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TAKE PART IN THE UNIQUE EXPERIENCE OF HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

It may be the most rewarding thing you will do this year.

PORT CHESTER, NY (August 19, 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?

"We loved having Miguel (from Spain), and he has taught us a lot. I only hope that he has learned from us. We are thankful he has come into our lives, and he will hold a special spot in our hearts forever," say Randy and Alisha Peterson, PAX host parents from Utah.

Anyone interested in becoming a host family should fill out a [PAX inquiry form](#) or call 800-555-6211.

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.

Visit real PAX students and families on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

"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.

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.

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.