HOST FAMILY PROGRAM

WHAT IS A HOST FAMILY?
The Carleton College Host Family Program provides a caring “home away from home” experience for Carleton’s international students who would like to build a friendship with a local family in Northfield. The Host Family Program does not provide student accommodation, but it is designed to promote cross-cultural sharing and friendship. Once a match is made, the Host Family and international student de-cide how they would like to shape their interactions.

Meeting for coffee, inviting them to your home to participate in a holiday celebration, joining them on campus for special events...are just some of activities you can engage in. This is a rewarding program for both the families and international students alike. Building cultural bridges, and creating lifelong global friendships are just a few of the benefits of the program.

*Learn about your student’s culture and country
*Help your student to experience and learn about United States’ customs and cultures
*Invite your student into your home
*Communicate with your student on a regular basis
*Notify the Office of Intercultural and International Life if you cannot fulfill your obligation to maintain the friendship

TO THE STUDENT:
*Share your country and culture, and most importantly, yourself!
*Communicate with your family on a regular basis
*Accept invitations from the Host Family when-ever possible and be courteous to contact Host Family if you can not attend a scheduled event
*Contact the Office of International Student Programs if you no longer can participate in the program

Interested? Please Apply!!!
Applications to become a Carleton Host Family for an international student can be obtained from the Office of Intercultural and International Life website, and the links are located below.
Student: https://apps.carleton.edu/intl/student_life/hostfamilyprogram/hostfamily/
Faculty & Staff: https://apps.carleton.edu/intl/student_life/hostfamilyprogram/hostfamilyfs/

For further information, please contact Michael Hodges:
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As a Carleton College Host Family, you can provide an international student with opportunities to participate in such activities as:
*Birthday celebrations
*Picnics
*Sports events
*National holidays, such as Thanksgiving or the Fourth of July