YOU TOO CAN LEARN ABOUT THE PEOPLE AND CULTURES OF GERMANY.

MAKE THE WORLD YOUR HOME!

When you welcome a YFU international exchange student, your family will develop a new perspective, make memories and gain a new family member for life. More than 260,000 students and their families around the world have embarked on this transformative cultural journey.

Together YFU students and their host families become citizens of one world as they deepen their appreciation for other cultures and customs, in turn increasing tolerance, reducing violence and helping to eliminate stereotypes.

Your ordinary life – grocery shopping, cooking dinner, going to a high school football game, volunteering at the local food bank – is extraordinary to an exchange student.

By hosting each others children, we come to understand that our similarities are greater than our differences.

WHAT HAVE YFU HOST FAMILIES LEARNED ABOUT GERMANY?

- There is a lot of geographical diversity among regions as well as differences in the people specific to those areas.
- Public transportation tends to be better in Germany.
- Our cultures are very similar.
- Our student was surprised by the size of Wal-Mart and the fact we could get food and bicycles in one place.
- There are no pop-tarts in Germany.

"We've had fun learning some different terms or words...early on my husband was teasing her and I said 'watch out he's pulling your leg.' After explaining what that meant, she told us that in Germany they would say 'he's putting a bear on your nose.'"

- Kim, Host Mother, Michigan

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