**International Youth Exchange**

**An Opportunity of a Lifetime**

Are you interested in learning a new language or meeting new people? Rotary Youth Exchange is the opportunity of a lifetime for the more than 8,000 students who participate each year. By sharing your own culture and embracing a new one, you help foster global understanding—and learn a great deal about yourself and your home country in the process.

Youth Exchange is a study-abroad opportunity for young people who spend anywhere from a few weeks to a full year as an international student hosted by local Rotary clubs.

Exchanges are for people ages 15–19 who:

* Have demonstrated leadership in their school and community
* Are flexible and willing to try new things
* Are open to cultural differences
* Can serve as an ambassador for their own country

Host families are needed for exchange students

Hosting an exchange student can be an incredibly rewarding experience for your family, providing an international experience without leaving home. Host families provide room and board and share their lives with exchange students, involving them in family, community, and cultural activities.

This August the Rotary clubs of Lincoln and Grimsby are hosting a 17-year-old boy from Argentina. He will be spending the school year from late August 2025 till early summer 2026 in West Niagara. Hosting is usually 3 months, and we need 3 or 4 families.

If you are interested in hosting or if your child would like to inquire about a youth exchange. Please contact Martha at mkralt1@gmail.com, Rotary Club of Lincoln Youth Exchange Counselor.