

GLOBAL OUTREACH CATHOLIC EXCHANGE PROGRAM – Bishop Neumann - Host Families Needed

In the 1992-1993 school year, **Bishop Neumann High School** first participated in a foreign student exchange program entitled Global Outreach. Foreign exchange students recruited by Global Outreach come from Eastern European countries. Students are personally interviewed and screened by Global Outreach leaders in Neenah, Wisconsin. The students are expected to return to their country after a year in the United States and become very active in the Catholic Church. The majority of these students come from modest income families.

In order to help spread the Gospel in these countries, Bishop Neumann has the policy of accepting students from Global Outreach, providing they understand and speak fluent English and are Catholic. For students sponsored by Global Outreach, Bishop Neumann provides free tuition.. They are expected to pay the book rental fee and also any class/activities fee. If their host families are eligible, the Global Outreach students are eligible for free/reduced lunches through our school lunch program.

In the fall of 1992 Bishop Neumann welcomed its first Global Outreach student Milan Tucek. The host family was Theresa and Larry Bouc from Valparaiso. Since then, except for five years there have been one or two Global Outreach students from Eastern European countries who have been able to attend Bishop Neumann. As stated above, these students when they return to their native country are expected and have become very active in the Catholic Church.

The interview process ensures they are strong in their faith as well as have the ability to adjust to life with a host family and a U.S. Catholic student body.

Neumann has been blessed with their presence for many years. There have been host families who have volunteered to have a girl or boy from Global Outreach—for a total of 18 years! -- some years we've had two families offer to host a boy or girl. This year, , Dominka Herizinova, from the Czech Republic is living with Amy Virgl and her daughter Becky, a junior at Bishop Neumann.

Bishop Neumann would like to continue having one or two students from Global Outreach each school year. However, in order to do so, we are searching for one or two host families who would be willing to have a Global Outreach student live with them during the 2015-2016 school year. In addition to Theresa and Larry Bouc and Amy Virgl, the names of other families who have hosted a Global Outreach student at Neumann are listed at the end. I'm sure any of them would be happy to visit with you about their experience as a host family. Notre Dame Sister Marie Alice Ostry, who was instrumental in establishing Global Outreach in Catholic Schools in Lincoln and Omaha said that of the many Global Outreach students in these schools, Bishop Neumann has had twenty-seven enrolled, which is one-third of those who came to Nebraska!

For more information and/or to volunteer as a host family, please contact Theresa Klein who is the coordinator for Bishop Neumann. The number at Bishop Neumann is 402-443-4151 and Theresa Klein's cell phone number is 402-310-2450.

Thank you ! Sister Michelle Hayek N.D.

Couples who have served as host parents throughout the years are:

Tom and Cathy Roberts	Ron and Cathy Sladky (3 students)	Jim and Irene Smith
Andy and Vickie Kauffold	Jim and Cyndy Bohaty (5 students)	Martin and Jenny Chvatal
Gerald and Roxan Humlicek	Mark and Paula Masek	Wilma Wolfe
Ed and Debbie Sladky	Paul and Jill Johnson	Rosemary Shanahan
Joel and Cindy Wenninghoff	Rick and Teresa Virgl	Paul and Shelly Pleskac
Chris and Janelle Benes	Laurie and Ralph Woita	Frank and Deb Koranda
Randy and Theresa Klein		