

ONE-NIGHT HOMESTAY REQUEST, MON., MAY 2—TUES., MAY 3, FOR PERUVIAN JAZZ STUDENTS ON TOUR

TO: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Members and Friends

FROM: Phyllis B. Bianculli, Choir Member

DATE: April 17, 2016

SUBJ: Request for 8 Families to Volunteer to Provide One Overnight Homestay for 2 or 3 Students, 5/2—3/16

Dr. Gabriel Alegria, a Peruvian friend of mine who is an Afro-Peruvian Jazz artist and has been a professor of jazz studies at NYU, is arranging a tour in the USA from April 29 to May 8, 2016 for 10 female and 11 male students in the Lima Interescolar Big Band from Lima, Peru. This band is a community-based, interscholastic jazz ensemble for students in middle and high school, who audition to be in it. The goal of this tour is to give these Peruvian kids ample performing opportunities and immerse them in American culture by introducing them to other kids who make music, professionals who perform, master artists and the like. The tour will go through Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York.

They plan to be in Pittsburgh from May 2 to May 3, and Gabriel asked for my help with their visit here. I gladly agreed to help find musical partners and overnight housing for the 21 students and their 4 adult chaperones. I have found 4 host families to house 2 or 3 students overnight, and 8 more are needed.

With the band director at Fox Chapel Area High School, I arranged for the Peruvian kids to be there during his third period class (11:30 am—1:00 pm) for a musical exchange with his students. I also will help to plan their lunch at 1:30 pm and an afternoon activity for them.

Schedule if the jazz ensemble performs at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in the evening, Mon., 5/2/16:

- 5:30 pm: Dinner at St. Andrew's (pot luck or other organized meal)
- 7:00 pm: Performance in Church
- After performance (about 8:00 pm), kids go home in groups of 2 or more with assigned host families.
- 10:00 am on 5/3/16: After breakfast, host families bring their kids back to the Church or other nearby place (TBD) to get on tour bus.

Schedule if the jazz ensemble does not perform at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in the evening, Mon., 5/2/16:

- 5:30 pm: Host families pick up their assigned 2 or 3 kids and take them home for dinner and homestay.
- 10:00 am: After breakfast, host families bring their kids back to the Church or other nearby place (TBD) to get on tour bus.

Your hospitality for a one-night homestay is really needed and will be much appreciated.

Please let me know if you can help with this fun musical project. My contact information follows:

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH!