

## **Friendship Families**

**Who?** Two or more international students will be matched with one American family, couple, or individual.

**What?** The friendship family program is an opportunity for couples, families, and individuals to “adopt” an international student during their time here and welcome them into your family and help them get acquainted with “all things Memphis”.

**When?** We suggest that you see your student at a minimum of once a month. We suggest that you call, email, or Facebook them at least once a week to check on them and let them know you are thinking of them.

**Where?** We have found that international students love visiting American homes and being a part of “family life”. Having them over for dinner is always a great way to make them feel welcome and at home. Also, taking them out to dinner could be a nice treat. Other ideas of things you can enjoy with your international friend are showing them around Memphis, taking them to various tourist attractions, sporting events, fairs and festivals, parks and outdoor activities, or simply giving them a ride to do some grocery shopping. Basically, you should feel comfortable inviting them along to anything that you or your family enjoys.

**Why?** The friendship family program is a great way for busy families and individuals to be involved with internationals while still maintaining other family obligations.

**How?** Please fill out a host family form so we can seek to match you up with an international student or family. We will try to take all of your preferences into consideration when matching students with friendship families.

Thank you for being willing to open your home and your lives to our international students. Getting to know an American family makes their English language learning experience much richer.

If you have additional questions, please contact Stacey Trimble.

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