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FAMILIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY CHOOSE TO SHARE THEIR AMERICA WITH EXCHANGE STUDENTS

PORT CHESTER, NY (JULY 22, 2014) -- [PAX - Program of Academic Exchange](#) invites local [families](#) to consider hosting a high school [exchange student](#) from one of 70 European, South American, Asian, or African countries during the upcoming school year. What better way to build bridges and expand a young person's worldview than by hosting an exchange student?

"Hosting a foreign exchange student not only is an opportunity to share what you love most about the United States, it helps you see the U.S. through fresh eyes," says PAX president Bradley Smith.

PAX students are 15-18 years old, have studied English for at least three years, and are motivated to learn more about the U.S. by attending high school and living with a [host family](#). PAX students are eager to experience American activities such as backyard barbecues, birthday celebrations and holidays, and to share their country and culture with their host families. They are covered by comprehensive medical insurance and have their own spending money.

According to the Torgeruds of Minnesota, who hosted a PAX student from Ukraine, "Hosting a student is one of the most valuable things we have ever done. We have hosted eight students from many countries and found it to be very rewarding. It helped our family in many ways. Our two sons were a big part of hosting the students. Even after our children graduated from high school, we had other students. Our family is now all over the world."

Volunteer [host families](#) provide PAX students with a warm and supportive home environment, a seat at the family dinner table, a bed, a quiet place to study, and encouragement to engage in everyday American life. All types of families—single parents, young couples, retirees, and parents with teenagers—are welcome to host.

For more information about PAX and hosting an international exchange student, call 800-555-6211, see us on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), or visit www.pax.org.

About PAX

Founded in 1990, PAX is a non-profit educational organization and one of a select few U.S. Department of State-designated Exchange Visitor Programs chosen to participate in the prestigious U.S. government sponsored Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX) and Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) programs. Each year, more than 1,100 teenagers visit the U.S. as PAX exchange students.