

Would you like to promote the value of cultural exchange by becoming an international Host Family?

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May 19, 2011

- Foreign language skills not required
- Families with children are especially encouraged to host a foreign student to enhance peer-to-peer international connections.
- Families are encouraged to provide lodging for more than one international participant when possible.

To become a host family or to learn more about this program please contact:

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If you would like to participate, please contact us as soon as possible, so that MWI can best facilitate our host family recruitment process.



South Asia Youth Summit: Developing Leadership in Young People to Transform Communities (SAYS), funded by the US Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs will bring twenty-one teen youths ages 15- 17 and three adult facilitators from **Nepal, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives** to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to learn about American culture and explore issues of youth leadership and youth involvement in community development.

Through the 17 day program in Pittsburgh, PA and 7 day program in Washington D.C., South Asia Youth Summit delegates and their adult facilitators will participate in site visits to local community agencies and student-led organizations, attend skill-building workshops, shadow Pittsburgh high school students for a "typical" school day, interact socially with local Pittsburgh youth, and engage in community service activities.

One of the most important components of this program is providing each participant with a "host family" experience during their time in Pittsburgh. The "host family" component of the program provides participants with valuable insight into American life and creates a mutual learning experience for host families and guests. **As a host family, you will have an exciting opportunity to interact with youth from South Asia, learn about a different culture, share your traditions, develop new friendships, and promote cross-cultural engagement. Most of all—it is a lot of fun!**

