**District 6360**

**Rotary Youth Exchange**

**Where to Find Host Families for Inbound Students**

Below is a brainstormed list of different groups to connect with to seek a host family for an Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange student. The list was compiled on February 22, 2020 at a YEO training.

**Note**: Host families do not need to be a member of Rotary; there is no age limit; may be a single person. Host families will complete an application with pictures of home, will be background checked, will have references checked, and an in person home visit.

The Host Family application is found on Central States Rotary Youth Exchange website: [www.csrye.org](http://www.csrye.org); Go to “Forms” and scroll down to Host Family Application.

**Where to Find a Host Family**

□ Teachers, other school connections, PTO, Foreign Language Teachers

□ Rotaract Club members

□ Interact Club members

□ Members of your church, youth group, other adult groups

□ Families with school aged kids

□ Empty Nesters (act as “grandparents” = great host family)

□ Your friends and people you know

□ Referrals from past Outbounds (Rebounds)

□ Connect at Club meetings

□ Put in club newsletters

□ Have a table about Youth Exchange at school, church, community events

□ People in your community that are world travelers

□ Connect with your local travel agency & their customers

**What are the benefits of being a host family?** (As told from former host families)

* Getting a new family member and welcoming the student to become a real part of your family.
* Reliving favorite American holidays and tourist locations with your new student.
* Expanding your horizons and learning about a new country and culture.
* Learning more about your own culture and language as you help the students learn English, and about Michigan and the United States.
* Getting an opportunity to try food, games or other items from your student's country.