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Hello and Thank You to our Citizen Diplomats!

Because of your fabulous support of our Citizen Diplomacy efforts in Chicago, we had an amazing year hosting 862 international delegates from 148 countries. If you take a moment to think about how many countries there are in the world, we've nearly got it covered! This is all thanks to *you*, helping us by welcoming these delegates into your offices for professional meetings or into your homes for dinners or overnight stays.

WorldChicago Citizen Diplomats also joined 42 women from Africa on a scavenger hunt in Chicago's Loop, welcomed visitors to a summer home in New Buffalo, Michigan, and took visitors around to the cultural attractions in our city. The staff and I could not be more proud to represent Chicago — a truly international American city that is so warm and welcoming to our international delegates.

Following, please see details about all of the programs we hosted this year, including a summer full of youth exchanges, the new Legislative Fellows program, and a 3-day Fulbright Scholar Seminar—in addition to our many long-standing programs.

I hope you will all continue to spread the word about the importance of Citizen Diplomacy and help us welcome more international delegates throughout 2012. It's certain to be an exciting year for Chicago with the Nobel Peace Laureates World Summit in April and the G8/NATO Summits in May.

Thank you again – for your Citizen Diplomacy and your support.

Warm regards,

Peggy Parfenoff
Executive Director

"Chicago positively surprised me. Not only is it a very beautiful city but the people are very polite and friendly."

—José, program participant from Angola

"I will never forget what you did for me, how your staff helped us a lot. I had feeling that I had been over there over one year, not one month...so many impressions, meetings, and also an astonishing cultural program."

—Muhabbat, program participant from Tajikistan



This year, WorldChicago coordinated **113** programs for **862** visitors from **148** countries – *thank you* for your support!

WorldChicago is part of the National Council for International Visitors (NCIV), a nonprofit membership association with 50 years of leadership in citizen diplomacy. NCIV members design and implement professional programs, provide cultural activities, and offer home hospitality for foreign leaders and scholars participating in U.S. Department of State exchanges. As Chicago's official host of U.S. government-sponsored visitors, WorldChicago's mission is:

To facilitate professional and personal interaction for international leaders during official visits to Chicago;

To enhance respect and communication through international exchanges and alliances, and;

To promote the City of Chicago, the State of Illinois, and Cook County as important business and cultural centers.

Visitors have the opportunity to meet Chicagoans and visit a variety of Chicago organizations and attractions, showcasing our city as an important national and international destination. In this photograph, Mayor Daley meets with a Legislative Fellowship Program participant from Kyrgyzstan.



International Visitor Statistics

Afghanistan	3
Albania	4
Algeria	8
Angola	2
Argentina	7
Armenia	6
Australia	2
Austria	1
Azerbaijan	5
Bahamas, The	1
Bahrain	5
Bangladesh	10
Belarus	4
Belgium	3
Belize	2
Benin	2
Bolivia	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1
Botswana	2
Brazil	5
Brunei	1
Bulgaria	11
Burkina Faso	2
Burundi	1
Cambodia	1
Cameroon	4
Canada	7
Cape Verde	3
Central African Republic	1
Chile	1
China	31
Colombia	9
Comoros	1
Costa Rica	2
Cote d'Ivoire	3
Croatia	5
Cyprus	16
Dem. Republic of the Congo	1

Djibouti	1
Dominica	1
Dominican Republic	2
Egypt	5
El Salvador	2
Equatorial Guinea	2
Eritrea	1
Estonia	1
Ethiopia	4
Finland	1
France	3
Gambia, The	4
Georgia	20
Germany	7
Ghana	6
Grenada	2
Guatemala	2
Guinea	3
Guyana	3
Haiti	1
Honduras	3
Hungary	12
India	16
Indonesia	8
Iraq	10
Israel	17
Italy	9
Jamaica	3
Japan	29
Jordan	3
Kazakhstan	5
Kenya	2
Kuwait	4
Kyrgyzstan	12
Lesotho	2
Liberia	2
Macedonia	2
Madagascar	3

Malawi	4
Malaysia	2
Maldives	1
Mali	2
Mauritania	2
Mauritius	1
Mexico	18
Micronesia, Fed.States of	1
Moldova	2
Mongolia	1
Montenegro	4
Morocco	9
Mozambique	3
Namibia	3
Nepal	7
Netherlands	4
New Zealand	1
Nicaragua	1
Niger	3
Nigeria	6
Norway	1
Oman	2
Pakistan	34
Panama	1
Paraguay	16
Peru	6
Philippines	2
Poland	11
Qatar	4
Romania	6
Russia	8
Saint Lucia	1
Samoa	1
Sao Tome and Principe	1
Saudi Arabia	4
Senegal	2
Serbia	18
Sierra Leone	1

Singapore	9
Slovakia	12
Slovenia	12
South Africa	10
South Korea	12
Spain	32
Sri Lanka	5
Sudan	3
Suriname	3
Swaziland	4
Sweden	2
Syria	11
Taiwan	1
Tajikistan	13
Tanzania	5
Thailand	4
Togo	4
Tonga	1
Trinidad and Tobago	1
Tunisia	2
Turkey	19
Turkmenistan	4
Uganda	6
Ukraine	41
United Arab Emirates	3
United Kingdom	20
Uruguay	1
Uzbekistan	9
Vanuatu	1
Venezuela	15
Vietnam	3
Yemen	6
Zambia	3
Zimbabwe	2
Total Visitors	862
Total Countries	148



WorldChicago plans customized programs ranging from a few days to several months for mid-career professionals, young professionals, and youth leaders. All visitors explore their professional or educational areas of interest while meeting Chicagoans and experiencing cultural and social life in the United States.

Program Name	Number of Programs	Number of Visitors
International Visitor Leadership Program	92	554
Open World Leadership Program	2	12
Community Connections Program	1	10
Legislative Fellows Program	4	19
Youth Leadership Programs	4	85
Fulbright Programs	3	96
Specialized Training Programs	4	54
Other Programs	3	32
Totals	113	862



Delegates from Kyrgyzstan meet with U.S. Congressman Daniel Lipinski.



Municipal politicians from Colombia meet with Chicago City Clerk Susana Mendoza.

International Visitor Leadership Program

Launched in 1940, the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) is the U.S. Department of State's premier professional exchange program. Through 3-4 week visits to U.S. cities, emerging and current leaders from a variety of fields visit Chicago to meet their professional counterparts, explore their interests, and take part in home hospitality meals and other cultural activities. IVLP highlights from 2011 included:

African Women's Entrepreneurship Program (AWEP) - September 17-22, 2011

WorldChicago was the opening city for the AWEP program, which hosted 42 accomplished female entrepreneurs from various African countries to explore business, leadership, marketing, and women's empowerment. Upon arrival in Chicago, the ladies enjoyed a Sunday afternoon scavenger hunt to see some of Chicago's downtown cultural attractions. The program was officially kicked off with a luncheon in the AON Center, which was highlighted by a special welcome from Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Lee Satterfield and a keynote address by Desiree Rogers, CEO of Johnson Publishing Company, who inspired the women with her success stories.

The Spirit of Volunteerism: Celebrating 50 Years of the Peace Corps - October 11-15, 2011

To honor the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps, WorldChicago welcomed 50 volunteer training professionals from 50 different countries; this was the largest International Visitor Leadership group ever hosted in Chicago! During their stay, the group explored best practices in volunteer recruitment, retention, and management. They had the opportunity to volunteer with Friends of the Parks, which included planting 30 trees at Rainbow Beach on Chicago's South Side. To mark the conclusion of the program, the group was honored with a farewell reception at the Union League Club of Chicago, where many Chicago-area Returned Peace Corps Volunteers were in attendance. Ambassador Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, provided an inspiring farewell address encouraging civic activism.

"I considered all my professional appointments useful and meaningful because I have learned new things that I can take back home and use in my community."

—Izetta, IVLP participant from Liberia



Algerian rap artists perform for students at Curie Metropolitan High School.



AWEP participants enjoy a reception held at the Chicago Cultural Center.

Open World Leadership Program

The Open World Leadership Program, an initiative of the U. S. Congress and the Library of Congress, brings emerging leaders from Eastern Europe and Eurasia to the United States to experience American democracy in action. During the program, participants meet with professional counterparts, participate in cultural activities, and live with Chicagoland families.



Kyrgyzstan: Investigative Journalism - March 4—12, 2011

Kyrgyz journalists came to Chicago to learn about editorial independence for political reporting. The highlight was a meeting with Paul Green of WGN who, due to his extensive experience in the field, was able to give the group a thorough overview of U.S. journalism as well as an overview of foreign policy between the U.S. and Kyrgyzstan.

Delegates display their new International Press Club memberships.

Ukraine: Civic Rule of Law - September 16—24, 2011

Five legal professionals attended meetings to learn about the scope of the legal education in the U.S., advocacy methods and legal protections for human rights issues, public and legal support of health related issues such as HIV/AIDS, and advocacy for environmental issues. All delegates look forward to collaborating on projects with the American colleagues they were able to meet.

“Creation of potential partnerships with the U.S. is very much needed. especially during the transitional period of establishing a democratic society in Ukraine.”

—Open World Participant

Community Connections Program

Community Connections, an initiative of the U.S. Agency for International Development, provides Eastern European and Eurasian entrepreneurs, local government officials, legal professionals, and nonprofit organization leaders with an opportunity for practical training and a three-week homestay. The broad public diplomacy goal of the Community Connections program is to contribute to economic and democratic reform in participant countries.

Ukraine: Education Quality Assessment - February 15—March 8, 2011

Ten educators met with U.S. counterparts to explore best practices in developing, administering, and interpreting standardized tests in secondary education. Highlights included meeting with colleagues at Lincoln Park High School, Cook County District 130, and Kaplan Test Prep. Delegates also enjoyed a “road trip” to the ACT headquarters in Iowa City.

Illinois Senator Ed Maloney, Chairperson for the Illinois Higher Education Committee, gives delegates a tour of the State Capitol.



Legislative Fellowship Program

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, The Legislative Fellowship Program provides young professionals with exposure to the U.S. political processes and grassroots democratic institutions. Participants are placed in month-long fellowships for professional exchange with counterparts in U.S. Congressional offices, state and local government offices, and NGOs involved in public policy advocacy. This year, WorldChicago hosted fellows from Bangladesh, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, and Ukraine. Our fellowship hosts deserve special thanks for their commitment to developing effective, accountable democratic institutions in these countries.



South and Central Asian fellows and staff member Amy Krzyżek visit Governor Pat Quinn's office during a visit to the capitol building in Springfield. Fellows also enjoyed discussions with legislative researchers and a visit to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

Pakistani Legislative Fellowship Program

February 23—March 12, 2011

Fellowship Hosts: State of Illinois Senator Don Harmon; State of Illinois Senator John Cullerton; U.S. Congressman Danny Davis; and U.S. Congressman Mike Quigley

South and Central Asia Legislative Fellowship Program (I)

April 7—May 1, 2011

Fellowship Hosts: Apna Ghar; Illinois Senate Democrats; Legal Assistance Foundation; and U.S. Congressman Danny Davis

Eastern Europe Legislative Fellowship Program

September 21—October 17, 2011

Fellowship Hosts: Access Community Health Network; City of Chicago Board of Ethics; City of Chicago Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities; Civic Consulting Alliance; Office of the Governor's P-20 Council; State of Illinois Department of Tourism; and State of Illinois Office of Trade and Investment

South and Central Asia Legislative Fellowship Program (II)

September 29—October 18, 2011

Fellowship Hosts: City of Evanston Municipal Government; Kurth Lampe; and Organizing for America



A fellow from Nepal meets Dan Cantrell, District Director for U.S. Congressman Danny Davis.

Youth Leadership Programs

Youth Leadership Programs are funded by the U.S. Department of State, U.S. embassies in foreign countries, and private foundations. All programs strive to foster mutual understanding, respect, and civic engagement among young Americans and their international peers. Thank you to the many Chicagoland families who hosted these young people in their homes!

Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program

July 22-August 3, 2011

Eight Iraqi and four American students collaborated on media projects explore diversity and leadership. The group also attended a bowling outing with peers and visited Navy Pier, the Willis Tower, and the Lincoln Park Zoo.

"I intend to change my behavior toward different cultures. Now I will be more understanding and open rather than just tolerant."

—Jesse, U.S. participant on the Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program



Mexico Youth in Action Program - July 22-August 6, 2011

Fourteen youth met with organizations to exchange ideas about preventing gang violence; all students plan to implement anti-violence projects in their home communities. In addition to meetings, participants enjoyed activities such as dance lessons at Grant Park, a White Sox game, and playing basketball with peers.

Central Europe Youth Leadership Program - July 24-28, 2011

Forty-one youth from Hungary, Serbia, Slovakia, and Slovenia came to the U.S. to meet American peers and explore common social problems in the U.S. and Europe. The youth worked in teams to develop projects addressing issues such as literacy, environmental issues, and minority rights. The group also enjoyed an architectural boat tour and a concert in Millennium Park.

U.K.-U.S. Youth Leadership and Dialogue Program - August 5-14, 2011

Twelve participants from the U.K. explored identity, diversity, and interfaith issues. Highlights of the program included a photography project, a walking tour of Pilsen, an Iftar meal at CAIR-Chicago, and volunteering at a Boys & Girls Club youth camp.



"It's the opportunity of a lifetime—the activities, the meetings, the people and the place are central to your growth as a leader. Reading something is nowhere near as accurate as experiencing it in the flesh."

—U.K. program participant

Fulbright Programs



Fulbright scholars representing various countries enjoy mingling at the regional seminar welcome reception.

Fulbright Scholar Seminar - March 30 – April 2, 2011

This seminar for 50 scholars, titled “Democracy and Human Rights: An Exploration,” included panel discussions, keynote addresses, and activities on the topics of International Human Rights & Democracy, Volunteerism and Human Rights, and Immigration and Human Rights. Highlights included small group dinners in local ethnic restaurants, a performance by the Silk Road Theatre Project, home hospitality dinners, and volunteer activities with local organizations.

Cyprus Fulbright Commission: Bi-communal High School Counselors’ Workshop - July 5 – July 16, 2011

Sixteen counselors from the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities visited diverse Chicago-area university and college campuses to become familiar with the U.S. system of higher education, including admissions processes, academic programs, student services, and campus life. The participants especially enjoyed meeting with Study Illinois, the state’s non-profit international education consortium.



Fulbright Scholar Enrichment Program

Fall 2011 – Spring 2012

For the 2011-2012 academic year, WorldChicago is coordinating networking events, cultural activities, and volunteer opportunities for Fulbright scholars working and studying at Illinois and Indiana universities. The various events introduce the scholars to aspects of American culture they might not otherwise experience on their university campuses and are intended to further the program’s goal of increasing mutual understanding between the people of the U.S. and other countries.



Fulbright scholars from Colombia, Pakistan, Yemen, and Vietnam volunteer in the bakery at Misericordia.

Specialized Training Programs

Cairo Initiative Short-term Training Program: Democracy & Governance Internships

March 31-April 30, 2011

Four young Egyptian activists participated in short-term internships with organizations working in democracy-related fields. The objective of the training program was to enhance participants' skills in understanding and applying innovative techniques for advocacy and organizing.

Internship Hosts: Alternatives, Inc., Chicago Public Schools Service-Learning Initiative, Community Media Workshop, Facets Multimedia, and Street-Level Youth Media

Madrid Teacher Training Program

June 26 – July 23, 2011

WorldChicago partnered with Roosevelt University to coordinate a program for 28 science teachers from Madrid, Spain. The teachers attended courses at Roosevelt's School of Education to develop their skills at bilingual teaching, and WorldChicago provided homestays and cultural activities.

Shanghai Manager Placement Program

September 28 – December 2, 2011

Four mid-career professionals from Shanghai, China participated in a manager placement program with area businesses. The managers participated in cultural activities as well as periodic seminars with topics such corporate communication and American business etiquette.

Internship Hosts: Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture, Aries Capital LLC, City of Chicago Department of Aviation, and DePaul University School of Hospitality Leadership



"Thanks for training, hospitality, and tour guiding, and special thanks to my supervisor! You gave patience to me, encouraging me, like an older sister! All of you gave us such big help and warmth. I will never forget you in my life! I would like to express how grateful I am!"

—Lucky, Intern at Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture

Japan Intercultural Academy of Municipalities: Learning from U.S. NPOs

October 15-20, 2011

Thirteen young professionals from Japan visited Chicago to learn how non-profit organizations are managed in the United States and how municipal governments support and cooperate with non-profits on a day-to-day basis. Delegates also attended WorldChicago's Japan-themed fundraiser.

Meeting Hosts

1. City of Chicago
2. Chicago Public Schools
3. State of Illinois
4. DePaul University
5. University of Chicago
6. Kurth Lampe
7. U.S. Attorney's Office,
Northern District of Illinois
8. Circuit Court of Cook County
9. Northwestern University
10. University of Illinois at Chicago
11. CME Group
12. AKPD Message and Media
13. United States Court of Appeals
14. Interfaith Youth Core
15. The Boeing Company
16. CAIR-Chicago
17. Chicago Tribune
18. Art Institute of Chicago
19. Boys & Girls Club of Chicago
20. Environmental Protection Agency
21. Illinois State Board of Education
22. Inner-City Muslim Action Network
23. Morgan Park Academy
24. Alternative Schools Network
25. American Bar Association
26. Better Government Association
27. CeaseFire
28. Center for Conflict Resolution
29. Chicago Urban League
30. Chicagoland Entrepreneurial Center
31. Council of Islamic Organizations
of Greater Chicago
32. Harold Washington Library
33. Illinois Campaign for Political Reform
34. Independent Voters of Illinois
35. The John Marshall Law School
36. Millennium Park, Inc.
37. North Park University
38. Northeastern Illinois University
39. Technology Innovation Center
40. The Field Museum of Natural History

WorldChicago's programs would not be possible without Chicago-area professional meeting hosts who exchange expertise, interests, and ideas with our international visitors. This is a list of the top 40 meeting hosts in 2011. Thank you for your time and your enthusiasm for our programs!

Kitty Kurth and Kevin Lampe of Kurth Lampe meet with Egyptian activists to discuss media strategy.



"Thank you so much for bringing the Young African Leaders group to our class! Such a dynamic and inspiring group! They enriched our discussion with real-life examples. Just phenomenal. We ended up taking pictures and exchanging email addresses so we can all keep in touch."

—Dr. Michelle Wayte, Professor at North Park University, who invited eleven non-profit professionals from Africa to her graduate class



WorldChicago, a 501(c)(3) organization, receives about half of its funding from federal grants. Fundraising efforts enable the organization to raise the remaining funds necessary for operations and programming. In addition to fundraising events, WorldChicago organizes a number of events to encourage Chicagoans' interests in world affairs. Thank you to everyone who attended events in 2011!

Fundraisers

Spring Diplomacy Luncheon

May 19, 2011

Held at the University Club of Chicago, the luncheon featured Mistress of Ceremonies Nesita Kwan of NBC5 and Keynote Speaker Anthony Armada, President of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital and Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital, who gave an engaging talk about the future of international healthcare. Guests also enjoyed the opportunity to meet Carol Grabauskas, Deputy Director of the U.S. Department of State's Office of International Visitors, as well as the members of a South Asian delegation taking part in the International Visitor Leadership Program.



Board Secretary George Drost, Executive Director Peggy Parfenoff, and Board President John Ambrogi greet special guests Anthony Armada and Carol Grabauskas.

Jet to Japan

October 18, 2011

Held at Japonais, guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and sake tastings. The event featured a silent auction with over 70 packages for guests to bid on, including trips to Japan and California. Guests also enjoyed meeting a delegation of 15 municipal politicians from various Japanese cities.



A delegate from Shizuoka, Japan addresses the attendees, and WorldChicago board members Shad Thomas and Greta Pope enjoy the festivities.

Citizen Diplomacy Events

Coffee Conversations Series

Truly an opportunity for citizen diplomacy, WorldChicago members met many of our visitors through informal dialogues over continental breakfast. Presenters this year included groups such as Belarusian museum directors, Central Asian water management officials, and European interfaith leaders. Watch for these monthly events in 2012 and meet our international delegates face-to-face!

10th Annual Chicago Celebrates International Women's Day Fair & Luncheon

March 7, 2011

Since 2002, WorldChicago, the International Trade Club of Chicago, and Union League Club of Chicago have worked together to host this event. This year's keynote speaker was Deborah DeHaas, Vice Chairman and Regional Managing Partner at Deloitte, who gave a talk titled "The Business Case for Diversity: Why Developing Women Leaders is Imperative to the Success of Global Companies." The event also included a fair to showcase local organizations that support international affairs and women's issues.



Peggy Parfenoff celebrates a successful International Women's Day celebration with event hosts and speakers.

Annual Meeting and Holiday Party

December 6, 2011

The annual meeting and holiday party were held at a downtown Italian restaurant to recognize WorldChicago's Italian-American board president, Mr. John Ambrogi, who was honored for his two years of service in that role. The meeting featured Fulbright scholars from Ireland, Pakistan, Italy, and Vietnam who spoke about holiday traditions in their countries. Guests then enjoyed an Italian dinner, cocktails, and networking.



WorldChicago's staff, board members, supporters, and Fulbright guests enjoyed lots of holiday merriment!

Young Internationals Events

WorldChicago partnered with the Chicago Council on Global Affairs Young Professionals, Young Professionals of Chicago, and Upwardly Global to host events for young citizen diplomats. These events included a talk titled "Pakistan behind the Headlines: A Young Woman's Story" at Khyber Pass restaurant, and a panel of professionals in international careers, titled "Going Global: Enhancing your Cross-Cultural Competence."



Staff

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Executive Director

Marian Reich
Assistant Director

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& Information Technology*

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*Director of Events
& Outreach*

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*Director of IVLP
& Development*

Amy Krzyzek
*Program Manager,
Youth & Professional
Exchanges*

Staff members and office interns plan programs and events and work to connect Chicagoans to international visitors. This year marked our Executive Director Peggy Parfenoff's anniversary of 10 years of service in that position! WorldChicago members and supporters also honored Marian Reich, who moved out of state in fall 2011; Marian dedicated eight years to citizen diplomacy in Chicago, and she will be greatly missed.

Interns



*Intern Liz Ledger accompanied
a group of Fulbright scholars to
a volunteer activity at
Misericordia.*

Erica Brunoehler
Kalee Danussi
Josh Decatur
Demijan Drnovsek
Peter Dziedzic
Christine Fiedler
Sarah Graff
Jake Hug
Nisreen Hussain
Natalie Kohler
Liz Ledger
Laurie Merrell
Joanna Oubre
Katherine Oxenreiter
Matt Partridge
Shelby Pohndorff
Sophia Robele
Farzeen Tariq
Catie Wloch
Audrey Yang
Allison Young



*Intern Farzeen Tariq
accompanied the Iraqi Young
Leaders Exchange Program
participants to Navy Pier.*

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Vallie Szymanski
Ovarian Cancer Symptom Awareness

Shad Thomas
Glass Box Research

Louis Vitullo
Retired, Wildman Harrold

Volunteers



Volunteers are essential to our mission of “citizen diplomacy, one handshake at a time.” Event volunteers help make our fundraisers and other events a success, ensuring we raise necessary support. WorldChicago’s meal hosts, homestay hosts, and cultural day hosts provide our visitors with important perspectives of social and cultural life in Chicago. Thank you for your generous help and hospitality in 2011!

Event Volunteers

Brian Caffarelli
Stacy Dalton
Anita Daniel

Kimmie Ellison
Maria Krasinski
Monica Price

Robin Richman
Sue Rollins
Christopher West
(Photographer Extraordinaire)

Cultural Hosts

Cortez Alexander
Nancy Cunov
Anita Daniel
Elizabeth Ferruelo
Esta Kallen
Melissa Lamar

Ed Mazur
Julie Merrell
Jenny Moeller
Monica Price
Sue Rollins
Janet Murphy Ryan

Jim and Lynn Neils
Stephen Spigel and
Diana Williams
Tahiti Weaver
Trey Waters
Anna Zechel

“I became a member and started volunteering with WorldChicago to learn, network and guide visitors in exploring our great city. I never anticipated the fantastic experiences that I would have! This year I was able to volunteer a full day with a delegation from various countries who learning about providing sports programs for females. I have truly made lifelong friends that I have remained in contact with, and I have continued to do so with other volunteer events through WorldChicago. The experience is truly what you make it, and I am so grateful that WorldChicago provides the opportunity!”

—Jenny Moeller, Cultural Host



Event Volunteer Maria Krasinski serves sake at Jet to Japan.

Meal Hosts



“Over the last few years we have included other friends as co-hosts who have benefited from meeting individuals who share a common interest or field of study. Having a small group of interesting people from other countries (some of which my husband has visited for his work) has opened up a whole new social outlet for us. We have forged new friendships and remained in contact via Facebook and email with many of our visitors.”

—KL Robertson Daly, Meal Host

Antony Adolf
 Angela Allyn
 Gary Auerbach and Marilyn Susman
 John Baun and Mary Thomas Scott
 Marguerite Bloch
 Roxanne Brown
 Emilie Chandler
 Lyle Daly and KL Robertson Daly
 Donna Feldman
 Neil and Wendy Freeman
 Ana Gil-Garcia
 Bob Goldstein and Amy Bernstein
 Julianne Grant
 Tracie Hall
 Linda Higgins-Spoleti
 Richard Johnson and Karen Egerer
 Burcin Kaplanoglu and Mandy Terc
 Alan Lepp
 Mary Letson
 Mary Pat Lyons O'Connor

Rina Magarici
 Dave and Pat Meyer
 Elizabeth Miranda
 Jim and Lynn Neils
 Richard and Monica Price
 Esther Quintero-Guzman
 John and Carol Rappel
 Margret Rohter
 Sameera Savarala
 Margaret Sheridan
 Stephen Spigel and Diana Williams
 Anita Tang
 Ron and Juanita Temple
 Kim Taylor
 Hon. Paul Van Haltren
 Todd Wells and Virginia Pace
 Jenny Willcox
 Sophia Wong Boccio
 Jing Zhao Cesarone
 David Zimberoff and Sharon Silverman

Homestay Hosts

“My experience in my homestay situation was a once in a life time moment. I felt VERY lucky and thankful to be staying with my ‘host mom,’ because she really treated my partner and I with kindness and respect. She took care of us as if we were her actual sons. Huge thanks to her and WorldChicago.”

—Edgar, Mexico youth program participant

“The most beneficial part of the program was talking to people personally, especially my host family.

—U.K. youth program participant

Antony Adolf
The Allyn Family
Kulsum Ameji
The Aziz Family
Francisco Calixta and Shary Rubin
The Carpenter-Garcia Family
Anna Maria Carvallo
The Cernek Family
Yolanda Cesta Cursach
Margarita Chavez
Novella Chiechi
The Christensen-Tobin Family
The Clark Family
The Coston-Jenski Family
The Cullen Family
The Duong-Wicker Family
Wade and Sally Freeman
Terri Friel
Eamon Geary
David Gifford
Ana Gil-Garcia
The Girolami-Callam Family
The Goldberg Family
Raul Gonzalez and Gabriela Arismendi
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