

We believe the world can become a better place by helping people from different backgrounds connect with and understand each other. For 70 years, AFS Volunteers have given their time to empower students, families and communities to overcome cultural barriers through increased understanding. Our volunteers come from every pocket of America, and their impact is felt on both a local and global scale.

**The AFS family has
40,000 volunteers worldwide
and is always growing!**



“Getting involved with AFS will change your life, your perspective on world cultures, and your understanding of humanity”

— Kevin N., Wisconsin



“I believe in the mission of AFS and have seen the tremendous positive difference it makes in the lives of the students we host, the host families, and the American students who go abroad.”

— Maryanne M., Seattle, WA

**Join us in creating a more just
and peaceful world!**

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Volunteer

with international exchange students near you!

Foster peace and create life-changing learning experiences in your community.

AFS has been a trusted leader in international education for 70 years.

AFS works toward a more just and peaceful world by providing international and intercultural learning experiences to individuals, families, schools and communities through a global volunteer partnership.

Our volunteers are critical to the AFS mission and come together across ages and backgrounds to support our mission.



Over 4,000 volunteers give their time to support the AFS mission...



helping students come from more than 80 countries to the U.S...



where over 2,100 families host them, across 46 states and 1,186 cities and towns...

Bringing the whole wide world a little closer together.

“I have met people from so many different places and different backgrounds. Some of my best friends I have met being involved with AFS, and I have pulled in some of my other friends to volunteer and host. I have a very big international family.”

— Margaret J., Chicago, IL



Here's how you'll make an impact on your hometown.

As an AFS Volunteer, you'll increase your understanding of different cultures and form close bonds with like-minded people in your community.

Volunteer roles in your area may include:

- **Guiding international students and host families**
- Planning local events and orientations
- Building connections with schools
- Helping students prepare to go abroad

What's Involved:

- Meeting with international exchange students and host families throughout the exchange experience
- Developing connections with students and families as their local AFS “liaison”
- Helping students navigate cultural differences at home or in school
- Serving as a mentor and role model
- Volunteering when it best fits your schedule

See all volunteer opportunities at afsusa.org/volunteer/opportunities