



Discover

the world without
leaving your home

CAMBRIDGE
NETWORK

CONNECTING WELCOMING HOST
FAMILIES WITH ENTHUSIASTIC
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Welcome to CAMBRIDGE NETWORK

Your Hosting Experience Creates Lifetime Memories

- **WELCOME** a new, lifelong friend into your home.
- **PROVIDE** an authentic American experience for a student.
- **INTRODUCE** family to a different culture.

"Hosting an international student has been a better experience than we could have ever imagined. I will never forget the nervousness our family felt standing at the airport, waiting to pick up a 14 year old student we had never met, and knew nothing about. Once he arrived, and we met him for the first time, we knew this year was going to be something special, not only for him, but for our family as well. This experience has given everyone involved a chance to learn about a new culture. Our family has fallen in love with tea eggs, and we are getting better every day at using chop sticks! Cosmo now fits the average American teenager lifestyle by having a fondness for pizza, coke, and ice cream. After having Cosmo live with us this year our family has grown from a family of four to a family of five. We expected this experience to be fun, but never imagined it would be life changing."

— Host parents Ashley and Robert Green

We Provide All the Support Host Families Need to Thrive

Once you join the Cambridge Homestay family and are successfully paired with a student, our multilingual and multicultural support staff introduces your family to your student and his or her natural parents. This multilingual staff is available for support and translation services throughout your student's stay.

Next, you'll participate in a brief training program to prepare for your student's arrival. Once your student arrives, you will receive an in-person visit from your local Cambridge Homestay Support Services Coordinator. This person will schedule regular check-ins and will be the point-person for all of your questions and needs throughout your student's stay. Cambridge Homestay also supports all of its hosts by providing a monthly stipend to offset the costs associated with hosting a student.

"Our experience with Cambridge Homestay has been wonderful. From the employees in Massachusetts to our local representative here in Florida, everyone has always been very approachable and helpful with any questions we've had. Our local Support Services Coordinator Michelle, is a gem!"

— Host mom, Lisa Van Kuiken



Your adventure starts here



Our Hosts Are Simply the Best

Our host families go above and beyond to offer international students the best American experience by including them in family events and traditions, and by teaching them about American family life.



In addition to helping students thrive during their stays, host families must:

- Live within a 30-minute drive of their student's school.
- Provide suitable transportation for the student to and from school (school busing and carpooling are acceptable).
- Provide three meals a day (this can include meals provided by the school).
- Provide the student a private bedroom.



We support our hosts



"We are so lucky to have two wonderful individuals living in our home....We are an Italian family and talk with our hands. Shane is our sophomore student and is very demonstrative when he talks and uses his hands a lot. I asked him, "Are you sure you're not Italian?" He laughs, we laugh, and life goes on. One day, I was cooking a Kung Pao Chicken dish and Shane said, "Are you sure you're not Chinese!?" So funny! Our cultures are different but also the same."

— Host parents Ralph and Mary Traficanti

Ready to Join Us?

Start your host family journey by filling out an inquiry form at www.gphomestay.com.

And if you know someone else who would make a great host, refer them! You'll earn a \$300 referral bonus once their application is approved.

"Gary is helping us become a better family. We are sitting down to eat more meals together. We exercise more patience and kindness with one another. Our family is making time to re-visit some of the parks and treasures our great state has to offer."

— Elizabeth Girdham, Host Mom



About Cambridge Homestay

Since our founding in 2011, Cambridge Homestay, formerly known as gphomestay, has proudly paired dedicated American host families with international high school students who are eager to live in and learn about the United States.

Headquartered in Waltham, MA with staff across the country, Cambridge Homestay's national and local presence enables us to provide the training, resources, and in-person, ongoing support that empowers every host and student to thrive.

The Council on Standards for International Education Travel (CSIET) has officially recognized Cambridge Homestay as an approved educational services provider, reflecting our commitment to providing safe and enriching homestay experiences for hosts and students.

- We have a presence in nearly 200 communities across the country.
- Approximately 80% of our host families re-enroll to host another international student.

"My husband and I are happy to have joined the Cambridge Homestay Family! Tom and Jerry bring us even more joy and laughter and it's truly a pleasure to have two very nice and respectful young men join our family. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of a program that touch lives and give back with open arms to International Students!"

— Host parents Julius and Levette Nthigah

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Join the Cambridge Homestay



How to Become a Host

Welcome A New Family Member!



Complete Inquiry Form

This form is available www.gphomestay.com



Site Visit

After background and reference checks are complete, we will schedule a home visit to meet your family and see the student's living quarters.



Receive Email

Once you fill out an inquiry form, you'll receive an email with more information!



Sign Contract

You will receive all documentation and the contract to become a host family.



Phone Screen

A staff member will call you for a brief phone screen.



Get Approved!

You will receive confirmation on being an eligible host family!



Complete Application Form

After the phone screen, you will receive a link to fill out the Host Family Application.



Profile Presentation

Your host family profile is presented to the student to review for compatibility.



Background and Reference Checks

Background checks on all family members (age 18+) include:

- Criminal Background Check
- Identity Confirmation with Social Security Number
- Sex Offender Registry Check

We will also call your personal references.



Welcome a New Family Member!

Congratulations! Your profile was matched with a student and now you are ready to invite a new family member into your home!

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