

Be a Rotary Youth Exchange **HOST FAMILY**

Thank you for considering being a host family for a wonderful exchange student. Here are the main points of the program.

- An exchange student from overseas lives in your home, as a member of your family, for approximately 4 months
- They are involved with your family, in school, with new friends, and are also active in Rotary events such as weekend conferences and weekly meetings.
- They are 16-19 years old and they are here for 1 year. While the exchange students are here they live with 3 or 4 families to give them a broader understanding of our culture.



Nazli from Turkey with the Soderholm family

- You have extensive support from the local Rotary Club and over 400 Rotarians in Traverse City.
- We have had students from Brazil, Italy, Germany, and Zimbabwe. They are wonderful young people.
- We work with you to find the student with the best fit for your family, i.e. boy or girl, season of the year, language, etc.
- We promise that the experience will enrich your family.

And please pass this opportunity on to other families in the community. Interested families can contact any Rotarian or any of these program volunteers:

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Want to be an exchange student?

We sponsor several students each year and they each go to one of 44 different countries. Students must be between 15 and 19 years of age and in the top half of their class academically. Watch for recruiting at the local high schools in September and October, or contact any Rotarian, and visit the web site at http://www.rotary.org/programs/youth_ex/index.html.