

Welcome to Greenheart!

Greenheart has been dedicated to the promotion of cultural understanding, academic development and world peace since 1985. Through our many years of experience, we have found that the experiential learning involved in student exchange does help people appreciate other ways of life and consequently improves their own We have worked with thousands of students and seen their lives transformed and enriched as a result of their experiences abroad.

Greenheart is a not-for-profit organization designated by the United States Department of State as a sponsor of an exchange visitor program. We are also pleased to report that we have been granted full listing in the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) 2017-2018 *Advisory List.* Full listing, in the *Advisory List,* means that an organization has been found to be in compliance with CSIET Standards based on the information available to CSIET utilizing a compliance audit process conducted by independent certified public accountants.

Based in Chicago, Illinois, Greenheart organizes Academic Year, Short-Term Homestay and Language-Study Programs in the United States and in many destinations around the world. Greenheart emphasizes quality programs for selected students and families, and does not pursue large numbers for the sake of doing high-volume business. In choosing to work with Greenheart, you will select an organization that provides only the finest cultural and educational programs available.

Greenheart offers two types of programs in the United States for international students. These include Short-Term Individual and Group Programs, as well as a selection of Academic Year Programs. Programs vary from groups coming from one country to the U.S. to multinational programs combining students from many countries. Individual Homestay Programs in locations across the U.S are also available.

Every year, international students from more than 50 countries, ages 15 to 18.5, travel to the United States for a school year or for a semester to live with volunteer host families and attend local high schools. Counseling and supervision are provided throughout the stay by a Greenheart Local Coordinator. Students are encouraged to participate in community service activities during their stay, including environmental Greenheart Club projects.

More information is available through Greenheart's partner in your country.