

# Sister City Association of Greenfield

## Host Family Application

The citizens of Greenfield are fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in a Sister City program. Greenfield and Kakuda, a city of 35,000 people in northern Japan, established sister city relations in 1990.

The sister city program encourages cultural exchange between the two cities including an annual student/adult visit to the sister city. The Kakuda delegation is tentatively to set to visit Greenfield in August 2009 and a group from Greenfield travels to Japan in June. The specific travel dates will be confirmed at a later date.

Visitors from Kakuda City are housed with Greenfield “host” families during their stay. Each “host” home serves as the “family” for one Japanese guest. While not required, it is preferred that the “host” families for visiting Japanese students have a middle school and/or high school student to pair with the visiting Japanese student. The “host” family will provide the Japanese guest with lodging, some meals, and transportation. In addition, a number of group activities are planned, and the “host” family is encouraged to participate with their guest in those activities, such as a welcome and farewell party, and a sporting event.

Families selected to serve as “hosts” are expected to attend one culture and language class prior to the arrival of the Kakuda delegation. This class is designed to prepare the “host” family to communicate more effectively with their guest, and to provide an orientation to Japanese culture. A tentative schedule of events and activities for the visit will be provided at this time. The orientation class will be held in August, and will be coordinated by Dawn Hanson. The specific date and site will be announced in the near future.

Questions regarding the Sister City program and the “host” family experience are encouraged to e-mail Dawn Hanson at [dawnh@sistercitiesofgreenfield.org](mailto:dawnh@sistercitiesofgreenfield.org).

The 2009 “host” family applications are due no later than **July 4, 2009**, and can be mailed to Dawn Hanson, 1670 E. Casey Lane, Greenfield, IN 46140, but the envelope must be postmarked no later than midnight, **July 4, 2009**. The Sister City Association of Greenfield may contact applicants to further discuss the program. Families selected to serve as a “host” family will be notified no later than July 11, 2009.

\* SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION OF GREENFIELD \*

Year 2009 Host Family Application

Parent(s) Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preference (if any):

Male Student  Female Student  Male Chaperone  Female Chaperone

Names and Ages of Dependent Family Members: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent(s) Occupation(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Hobbies & Other Family Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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List all family pets:

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Write about why you would like to be a host family (Use of the back of this application if necessary)

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I 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. I am aware of a commitment to attend an orientation session in August 2009.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_