



**YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING**  
Intercultural Exchange Programs

# SHARE YOUR HOME WITH A YFU STUDENT FROM **JAPAN**



YOU TOO CAN LEARN ABOUT THE PEOPLE AND CULTURES OF JAPAN.  
**HOST A JAPANESE YFU STUDENT!**

**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 Japan?*

- Tech gadgets are popular.
- It is important to be respectful & polite.
- Japanese culture is very hardworking and family oriented.
- The Japanese are very literal.
- 60 degrees is cold in Japan.
- Snow is cause for wonder.
- People in Japan love rice!
- Okinawa is far from mainland Japan.

“Hosting will expand not only your worldly view but it will also have an effect on your friends, family and neighbors. It’s one small way of making our mark in the world. It has the potential to make a friend for life.”

- Susan, Host Mother, Connecticut

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