

BECOME A HOST FAMILY

Invite French language, cultural exchange, and international friendship into your home.

With the help of Amity Institute, **Milwaukee French Immersion Foundation** sponsors French-speaking language models (volunteer interns) at Milwaukee French Immersion School (MFIS) and Milwaukee School of Languages (MSL) to enhance the language-learning experience for students. Consider opening your heart and home to an international young adult and help make this program possible.

WHY BECOME A HOST FAMILY?

Hosting an international visitor for an extended period of time can be a life-changing experience!

Allow your family to develop a meaningful relationship with someone from another culture. Language models will interact with your family, friends and neighbors, creating international friendship and cultural understanding on a local level. Your memories will last a lifetime!

Learn about another country and culture. Language models are prepared to share their culture through food, music, and personal interaction. Living together on a daily basis will soon break down pre-existing stereotypes.

Support MFIS and MSL. Help your school create a rich, engaging language immersion program. By volunteering your home, you will allow many students to benefit from speaking with native French speakers each day.

Learn about yourself and your culture. See the U.S. through the eyes of an international visitor; create an invaluable educational experience for yourself and family.

WHAT ARE HOST FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES?

The Host Family is the language model's substitute family and an essential part of his/her assignment. Many of them look forward to a genuine family living experience; they want to be included in family life and feel that you take interest in them. **Host Families must agree to:**

- Attend a host family orientation and language model welcome event
- Understand policies from Amity Institute and encourage the language model to follow those policies
- Provide for an additional member of the family, including *a separate/private room and three meals per day*
- Help the Amity language model adapt to your family and to U.S. life and culture
- Familiarize the language model with your hometown and promote participation in school and community events
- Offer an emotionally supportive environment
- Accept the language model as a member of your family

Host Families typically host for one school year or one semester, and 9 weeks would be considered.

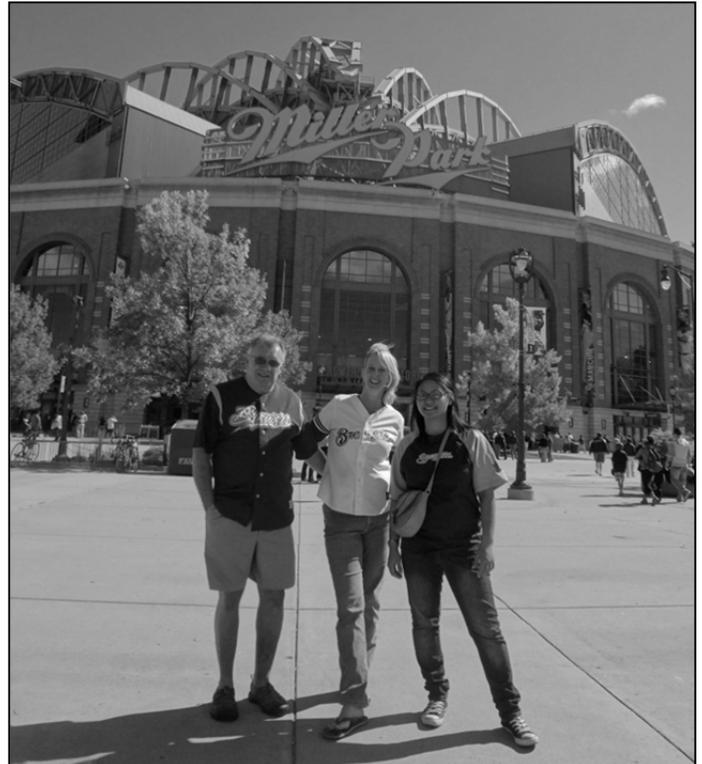


Photo: Kristina and Cully Carstens taking Amity language model, Aline Leang, to her first Milwaukee Brewers baseball game.

Interested?

For more information on becoming a Host Family:

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