

A testimony from Our Student

Hi, my name is Xingming Deng. It was a fantastic and unforgettable experience to stay with my current American host family. I have learned that Americans are very passionate, lovely and sincere. When I stay with them, I can feel that they really care about me and try very hard to treat me as one of their own family members. My host mother's name is Mrs. Spring, but I call her Mom. All of my host family members call me by my nickname "Ming", which was first used by my host sister. It is so sweet and creative, isn't it? My host mother has 3 children. I get along with them perfectly well.



Mom really cares about me. When I miss food from home, she will take me out to Chinese restaurants. One happy moment

was Christmas. I woke up early in the morning and opened presents from my host mother. At first I did not expect much and thought I might only get one or two gifts. Yet, I received so many lovely gifts, including clothes, toys, candies, slipper, and shoes.

I really feel that all of the teachers from Westar Education are very caring, responsible and reliable. Westar Education is like a heaven for me. All the Westar teachers are not only my mentors and close friends, but also my dear family members. When I first came to the US, I could not get used to American food. Mrs. Zhang from Westar was so considerate and kind. She prepared Chinese food for me, packed it in containers and drove to my host family to deliver

the food to me. It would have been a very tough time for me. However, with the Westar Teachers' help, it was much easier for me to finally get over the difficulties of adjustment. Whenever I get tired or feel terrible, I can just call the Westar teachers and talk to them as long as I wish. They always cheer me up and help me find solutions to my problems. I also think the Westar teachers are very capable. They worked very hard to have me transferred to CHCA, one of the best private schools in the area. I think this school fits me very well. I am very happy and satisfied with my new school.

In all, I feel so lucky from the bottom of my heart that I can be with my host family and Westar teachers when I am here in the US, thousands of miles away from China.

About Us

Westar Education LLC, with established educational links in both China and the United States, was founded on Christian values to assist students with overseas school selection and application processes and to assist schools with their internationalization strategies. Westar aims to provide high quality programs and services to the participants of its programs. Westar high school student selection and placement processes strictly follow the CSIET (Council on Standards for International Education Travel) standards for long-term international educational travel programs.



Open your heart and door to international students.

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Benefits of Being a Host Family

Hosting an international student from China could be an exciting and rewarding experience for both adults and children in the family. As a host family, you will have the extraordinary opportunities to:

- Make a difference in a young student's life
- Help the student discover America through your own eyes
- Establish lifelong friendship with the student
- Learn about another country, culture, and language from the student

Financial Compensation for Host Families

You will be financially compensated for being a host family. For more information, please contact Westar representatives.

Host Family Responsibility

We are looking for loving families that can provide a caring "home away from home" experience for our students. Host families' priority is to provide a safe and caring environment for the student to stay and study.

We ask host families to provide:

- Love and care
- Friendship and moral support
- Parental guidance and supervision
- Basic needs including room and board

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How to Become a Host Family?

- Contact Westar representatives for detailed information
- Complete Westar Host Family Application Form
- Being interviewed by Westar representatives
- Being matched with a student
- Review Westar Host Family Orientation Manual
- Prepare for the arrival of the student
- Welcome the student home
- Make the student a part of the family



Who are these students?

- From China
- Age between 14 and 18
- Attending top private schools in the Cincinnati and Dayton area
- High academic achievers from top Chinese schools
- Variety of interests in sports, arts, and other fields

Testimony from a Host Parent

The red string of fate must have tied itself between Alex and our family on the day he was born. We weren't actively looking to host an International Exchange Student when I read the weekly newsletter that our school sent out last summer. I noted a boy who studied piano and loved math. My two boys and daughter play piano, so I thought it could work and requested more information.

We met Alex in early August. His English was very good, and he had a fun sense of humor. Alex never had a chance to play much sports in China. He was too busy being a serious student in China's top math and science school. While still an excellent student his Freshman year in the US, Alex took tennis clinic and made the JV tennis team. He started running and snowboarding, spending most winter weekends on the slopes of Perfect North, improving his skills.

In our home, Alex learned how to do chores like taking out the trash, washing dishes, folding laundry, and walking dogs. We took Alex to watch the Reds play baseball, helped him carve his first pumpkin, and make his own pumpkin pie. Alex, along with my boys, participated in the Appalachia Service Project with our church, helping impoverished persons in Appalachia with home improvements.

In this global world, we feel that hosting Alex has been mutually beneficial for our family and Alex. Alex always helps our son with his Chinese homework and pronunciation. He has invited my son to visit China with him next year. Because of his exposure to Alex, my son has realized that he likes learning about other cultures, and may enjoy International Relations in college. We look forward to another exciting year hosting Alex again in the fall.

- Mrs. Heather S.