

BE A HOST FAMILY!

PARTNERS OF THE AMERICAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS PROGRAM



Caring Hoosier families host a Brazilian teen, ages 15 to 18 years old. The Youth Ambassadors need to participate in school regularly or in a home school program. They are also expected to perform leadership activities and volunteer service.

The exchange is eight weeks, typically from the first week in January to the first week in March (during Brazilian summer vacation). The host family provides a single or shared room, meals and transportation. They should incorporate the Youth Ambassador in family activities and excursions to fully integrate into American culture.

The Youth Ambassadors are Brazilian students and members of Rio Grande do Sul Partners who have completed a rigorous training and evaluation process. English proficiency, dedication to volunteerism, maturity to live in another culture for an extended period of time and qualifications to be good ambassadors for Brazil and Partners of the Americas is all reviewed by the program.



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Who We Are

Since the 1964 inauguration of Partners of the Americas, President Kennedy's vision of building lasting relationships in the Western Hemisphere remains an important objective of the Indiana and Rio Grande do Sul sister state programs. Today, these two programs continue to build upon Kennedy's vision by connecting Hoosiers to Latin American Gauchos in professional, cultural and educational exchanges. Travel accommodations are provided through the organization, in addition to facilitating homestay and other volunteer opportunities.



Key Programs

We've been building goodwill between Indiana and Rio Grande do Sul in the following areas:

- Citizen Participation & Governance
- Leadership & Community Development
- Youth Service, Leadership & Child Protection
- Gender & Equality
- Agriculture & Environment
- Health and Wellness

Culture of Rio Grande do Sul

Rio Grande do Sul is the southernmost state in Brazil, bordered by Uruguay, Argentina and the Atlantic Ocean. Leaders in both sister states (Indiana and Rio Grande do Sul) chose each other as Partners of the Americas because of their likeness. Similar demographics, economic outputs and political traditions make the match ideal. The local cuisine is also a reason to salivate as steakhouse barbecues, or "churrascarias," are delicious and have become a global attraction.

Benefits

Indiana's all-volunteer chapter has facilitated economic and social development benefitting thousands of people. The people-to-people projects bring teachers, students, artists, coaches, government officials and professionals together.

Partners of the Americas is the largest private, volunteer organization in the western hemisphere. Each U.S. state is partnered with a sister state in Latin America and is funded by foundations, organizations, U.S. government agencies, individual donors and members.

This collaborative effort trains adult and youth leaders, strengthens NGOs and engages citizens in the global community. The experience to travel abroad and help take on foreign projects is a rewarding experience that fosters better relations between the U.S. and the Americas. Please join us in the making a positive difference domestically and overseas in the Americas!



How to Become a Member!

Every program with Partners of the Americas is an adventure with opportunities for cross-cultural sharing and the satisfaction of helping others through international travel and local, cultural outreach activities. Members will learn about the Brazilian culture and be connected with other members throughout Indiana and in the partner state of Rio Grande do Sul. Assistance for international travel, project support, language translation, lodging and transportation are all provided. For more information about the organization, please visit our website at <http://inpartners.org>.