



## INTERNATIONAL HOMESTAY FAMILIES

Homestay families are significant partners with Reformation Lutheran School in educating the total student – Spiritually, intellectually, and physically. Reformation Lutheran School has a growing international ministry.

Please consider partnering with Reformation Lutheran School in this unique ministry and consider hosting an international student for the academic year. It would be a pleasure to talk with you about this experience, interview your family about it, and place you on our list of host families. Throughout the year, homestay families can expect the following.

- Homestay families act as parents for international students. They provide transportation to and from school, arrange all meals and household duties, appreciate an extra family member on weekends and holidays, and encourage the international student in studies and activities.
- Your commitment to an international family begins at the end of August and extends to the early part of June.
- International families value the experience that they have in your home and provide a stipend to offset the costs of the experience with you. At the end of each of the nine full months that the international student is with you, Reformation Lutheran School will pass along a monthly stipend, totally more than \$5,000 annually to cover the student's costs. It is possible that some of the student's costs may be items that you are already paying for, like heating/rent for an extra room in your house. We would be giving you \$500 a month.
- International students are instructed to come with health insurance. You may be responsible for taking them on a visit to the doctor, signing school permission forms, and caring for other basic needs, as you would for your own children.
- Homestay families contribute to the well-being and success of an international student including personal guidance, transportation to and from school, encouragement in activities/socializing, and providing a furnished room and internet connection.
- Your flexibility is greatly appreciated as you anticipate a homestay student.

Thanks for thinking of the homestay ministry and considering the homestay family partnership with Reformation Lutheran School. Please let us know if you have any additional questions and contact us if you decide that the homestay ministry is a good fit for your family.

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