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 other’s children, we come to understand that our similarities are greater than our differences.

What have YFU Host Families learned about Finland?

- The people are warm and wonderful.
- Christmas is celebrated on December 24th.
- They really do eat reindeer.
- They have a great education system.
- Most families have a sauna in their home.
- Schools never close for snow.
- Finnish is a long, vowel-filled language.

“Our two girls were good, personable young ladies and enjoyed their experience. They were also open to doing new things. They really acted as if they were part of our family.”

- Jim, Host Father, Michigan