

## **CORNERSTONE HOST FAMILIES**

Open Your Hearts and Homes to Become a Host Family for an International Exchange Student! Hosting a foreign student can be a very rewarding and educational experience for both the student and family. I sincerely hope you will consider participating in this unique opportunity. We understand that international students may experience many new and often difficult adjustments as they study and live in a new culture and learn a new language. One of my responsibilities will be to support, train and serve both you and the students so they can experience our life, our faith, and our culture. CCA will provide basic cultural familiarity and education to host families. We understand that much of our success is dependent on the environment created for our students by these very special host families.

<u>How to Serve as a Host Family</u>: Complete in detail the Host Family Application and email it to Rondy Thurlow, ISP Director, at <u>rthurlow@ccak12.net</u> or deliver to Cornerstone Christian Academy Battle Ground campus main office. Upon receipt of a completed application, you will be scheduled for an interview and home visit. Areas of interest that will be discussed will be your family background, hobbies, community, and work. Host families will receive a stipend to help defray the costs. A W-9 is required from each host family to receive payment of the host fee. If a family chooses to host an international student without receiving additional compensation from Cornerstone, no W-9 is required. The host fee is reportable as miscellaneous income per IRS regulations. Families will need to consult with their tax advisor to determine eligibility for this deduction. Students will have their own spending money and full medical and dental insurance.

For more information or questions, please call. Questions or Feedback?

Sincerely,

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