

## Host Family Responsibilities

- Room and Board\*
- Comfortable home environment
- Moral support
- Love and laughter
- Sharing of family traditions
- Respect for student culture and religion
- Study time and place
- Language assistance
- Guidance and discipline
- Telephone and internet supervision
- Assistance with banking procedures
- Oversight of social activities
- Fostering friendships with peers
- Cheering and encouragement

\* Separate room or bed. Board includes school lunches (either brown bag or cafeteria) if not provided by the school.

Note: Families receive income tax credit for hosting a student. Refer to IRS Publication 526.

## Things to watch for...

- Homesickness
- Language issues, miscommunication
- Culture shock, cultural differences
- Religious differences
- Appearance and hygiene
- Diet and food problems
- Personal conflicts
- Bad habits
- School attendance and grades
- Sibling rivalry / jealousy
- Problems with sleeping arrangements
- Romantic involvement
- Lack of Rotary support and assistance

## Rotary Club's Responsibilities

- Youth Exchange Officer
- Monthly allowance (\$100)
- Oversight of budget and handling of funds
- School registration and events
- Guidance in appearance, hygiene, discipline
- Changing host families
- Emergency back-up home
- Special needs
- Medical insurance processing
- Club visits
- Participation in Rotary functions
- Cost & transportation for Rotary weekends

## The Six D's

All students agree to the following:

- **No Drinking**
- **No Driving**
- **No Drugs**
- **No (steady) Dating**
- **No Disfigurement (Tattoos, Piercings)**
- **No Disgracing Hosts, Rotary or Country**

These rules exist to protect both students and families; any violation could result in the student's being sent home early.

## The Six B's

All students are urged to...

- **Be** first - Take the initiative
- **Be** curious – Ask. Seek to understand.
- **Be** focused - Have goals and pursue them.
- **Be** grateful - Express appreciation often.
- **Be** of service - Give of themselves.
- **Be** here now - The Hudson Valley is home!

*Rotary has been facilitating successful student exchanges for many years, and will do everything possible to assure the success of your family's involvement as well. So invite the world to your doorstep and provide a young student--and your family--with an unforgettable experience!*

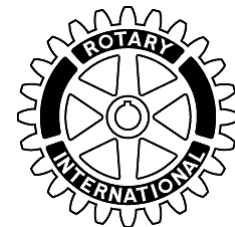
# Rotary Youth Exchange

Bringing the world to your doorstep



## Information for Host Families

Rotary District 7210  
[www.YEX7210.org](http://www.YEX7210.org)



## Life-changing experiences, lifelong relationships.

Have you ever longed to visit a foreign country and encounter a different culture? Hosting a Rotary Exchange Student is an opportunity to bring the world to your doorstep without ever leaving home, and to provide your family with an enriching, unforgettable experience.

### Who are the students?

Bright, adventurous young people from all around the world are recruited and screened by local Rotary Clubs to be ambassadors to other lands for a year, living as part of a family, attending high school, and getting to know their communities in a way no short-term vacation could ever equal. Your family can be part of this exciting program by hosting a Rotary Exchange Student.

### Who are the families?

Host families may have children the same age, older or younger siblings, or none at all. All you really need is an extra bed, a curiosity about other countries and cultures, and hearts big enough to welcome a foreign child to be treated as one of your own.

Generally three different families in the school district serve as hosts for a student, for three to four months each. In this way, Rotary shares students with more of the community and the students are able to experience different families' interests and lifestyles to get a better overview of life in the Hudson Valley.

Host families have the fun of introducing students to new foods, activities, events, and the natural beauty and historic places of the Hudson Valley, while simultaneously learning

about their student's home country, culture and customs.

### What is Rotary's role?

Students are sponsored by the local Rotary Club and report to its Youth Exchange Officer (YEO), who oversees the student's experience and well-being throughout the year. The YEO also serves as a resource for your family, providing transportation, assistance and advice, as needed. The exchange program is backed by the resources of Rotary District 7210, which encompasses eight counties in the Hudson Valley, and by Rotary International.

Rotary also hosts get-togethers every month or two for all the exchange students in the district, giving them an opportunity to forge relationships with all the other nationalities represented in our area.

### Students today. Leaders tomorrow.

By hosting a student, you help to shape perceptions and attitudes toward the USA of young people who may go on to assume leadership roles in their own countries. What an educational and enjoyable way to contribute to international understanding and promote global citizenship!

### How to find out more.

Interested? Wonderful! Contact your Youth Exchange Officer or the District Youth Exchange Committee for more information and an application form. And visit our website at [www.YEX7210.org](http://www.YEX7210.org).



## Your Rotary Contacts

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*\* The Outbound Program enables students from your community--possibly your own child--to apply for a year abroad, living with families and attending school in one of the countries from which the district hosts inbound students. For information and an application, please contact the Outbound Directors.*

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## Host Family Testimonials

*"The youth exchange experience has been very worthwhile for our family. Inviting a young, intelligent child into our home was rewarding, but then seeing our children interact and respond positively made the world smaller."*

Jim & Sonia Crane

*"Our exchange student from Italy fit seamlessly into our household of five. Our kids learned a great deal about another country and they enjoyed having a new brother in the house."*

Karl & Patricia Heymann