

Dear Prospective Volunteer Host Family:

Thank you for your interest in hosting a student from Kakuda, Japan. We are so excited to once again be planning a visit from our friends. The proposed dates for our upcoming visit are August 15-24, 2014. We expect to have a mix of junior high and high school boys and girls coming to visit Greenfield.

Some of you have hosted before and are familiar with our process and agenda. For those of you have not hosted, I suggest you visit our website at <a href="http://www.sistercitiesofgreenfield.org">http://www.sistercitiesofgreenfield.org</a> for a history of the organization and photos of our previous visits. Also attached is a sample schedule from a previous year to give you an idea as to what to expect while the students are visiting. Please note that this is a sample schedule only, not the proposed schedule for the current year's visit.

As a host family, the most important responsibility you will have is to welcome the student into your home and allow them to see what home life is like for the American youth. While in your home, you will be providing meals for the student and transportation to and from the designated location each day. Many times, families collaborate on transportation and other responsibilities during the visit, so please do not let that prohibit you from applying to host a student.

Applications are due by July 6, 2014, and can be emailed to <u>amandaj105@hotmail.com</u>. They can also be mailed to Amanda Leiber, 10120 Fantina Ln., Fishers, IN 46040. If you have any questions regarding the application or hosting process, please email us at the same address. Although we have a July 6<sup>th</sup> deadline, applications are welcome and appreciated at any time. There will be an orientation meeting for all host families in August 2014, with the date to be determined by mid-July. An adult member of your family is required to attend this meeting.

We look forward to hearing from you and watching your families enjoy a unique visit from our very special guests from Kakuda. Thank you again for your willingness to play such an important role in our exchange program. We could not do it without you!

Sincerely, Amanda Leiber Coordinator, 2014 Incoming Kakuda Wing

# 2014 Host Family Application Sister Cities of Greenfield Proposed Visit August 15-24, 2014

Parent(s) Names:
Address:
Email address:
Telephone numbers:
Preference (if any): male student female student male chaperone female chaperone
Name(s), age(s) and grade(s) of children in the home:
Other family members living in the home:
Parent(s) occupation(s):
Hobbies and family activities:
Please list all family pets:
Please tell us why you are interested in hosting a student from Kakuda, Japan, using the back of this form if necessary.
I/we understand the responsibilities of serving as a host family and wish to be considered as an
applicant to serve as a host family in the Sister City program for the 2014 traveling year. I am
aware of a commitment to attend an orientation session in August 2014 (date to be determined).
Applicant's Signature:

# \*\*SAMPLE ONLY\*\* Kakuda Wing Visit Schedule August XX-XX, XXXX

### Friday, August XX

Wing arrives. Travel times not yet available. Please notify our child's principal if he/she will be leaving early to meet guests at the airport.

#### Saturday, August XX

9:30am - welcome brunch, held at Greenfield-Central Junior High (GCJH)

7:00pm – Evening Group Activity

#### Sunday, August XX

Free time with host families!

### Monday, August XX

7:30am – drop your guest off at GCJH. The students in chaperones will be divided into groups and visiting elementary schools, followed by a shopping trip to Wal\*Mart.

4:00pm – pick up guest at GCJH and then enjoy an evening of free time with them.

### Tuesday, August XX

7:30am – drop your guest off at GCJH. The students and chaperones will be divided into two groups and visiting the intermediate schools, junior high and high school. Following school visits the students will participate in mural painting at GCJH.

5:00pm – pick up guest at GCJH and then enjoy an evening of free time with them.

### Wednesday, August XX

7:30am – drop your guest off at GCJH. The students and chaperones will visit the mayor of Greenfield in the morning, followed by a visit to downtown Indianapolis for sightseeing and shopping.

4:30pm – pick up guest at GCJH and then enjoy an evening of free time with them.

### Thursday, August XX

7:30am – drop your guest off at GCJH. The students and chaperones will be visiting Keihin IPT in the morning, and will have an afternoon visit with the Greenfield Police Department and the Greenfield Fire Department.

4:30pm – pick up guest at GCJH and then enjoy an evening of free time with them.

# Friday, August XX

7:30am – drop off guest at GCJH. This day's events are to be announced.

4:30pm – pick up guest at GCJH.

6:00pm – Farewell dinner and scrapbook party (casual dress) at GCJH. This will be a pitch-in event, so please plan on bringing a dish to share. The main course will be provided, so we will be in need of side dishes and desserts. If possible, please bring some pictures of various activities you have participated in with your student so they will have them to scrapbook.

#### Saturday, August XX

Free time with host families!

### Sunday, August XX

Students and chaperones leave today. Please plan on having your guest at the Indianapolis airport by XXXX. It is necessary for them to be there by this time. Before you leave the house, please weigh your guest's bag to ensure it is within the weight limits, and also ensure they have their Passports and that it is not packed in their suitcase.