

Hello,

My name is Catherine Hoffman and I am a Regional Coordinator for Face the World Foundation. My team and I are responsible for finding wonderful host families for exchange students from around the world. These students are highly educated, speak English and are eager to learn about American culture and family life. Additionally, many of these students are soccer players that are looking to continue to play here in America.

Which brings me to my reason for contacting you. We need help in identifying potential host families that share a common soccer interest, so I thought what better way than to contact some of the soccer leagues in the Las Vegas area!

Our deadline for finding host families is quickly approaching. Without a host family, these students can not leave their respective countries. If you know of a family that would be interested in hosting for either the academic year (Aug.- June), the semester (Aug.-Jan) or being an *arrival family* (a temporary placement until we find a permanent host family), please contact me as soon as you are able.

You can learn more about Face the World by calling or visiting our website [www.facetheworld.org](http://www.facetheworld.org).

Below are some frequently asked questions about hosting:

### **What is a normal host family?**

A host family comes in many different shapes and sizes. There isn't a "normal" host family, as we have many different types of families, including single host mothers or fathers with or without children at home, older couples with no children at home, and families with children in the home. All meet the minimum standard requirements, and must be able to provide a loving home and meals. Our students come to the U.S. with their own insurance and personal spending money

We want our families to treat our students as they would one of their own children. These students become like one of your own and it will be something that you enjoy doing year after year.

### **FTW offers:**

- Training and orientation sessions
- Thorough screening of host families, including in-home interviews and background checks.
- Continuous support and assistance from our full time staff and Community Representatives in your area. Our Community Representatives (CR) will be there to help you along the way as you welcome one of our students coming this year. Your CR will help you select a student who will fit in with your family, and who has some of the same interests and hobbies as your family.
- Thoroughly screened students who speak English and meet the requirements of the program that will ensure success for the family and student
- Host families have the opportunity to learn about other cultures without leaving home
- Insurance coverage for each student

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**FTW students are:**

- Between the ages of 15 and 18
- Thorough screening of host families, including in-home interviews and background checks.
- Outstanding leaders in their school and community
- Able to speak, read, and write in English
- Excited for the opportunity to share in American culture!

Our overseas clients send their students through Face the World Foundation because of the professional, positive, and personable staff that we have and the commitment and dedication that Face the World is known for around the world.

Thanks for your time!

Sincerely,

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