

# *International Friendship Program*

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*Life. Changing.*

*This is a non-live-in program for international students.*



*"Hosting an international student really opened up my eyes to new cultures, and allowed my family to learn more about other parts of the world without leaving the US! Also, we really enjoyed having the student in our home during the holidays. We have built a life-long friendship with our student, and hope to visit her soon! This was the experience of a lifetime."*

*There are roughly 7 billion people in approximately 200 countries that are represented on the seven continents around the world. But...did you know that right here in your community, Indian Hills Community College hosts international students from over 40 different countries on six of the world's continents? The International Friendship Program, sponsored by the International Affairs Office at Indian Hills Community College, will bring this cultural experience right to your doorstep. We invite you to take part in this opportunity to not only make a difference in a student's life, but to positively impact yours as well.*

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## What is it?

The International Friendship Program is created for both American families, and international students studying at IHCC. It gives American families a taste of another culture while giving international students a first-hand experience of the US culture outside of campus life. Students and volunteers are matched up based on interests, values, and other aspects.

Remember, there is no "typical American family." We are open to placements with a single person or a large family, with couples as well as with non-traditional families.

## Goals of the Program:

The goals for this non-live-in host program include:

1. Giving an American family a taste of another culture without traveling the world!
2. Giving an international student an opportunity to experience American culture first-hand with a local family.
3. Meeting on an average of once a month somewhere that can be agreed upon. This may include going out for dinner or coffee, inviting the student over for holidays & breaks, going to a student's sporting event (if applicable), celebrating their birthday, or attending other events in the community.

**To apply as a host family, please visit [www.indianhills.edu/internationalfriendshipprogram](http://www.indianhills.edu/internationalfriendshipprogram)**