand Their World. Expand Your World.

## FIND OUT HOW

# 120 DAYS CAN TURN INTO AN EXPERIENCE THAT LASTS A LIFETIME!



## BE PART OF AN ADVENTURE...

# BEGIN AN ADVENTURE...

# FOR AN EXPERIENCE THAT LASTS A LIFETIME!

## North Star Youth Exchange

More than 8,000 students from nearly 100 countries participate in the **Rotary International Youth Exchange Program**, where they learn about and experience life in a foreign land.

**North Star Youth Exchange** annually hosts students in Minnesota and Wisconsin, allowing them to participate in American life first-hand.

## WHAT IS A HOST FAMILY?

This exchange is only possible if there are families who are willing to open their homes to exchange students and accept them as their own for three or four months.

As a host family, your responsibility is to provide room, board and a welcoming environment for your exchange student. You are expected to exercise general parental supervision just as you would to your own children, and involve the student in daily household chores and activities.

You share our American culture and family life while learning about your exchange student's culture. This does not mean that you have to arrange elaborate entertainment; simply make the student a part of your family.

**INTERESTED? CURIOUS?** LEARN MORE AT

[www.NorthStarYouthExchange.com](http://www.NorthStarYouthExchange.com)

Visit our website for specific details on our program for inbound and outbound students or on becoming a Host Family. Your Local Contact's info is on the back of this brochure.

## Your Local Rotary Club...

Your student's stay is supervised by the local **Rotary club**. The student receives a monthly stipend from the club so **you're not expected to provide spending money**. School lunches are also paid for by the club. **Students are covered by their own health insurance** and you'll receive a copy of the student's application which includes necessary medical history.

The **Rotary club will provide a support network for the family and the student, including a student counselor and an Exchange Officer willing to help with any situation**. Club members will assist in providing transportation to required Rotary events.

Rotary requires students to attend school and participate in school activities. They are required to follow your family's rules and help with household chores. Students are not permitted to drive, and are expected to follow our laws.

Rotary International carefully screens students prior to acceptance in the program, and each student is familiar with a much longer and more specific set of rules than we've outlined here. **For serious problems, beyond your capability, the Rotary Exchange Officer will assist in finding a solution.**

## THE IDEAL HOST FAMILY?

The primary requirement is a **willingness to open your heart and home** to an exchange student and **accept him or her as your own**. Family makeup is less important than a desire to host. Families with or without kids, empty-nesters, single parents ... it's all a part of the experience.

**YOU ARE WHAT WE NEED.**

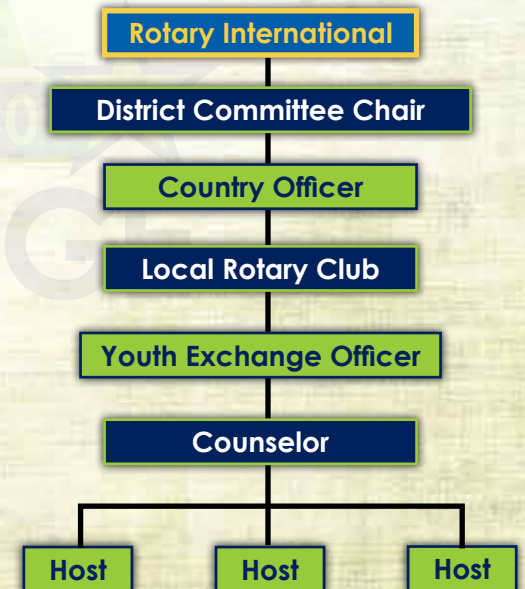
## Become a Host Family!

The process is...

1. Talk to your local Rotary club, or send a query via **NorthStarYouthExchange.com**
2. Fill out an application, provided by Rotary
3. Expect an in-home interview as well as a background check
4. Once approved, prepare a place for your student! Students may share a room, but need their own bed.

## GET STARTED TODAY!

## HOST FAMILY SUPPORT SYSTEM



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